

# **The City of Harrisonburg**

# **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

# **Projects Overview**

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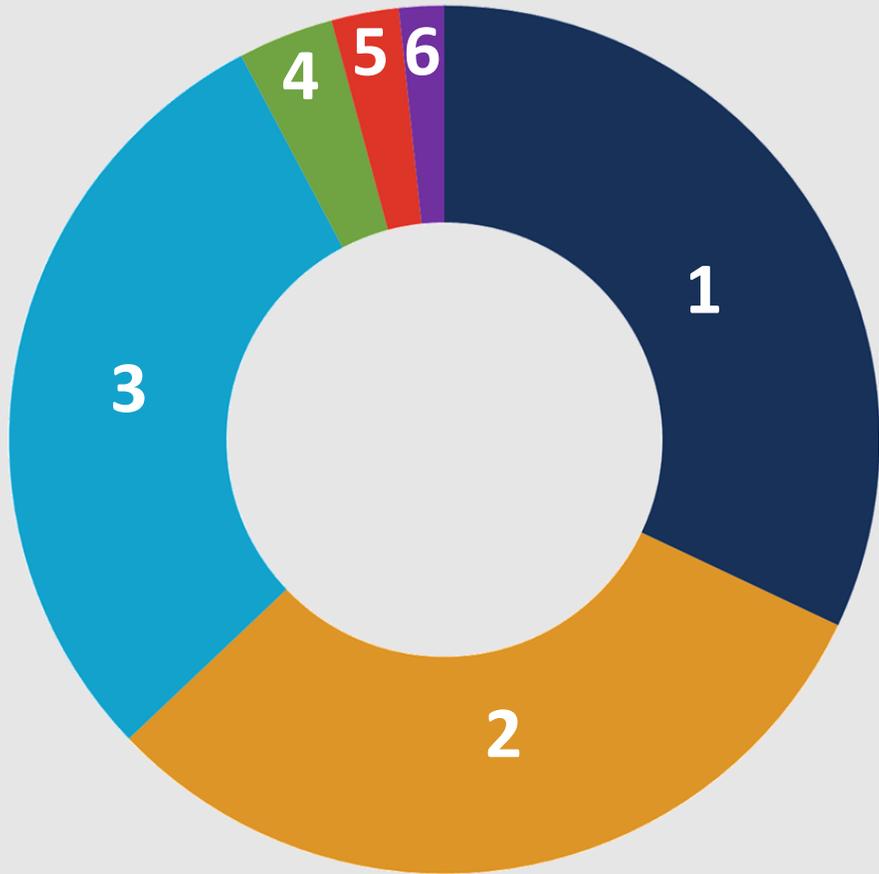


# ARPA Background

- The City received \$23.8 million in ARPA funding in 2021.
- Use of the funds is governed by the U.S. Treasury's Final Rule. Some funds are to replace lost government revenue, others are specifically for mitigating the harms of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- City Council chose to work with the Institute for Constructive Advocacy and Dialogue (ICAD) to conduct a months-long public engagement process.
- The City heard from thousands of residents providing project ideas and priority areas for ARPA funds.

# Approved ARPA Projects

**\$23.8 million**



1. Enhancing Community Spaces
2. Other Government Services
3. Expand Accessible, Affordable Housing
4. Improve Neighborhoods
5. Increase Affordable, Accessible Childcare
6. Invest in Community Mental Health

# ARPA Deadlines

The Treasury's Final Rule establishes two key dates for ARPA recipients to meet.

Failure to meet these deadlines will result in all or a portion of ARPA funds being returned to the Treasury.

**ARPA Obligation Date:  
December 31, 2024**

**ARPA Expenditure Date:  
December 31, 2026**

# Capital Projects



Parks

Neighborhood  
Improvements



Homeless  
Services Center

Fire Station 5



# Funds



Small Business  
Assistance Fund

Childcare Fund



Housing Fund

Mental Health  
Fund



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# Parks

**\$7,635,000**

- Smithland Athletic Complex Restrooms
- Smithland Athletic Complex Lights
- Thomas Harrison Adult Soccer Field
- Spray Grounds at Ralph Sampson Park
- Westover Skate Park
- Kids' Castle Replacement



