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# Memo

To: Members of Harrisonburg City Council  
From: Luke Morgan, Grants Program Manager: ARPA  
Date: June 7, 2022  
Re: American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule

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**Summary:**

City staff will provide a summary of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-SLFRF) Final Rule. This summary will include an overview of the expenditure categories, funding parameters around the expenditure categories, and the differently eligibility rules and regulations associated with ARPA-SLFRF spending.

**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. The City has been working with James Madison University's Institute for Constructive Advocacy and Dialogue (ICAD) to engage the Harrisonburg community and receive input on the pandemic's impacts on residents as well as areas of investment that should be prioritized. ICAD will be presenting the data from the community engagement process to City Council on June 28, 2022.

**Key Issues:**

Key issues include information on eligibility rules and funding parameters for ARPA-SLFRF funding. This information is meant to guide decision making after receiving the presentation of community engagement data from ICAD.

**Environmental Impact:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

Eventual appropriation of \$23,834,094

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

This presentation serves as a summary of ARPA rules and regulations.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. ARPA-SLFRF Final Rule Brief
3. ARPA-SLFRF Qualified Census Tracts Map
4. ARPA-SLFRF Low-Income Block Groups Map

**Review:**

**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:**