

The City of Harrisonburg

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Projects Overview

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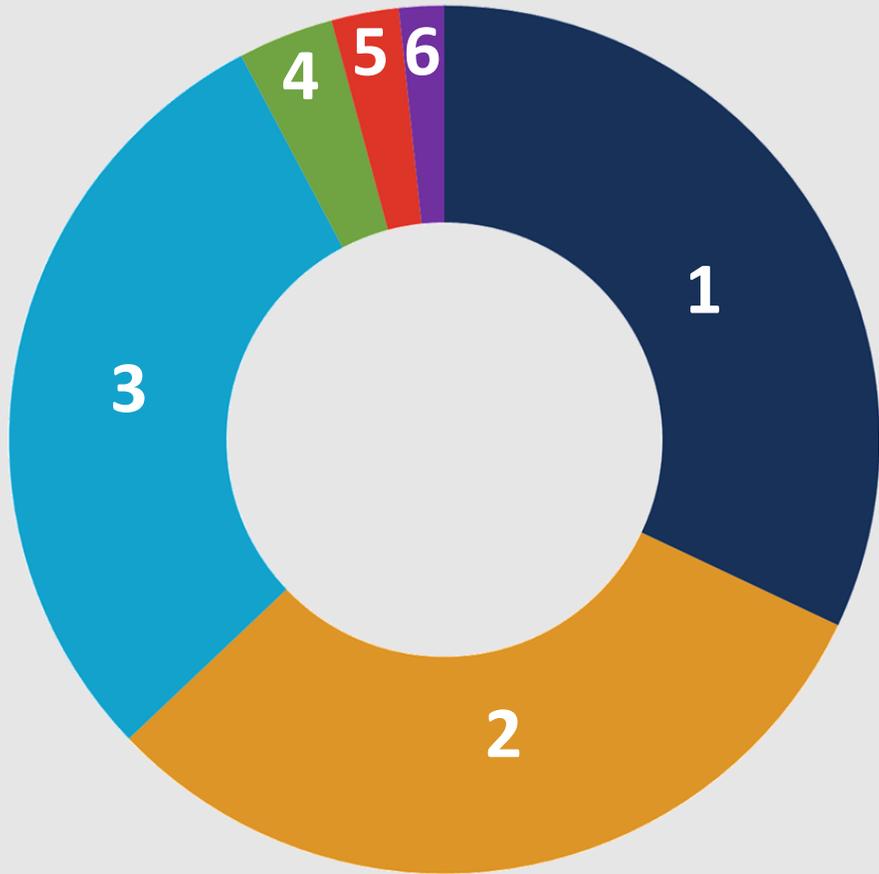


ARPA Background

- 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



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- 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

