



AGENDA
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
5:30 PM

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Notice is hereby given that a **City Council Workshop Meeting** of the City of Watauga, Texas will be held at which time the following subjects will be discussed and may be acted upon.

CALL TO ORDER (Council Members, City Staff, Members of the Public - when speaking during the meeting please speak directly into the microphones on the dais or podium)

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and discussion on American Rescue Plan Funding Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding and Proposed Projects
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Notices and Reservation of Rights

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I, Linda Proskey, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on April 8, 2022, before 6:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.


Linda Proskey, City Secretary





AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 23, 2022

TO: Honorable City Council Members

FROM: Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Joshua Jones, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation and discussion on American Rescue Plan Funding
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding and Proposed
Projects

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

Staff will present an update on the American Rescue Plan and a Proposed Spending Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

This item does not require a recommendation as it is a presentation/report.

ATTACHMENTS/ SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. ARPA Presentation summary - April 11th summary to Council

REVIEWED BY:

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance

Joshua Jones, City Manager

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

Approved as to form for inclusion on Agenda

Approved - 3/29/2022

Approved - 3/29/2022

Final Approval - 3/29/2022

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE

presented April 11, 2022

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Agenda



**Background & ARPA
Framework**



ARPA Revenue



**Completed
Tasks**

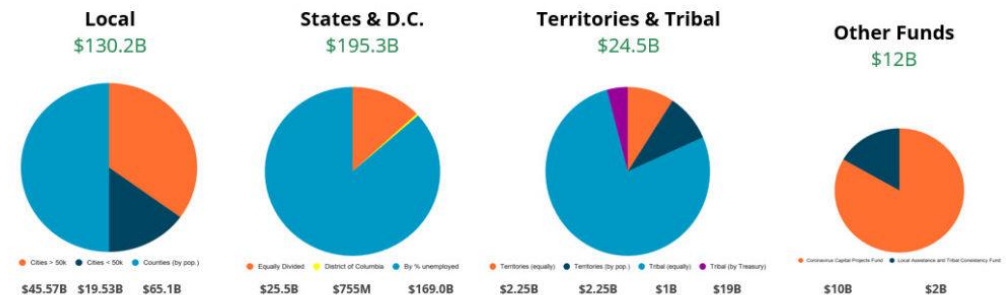


**ARPA Checklist
Spending Plan
Next Steps**

BACKGROUND

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill.
 - Within ARPA, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund provides \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$130.2 billion for local governments split evenly between municipalities and counties.
 - Populations under 50,000 or less residents are defined by the Treasury as a non-entitlement unit (NEU) and payments are made to the State for distribution to the NEU.

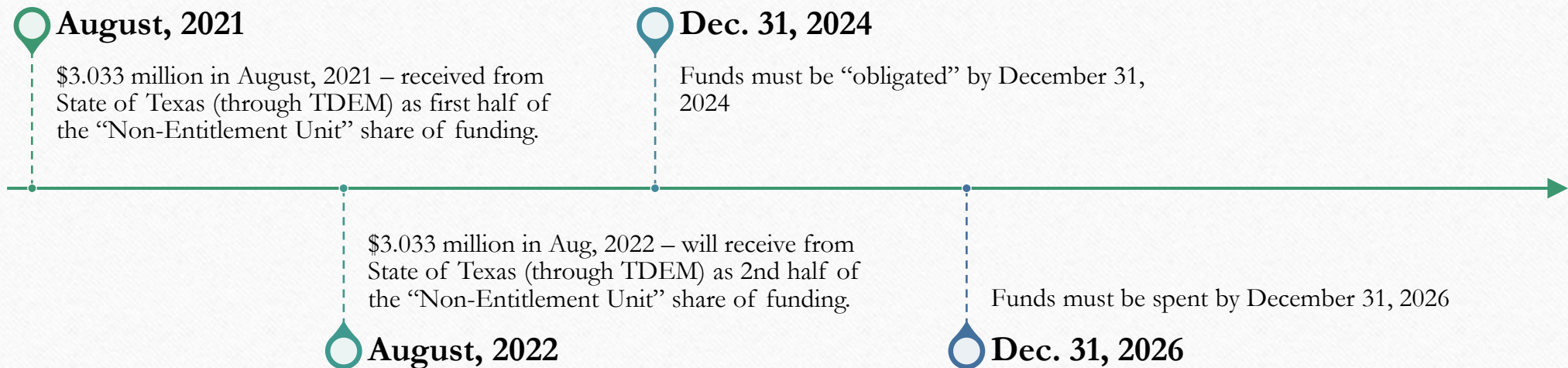
ARPA STATE & LOCAL FUNDING: DISTRIBUTION



