



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2276, **Agenda Item #:** 77.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework and authorizing the City Manager to make the necessary allocations.

Lead Department

Financial Services

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

May 6, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210506-002 to accept \$97,900,000 in funds from the Federal government, United States Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan and appropriate \$44,800,000 for public health expenses related to the Coronavirus disease outbreak and recovery efforts and for community navigators to support the community.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This item adopts the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) proposed spending framework. At the May 6, 2021 meeting, Council accepted \$97,900,000 in ARP funds and appropriated a total of \$44,800,000; \$44,300,000 for the Public Health Response to COVID-19 and \$500,000 in Economic Recovery Resources for Community Navigators. Since acceptance, the federal government informed the City the amount available for Austin is \$94,200,000 in fiscal year 2021, \$3,700,000 less than previously expected. The same amount in ARP funding is anticipated for fiscal year 2022. During the May 18, 2021 Council work session, staff presented a revised ARPA spending framework. An additional briefing was provided at the June 1, 2021 Council work session which included a summary of cost projections related homelessness using ARPA funding.

Remaining federal funding in an amount not to exceed \$49,400,000 will be appropriated in accordance with Resolution No. 20210325-111 which directed the City Manager to use both federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, additional federal funding received by the City of Austin, and City funds in substantially the categories and allotments reflected in Exhibit A: the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework.

The proposed ARPA spending Framework for FY 2021 and 2022 as well as the \$49,400,000 in ARP funds are detailed in the table on the following page.

Spending Framework:

	2021	2022	Total
	ARP	ARP	
Public Health Response			
COVID response	\$44.3*		\$44.3
Economic Recovery Resources			
Navigators	\$0.5*		\$0.5
Homelessness	\$21.9	\$62.1	\$84.0
Emergency Shelter & Capacity Building	\$4.7		\$4.7
Early Childhood Care & Education	\$1.3	\$6.2	\$7.5
Workforce Development & Jobs	\$8.0		\$8.0
Food & Housing Insecurity	\$2.0	\$1.0	\$3.0
HOT-funded Services			
Cultural Arts Fund	\$3.9	\$3.9	\$7.8
Historic Preservation Fund	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$10.0
Live Music Fund	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$2.2
Immediate Relief Needs			
Colony Park Sustainable Community	\$1.5		\$1.5
Rent/RISE		\$0.8	\$0.8
Contingency (10%)		\$14.1	\$14.1
Total Spending	\$94.2	\$94.2	\$188.4

* ARPA funding previously appropriated by Council at the May 6, 2021 meeting

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.