Smithland Athletic Complex Restrooms  
Completed October 2023

\$435,000



Smithland Athletic Complex Lights  
Completed October 2023

\$875,000



Thomas Harrison Adult Soccer Field

\$1,000,000



## Thomas Harrison Adult Soccer Field

\$1,000,000

- Approximately 85% complete
- Field re-grading will take place in Summer 2025
- Project estimated to be completed in Summer 2025



Spray Grounds at Ralph Sampson Park

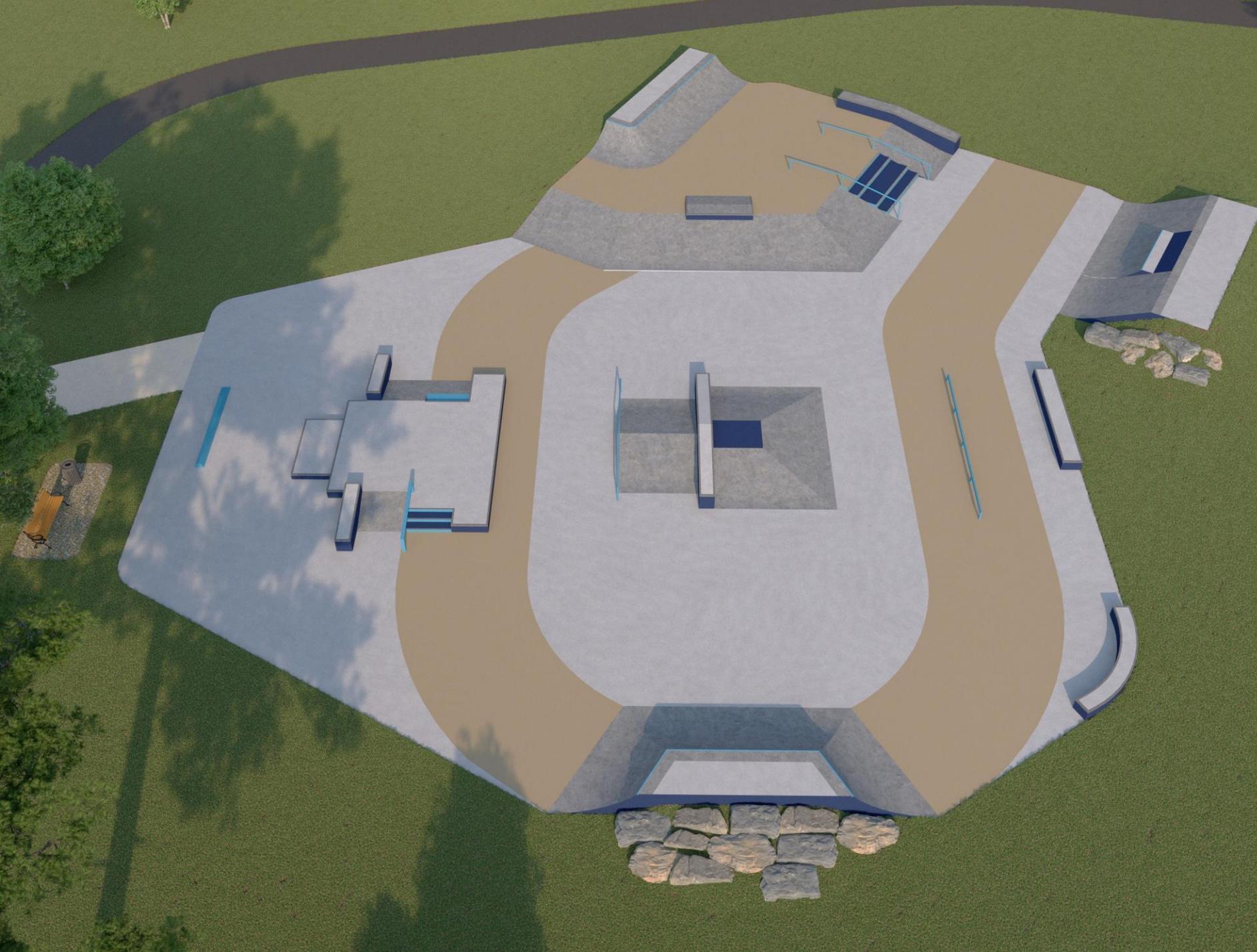
\$2,200,000



## Spray Grounds at Ralph Sampson Park

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- Contract signed
- Construction projected to begin in Fall 2024
- Construction estimated to be completed by Memorial Day Weekend