ARPA Grant Funding Highlights

- Broad COVID-related – Designed to rebuild the economic impacts of pandemic
- Funds released in two allotments (August 2021 and August 2022)
- 3+ years to spend
- Revenue Replacement allowed
- Total City allocation will be \$6.066 million
- City must provide periodic reports directly to Treasury

City of Watauga ARPA Budget Revenue Timeline



Recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to:

- Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

ARPA PROGRAM FUNDING GOALS

Use prudently and sustainable operating performance

- Avoid ongoing financial commitment beyond available funding –if ongoing, ensure it can be fit into future budgets
- Prioritize funding for existing programs or needs

Address Labor Needs and Maintain/Restore Service Levels

- Focus on solutions that have immediate impact
- Restore service levels and programs
- Address employee hiring/retention issues

Achieve Long-Term Benefits

- Consider one-time projects with high or ongoing positive impacts
- Strategic investments in long-lived assets

What's new?

Treasury Final Rule Issuance effective 4/1/2022

- Final Rule provides more direction and greater certainty for local governments
- Final rule makes it easier for small cities and towns (NEUs) to spend in familiar way.
 - Replacement of lost revenue “standard allowance” of up to \$10 million for the lifetime of grant
 - Lost revenue can be used for general government services

Completed Tasks to date



- Staff has gathered information, resources, and attending training on ARPA and use of funds.
- ARPA Staff Committee has developed a proposed spending plan with eligible projects for Council review and approval.
- Internal control rules, and policies and procedures have been put in place to ensure compliance with the grant requirements.



American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Proposed Budget

March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2026

Grant Distribution (Revenues)		TOTALS	
	Grant Funds August, 2021 (received)	\$ 3,033,000	
	Grant Funds August, 2022 (to be received)	\$ 3,033,000	
			\$ 6,066,000
Proposed Programs/Expenditures	Project Overview and Identified Need		
Category: Infrastructure			
1. Water and Wastewater Projects	Provides funding for projects (group 3 in City's CIP) for Summertime Lane paving, drainage, water and sanitary sewer improvements. (Enhances funding from 2019 CO proceeds)	\$ 1,308,410	
2. Park Vista Stormwater Rehabilitation	Program to extend culvert within Park Vista Park and better manage stormwater	\$ 807,520	
3. Lead Pipe Identification	Funding to locate and identify water service pipe materials throughout the City.	\$ 800,000	
4. Hickory Hill Road Sanitary Sewer	Project involved replacement and rehabilitation of insufficient existing centralized wastewater collection and conveyance materials.	\$ 383,300	
	Infrastructure Total		\$ 3,299,230
Category: Personnel			
1. Rehiring of Public Sector Staff	Address unfunded positions during City budget process as prioritized by City Manager	\$ 655,000	
2. Leave bank liability reduction	Addresses budgetary issue and supports leave reduction plan	\$ 575,000	
3. Retention Pay/Aid in Comp & Class Study implementation	Funding to assist with retention of staff issue in order to provide continued services to citizens. May use funds to aid in implementation of compensation and classification study that is currently underway.	\$ 548,250	
4. Position Funding	Provides funding for 1/2 Finance Grant position to manage ARPA Grant and Human Resources position to manage additional reporting requirements and HR duties.	\$ 242,500	
5. Police Special Unit Program	Funding to provide additional development opportunities to police officers to help with retention. Program provides funding for officers being equipped and trained on Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).	\$ 60,000	
6 Recruitment incentives	Addresses recruitment issues for various departments	\$ 70,000	
	Personnel Total		\$ 2,150,750
Category: Equipment			
1. Public Works Generator	Replace and upgrade existing backup generator and build housing for weather protection	\$ 300,000	
2. Personal Protective Equipment	Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Personnel to better equip and protect emergency service workers	\$ 115,475	
3. EV Charging Stations	Install Level II Electric Vehicle charging stations, foundation, and software. Supplies alternate fueling needs for public and city use.	\$ 70,000	
4. Remote Access Devices	Provides for additional devices for checkout/remote devices	\$ 10,500	
	Equipment Total		\$ 495,975
Category: Supplies/Contractual Services			
1, Cybersecurity enhancements/software	Enhanced protection of City network	\$ 69,200	
2. Single Audit and software for grant compliance	Grant Compliance tools	\$ 32,750	
3. Municipal Court Software Enhancements	Software to enhance efficiency in court operations	\$ 15,375	
4. City Wide sanitizer stations	City wide placement of sanitizer stations to reduce transmission of virus	\$ 2,720	
	Supplies/Services Total		\$ 120,045
		TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 6,066,000

Next Steps

- Review and Approval of Spending Plan (multi-year)
- Budget Adjustment for ARPA funds/expenditures for programs/projects to be funded in FY2022
- Transparent Reporting (Quarterly Reports to Council)
- Ensure Grant Reporting/Compliance requirements met (Finance)

Questions?