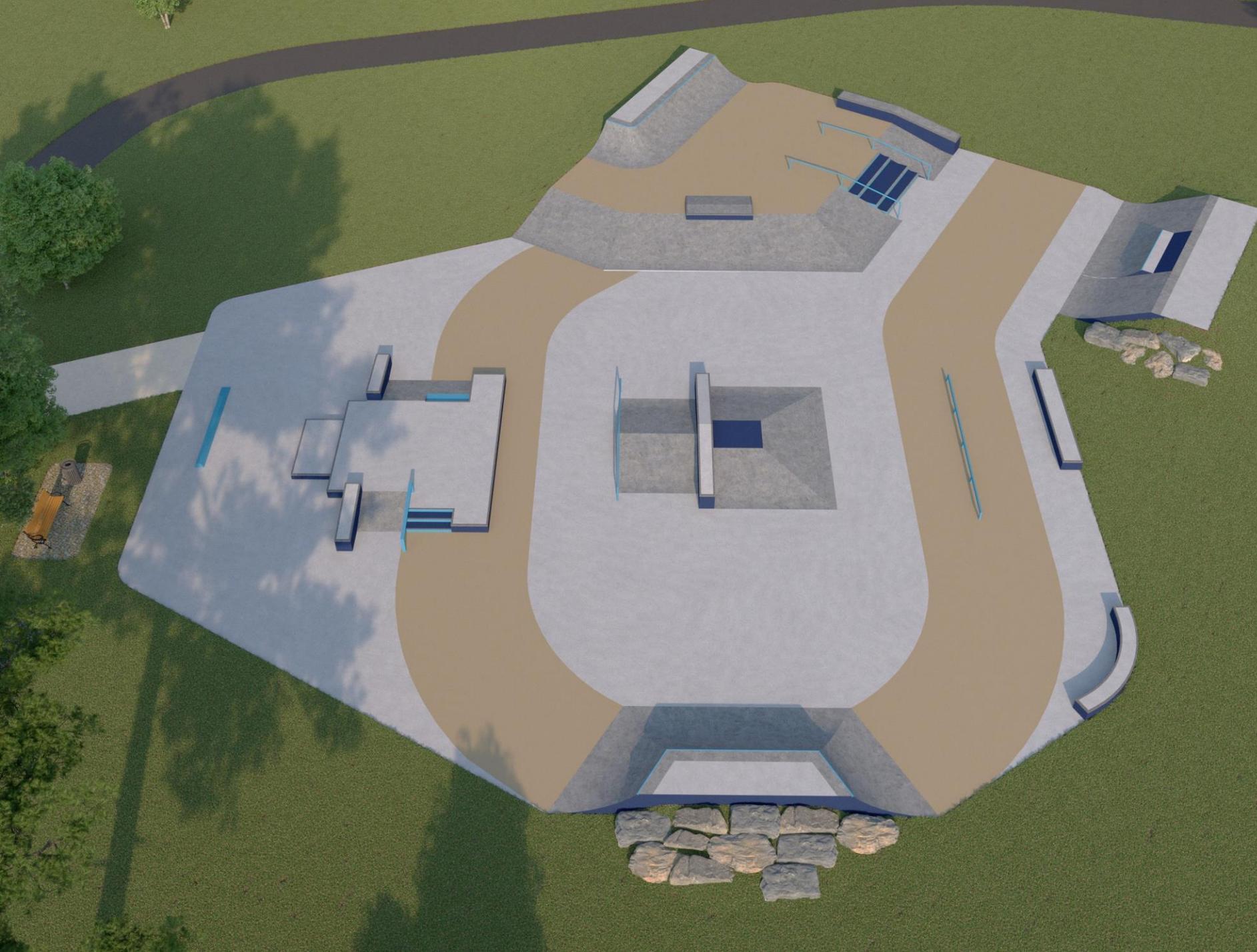
\$2,200,000



Spray Grounds at Ralph Sampson Park

\$2,200,000

- 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

Sterling St Sidewalk

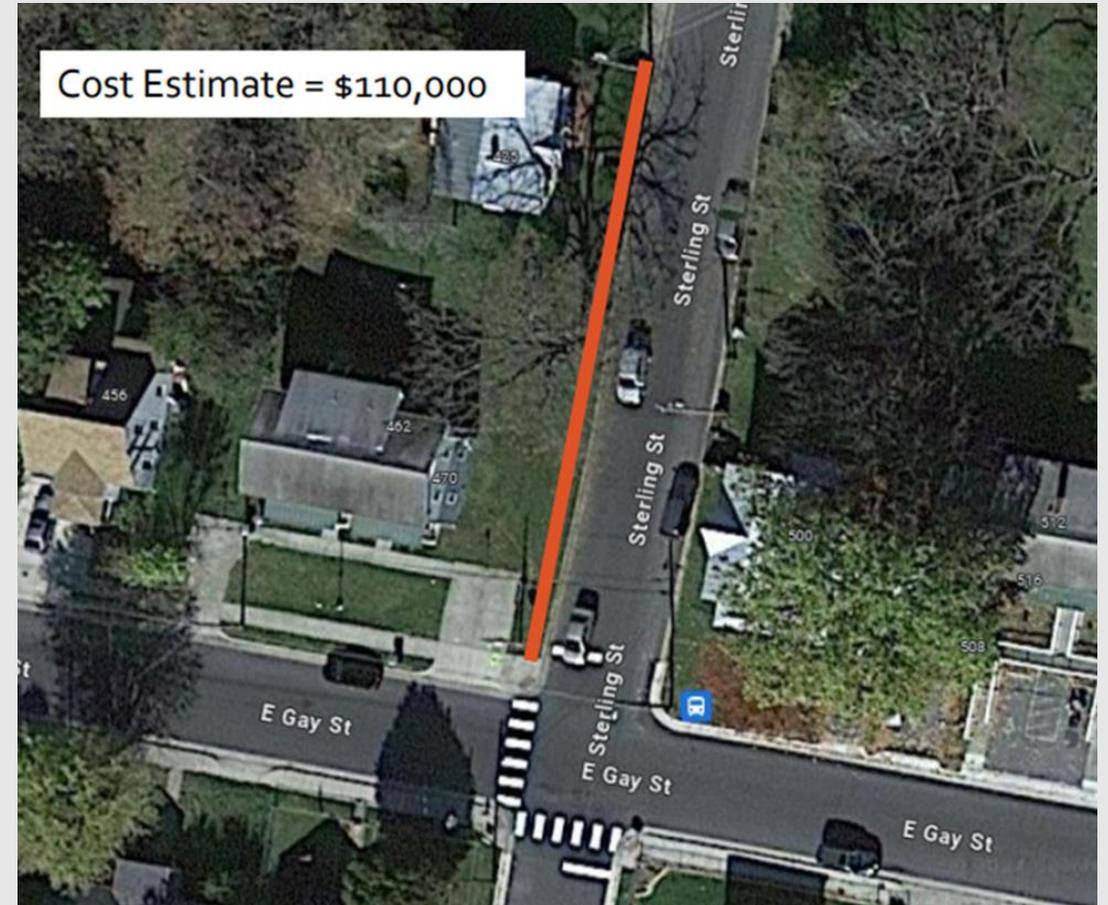
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Fire Station 5

\$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.