# Westover Skatepark

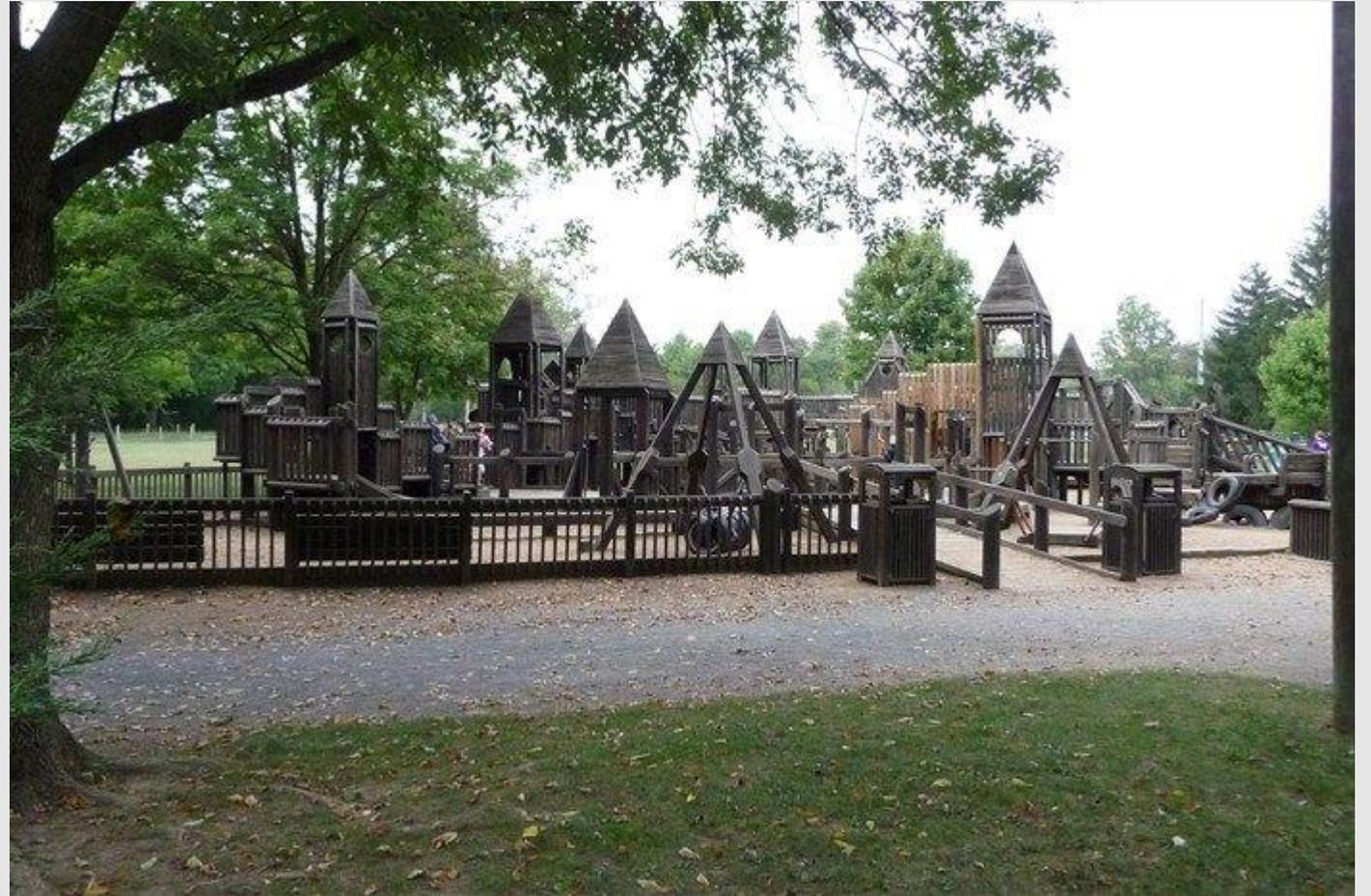
Construction  
scheduled to begin  
in October 2024

Construction  
estimated to last ~5  
months

# Kids' Castle Replacement

**\$2.65 million**

- Days away from finalizing contract
- Construction estimated to begin in Fall 2024 and last ~5 months



# Homeless Services Center

**\$5 million**

1111 North Main Street

A dynamic public-private partnership, this will be a place of transition for our community's unhoused, and a center for critical health and human services for the entire community we serve.

