



Memo

To: Members of Harrisonburg City Council
From: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager
CC:
Date: 10/22/2021
Re: American Rescue Plan Act Funding

Summary:

City staff will provide an initial overview of the American Rescue Act Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. This overview will include a summary of the eligible uses for the funds and reporting requirement according to the U.S. Treasury's Interim Final Rule. It will also discuss the engagement strategies used by other communities to inform ARPA spending plans. City staff will recommend for City Council to schedule a future work session to discuss a process for developing a spending plan.

Background:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The fund provides \$130.2 billion to local governments nationwide for COVID-19 pandemic recovery assistance. The Commonwealth of Virginia will receive \$13.8 billion in direct program aid and the City of Harrisonburg will receive \$23.8 million. In addition, the Harrisonburg City schools will receive \$11.8 million.

Key Issues:

Key issues include information on how the City can utilize ARPA resources to invest in legacy projects to benefit the City now and into the future as well as address continuing impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Environmental Impact:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Eventual appropriation of \$23,834,094

Prior Actions:

N/A

Alternatives:

N/A

Community Engagement:

Examples of community engagement in other communities will be presented.

Recommendation:

This presentation serves as an initial overview of ARPA.

Attachments:

Review: