

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

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What is ARPA? The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law in March 2021 and aims to support governments by providing a substantial infusion of resources to:

- Respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Address its economic fallout
- Lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery

*The City of Rock Island received **\$26.5 million** in ARPA funding.*

U.S. Treasury Criteria and Guidelines for spending ARPA dollars:

- **Public Health Funding**
 - Examples: Vaccinations and testing; capital investments and improvements to public facilities that respond to COVID-19 public health; mental health services; community violence intervention programs
- **Negative Economic Impacts**
 - Examples: affordable housing; childcare assistance; industry assistance; placemaking
- **Premium Pay for Essential Workers**
 - Example: Public sector employees such as police and fire
- **Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure**
 - Examples: Wastewater treatment; lead remediation; drinking water treatment; sewer infrastructure; broadband expansion
- **Lost Public Sector Revenue/Revenue Replacement**
 - Broad flexibility and minimal restrictions; cannot be used towards pension liabilities, debt service, rainy day funds, or to offset tax revenue. Example: capital improvement projects

How should Rock Island spend these funds? Next Steps:

- Special City Council Meeting on June 15, 2022 to discuss and develop ARPA Guiding Principles, which will assist City staff, the public, businesses, community partners, and others to understand City Council's goals and expectations on how these funds should be spent.
- Seek Public Input – Public input is an important component of this process and we want to hear from our residents, businesses, and community partners on how we should invest these funds as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity!
- Special City Council meeting or Study Session anticipated in August 2022 to discuss public input survey results and an overall ARPA plan.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! LOOK FOR THE ARPA PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY FORTHCOMING JULY 2022