Proposed to be renamed 'The Navigation Center'

Construction on-going

Procurement of furnishings underway

Opening by the end of 2024



# Homeless Services Center

\$5 million



In February of 2024, the city selected Open Doors to operate the facility. Open Doors intends to bring more than five additional community organizations onsite on a routine basis to provide healthcare, mental health, housing counseling and ALICE-oriented services.

The facility will have the following services:

- Daily census of emergency shelter guests of 72
- Small clinic
- Administrative wing for service delivery
- Kitchen for meal service



# Neighborhood Improvements

**\$846,000**

## **Simms Ave Paving**

Completed in 2023

## **Myrtle St. Paving**

Completed in 2023

## **Kelley St. Paving**

Scheduled to be paved in 2024

## **Sterling St. Paving**

Scheduled to be paved in 2024

## **Sterling St Sidewalk**

Working to secure needed right of way and easements from adjoining property owners.

## **Hill St Sidewalk**

Working to secure needed right of way and easements from adjoining property owners.

## **Ralph Sampson Connector**

Currently under design, with right of way to begin very soon.

# Northeast Sidewalks and Trails

**\$566,000**

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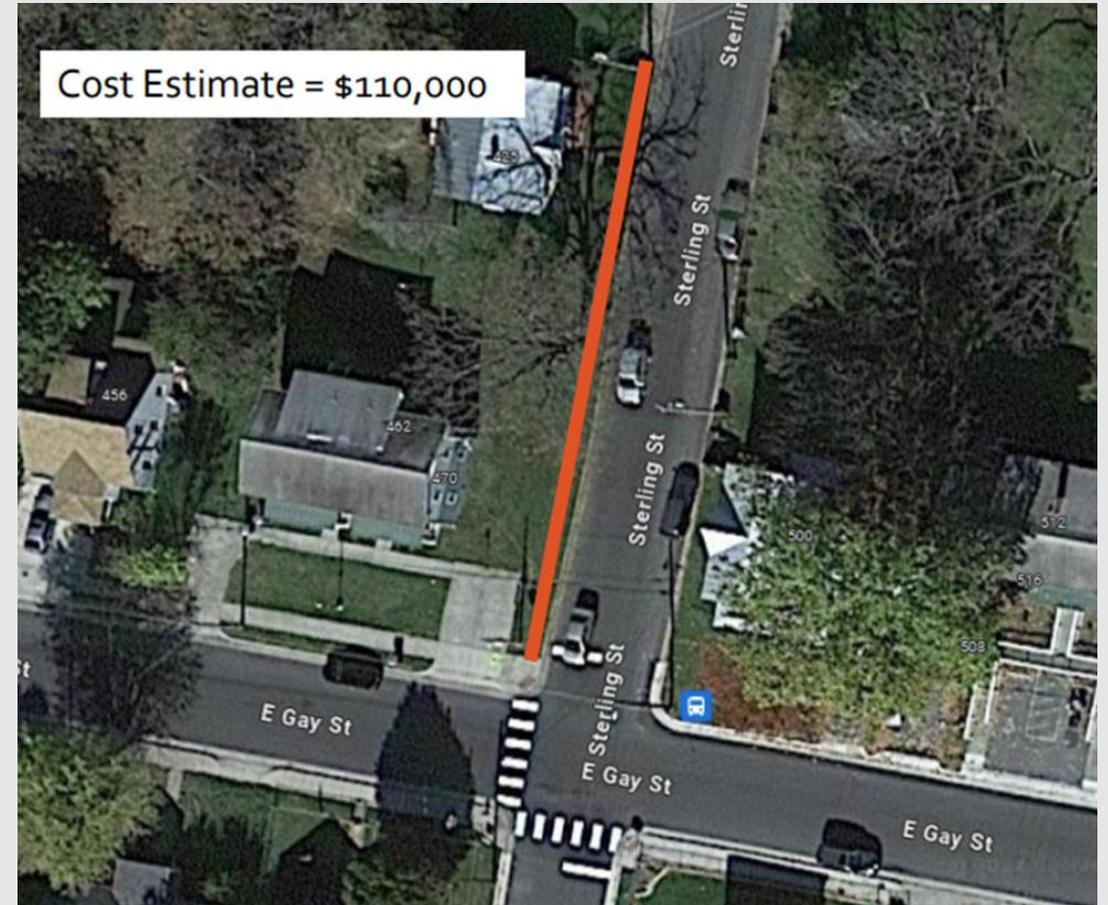
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Fire Station 5