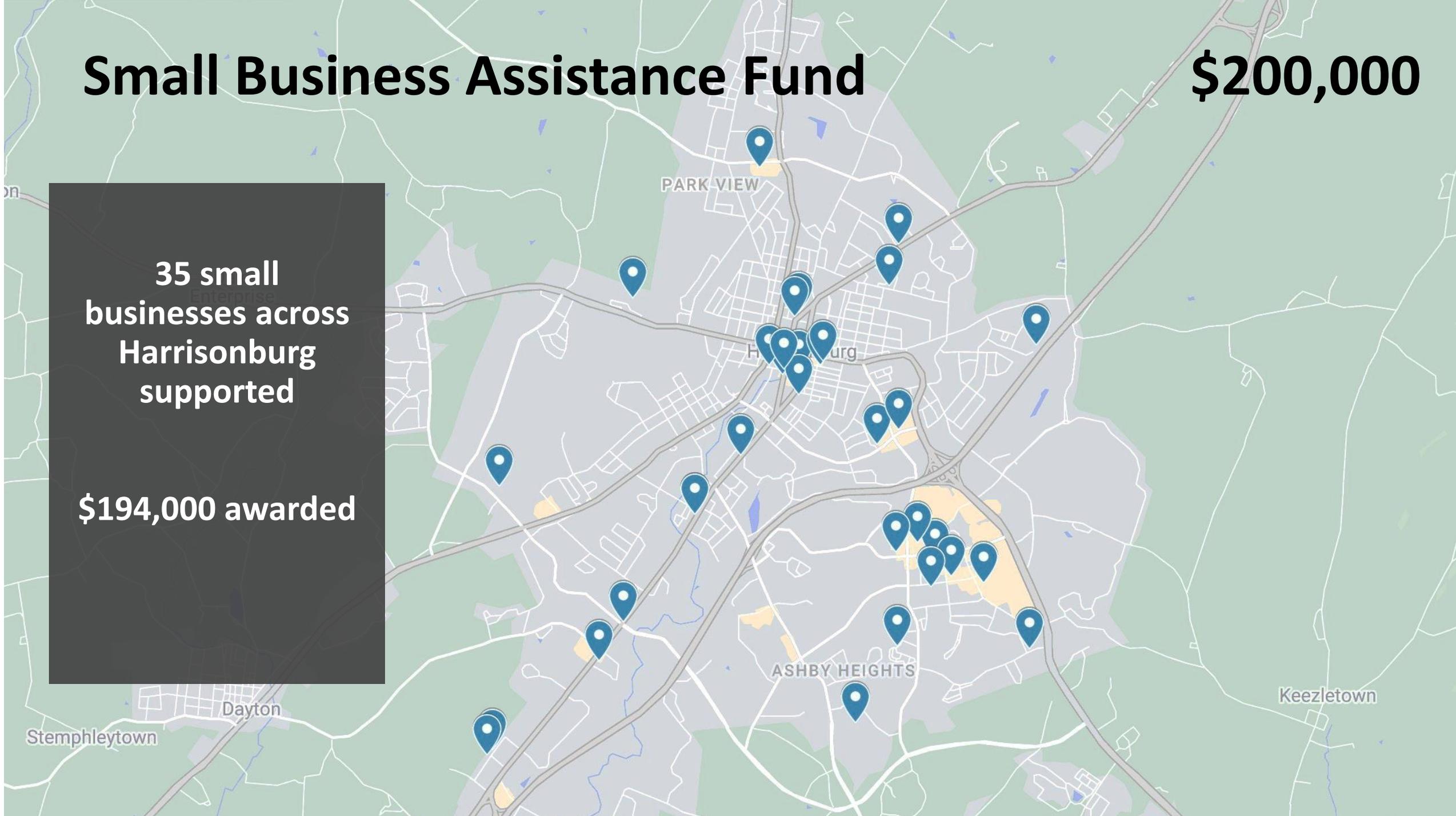
Applications opened July 14, 2023, and closed August 31, 2023.

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

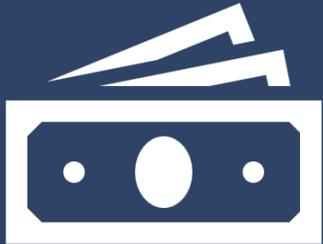
\$1,300,000

- 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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