\$5,000,000



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- Contract signed
- Construction began July 30, 2024
- Construction estimated to be completed by July 2025

# Four ARPA-Created Funds



Small Business  
Assistance Fund

Childcare Fund



Housing Fund

Mental Health  
Fund



# Small Business Assistance Fund

**\$200,000**

Provided grants to small businesses to mitigate financial hardship.  
Funding amounts ranged from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

Eligibility was limited to businesses in operation before January 1, 2020, that could demonstrate negative economic impacts due to the pandemic. Businesses in a Qualified Census Tract were automatically eligible.

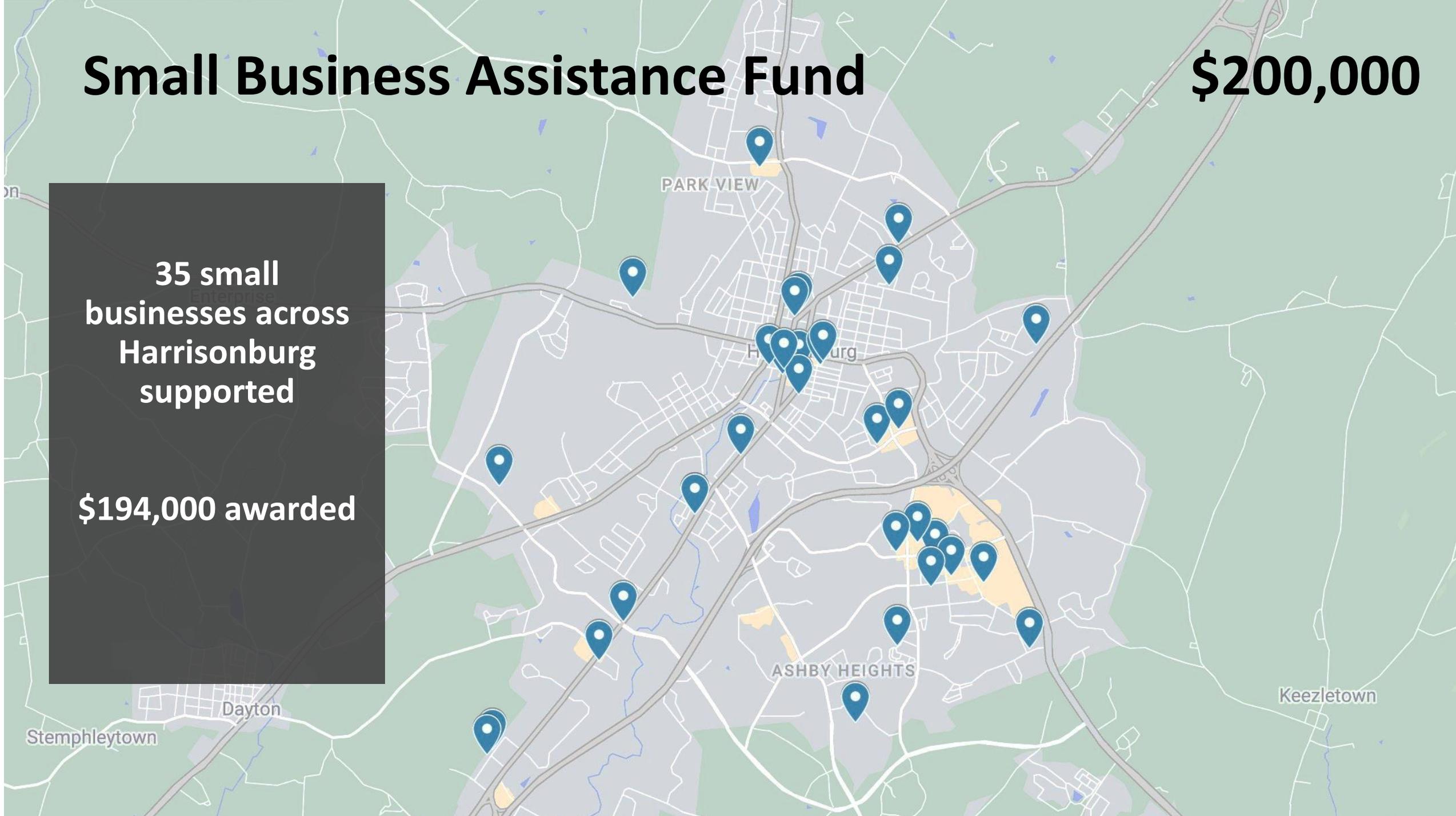
Applications opened July 14, 2023, and closed August 31, 2023.

# Small Business Assistance Fund

**\$200,000**

**35 small  
businesses across  
Harrisonburg  
supported**

**\$194,000 awarded**



# Housing Development Fund

**\$2,000,000**

- Goals
  - Development of new, high-quality rental and for-sale units
  - Long-term affordability for impacted, income-restricted households
- Evaluation Criteria
  - ARPA-eligible income and affordability restrictions
  - Experience, capacity, readiness, and feasibility
  - Local needs, project design, and specifics plans
  - Leveraging and use of funds
- Ten applications received and two projects selected

# Central Valley Habitat for Humanity Suter Street Project

**\$700,000**

- 11 units: 3 & 4 bedrooms, duplexes & triple
- 15-year minimum affordability period
- For sale to households at 60% AMI
  
- Funding agreement signed
- Funds disbursed
- Two closings completed in July
- Two upcoming closings in August



# Harrisonburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority - Commerce Village II Annex

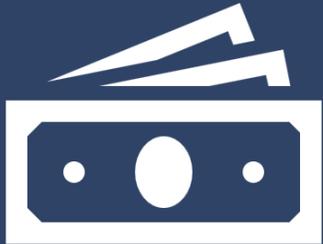
**\$1,300,000**

- 16 one-bedroom units
- For rent at 30% and 50% AMI
- 8 veteran units
- 4 fully accessible ground floor
- Subsidized voucher rents
- 30-year affordability period
- Funding agreement pending



# Mental Health Fund

**\$400,000**



Provides reimbursement-based grants to six nonprofit organizations providing mental health services and support for vulnerable populations.



Supports evidence-based and evidence-informed projects that reduce barriers to mental health, behavioral health, and substance use treatment.

# Mental Health Fund

**\$400,000**

## Awardees

1. Boys and Girls Clubs of Harrisonburg and Rockingham
2. Community Counseling Center
3. The Collins Center & Child Advocacy Center
4. First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence
5. Gemeinschaft Home
6. Strength in Peers





# Childcare

**\$596,000**

Primary goal: Increase the number of childcare spaces for children Birth – Age 5 in the city. This will be accomplished through two project components:

1. Childcare Pathway to Success Program: Support long-term success and sustainability of all providers in the city
2. Childcare Fund: Provide grants to current and start-up childcare providers to help them expand capacity



# Childcare Pathway to Success

# \$150,000

The City partnered with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Early Education Business Consultants (EEBC) to provide industry specific business and technical support training and one-on-one guidance and coaching.

## Three Childcare Cohorts

- Child Day Centers Cohort: 10/19/23 – 5/8/24
- Family Day Home Cohort 1: 11/11/23 – 3/30/24
- Family Day Home Cohort 2: 4/13/24 – 7/27/24

Assist participants with becoming qualified for application of ARPA Childcare Grants.



# Childcare Fund

**\$446,000**

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released May 1, 2024
- Childcare Fund application opened June 5, 2024
- Rolling application deadline – funds will be awarded by October 31, 2024
- Three applications received to date, more expected

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