

MEDFORD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE



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Overview

ARPA Survey
Results

Summary of ARPA
Allocations and
Approved Projects

Future Spending
Plans

ARPA Survey Outreach Results:

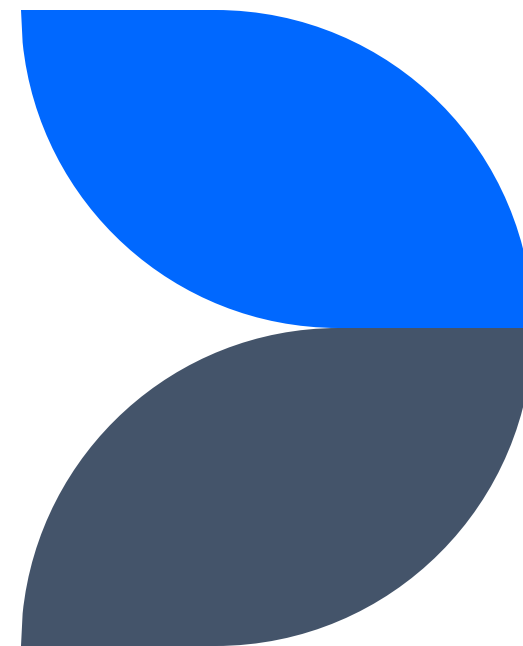
416 Responses in Total

**95% of Respondents are
Medford Residents**

**71% of Participants are
Full Time Workers**

COMMUNITY VALUES

Survey Responses:



Top-Chosen Areas

1) Water/Sewer/Street Improvements

2) Improvements to Outdoor Green and Park Spaces

3) Investment in Social Services (housing services, food assistance, mental health services, childcare etc.)

Top Human Service Needs

1) Mental/Behavioral Services

2) Childcare/Youth Services

3) Homelessness Prevention

Top Non-Profits to Support with ARPA



How Were You Impacted During the Pandemic?

Income, anxiety, childcare needs

Children suffered mentally

Loss of work, greatly impacted mental health

Isolation and solitude

Our small business was very hard hit



Existing and New Programs to address COVID-19 Impacts

Multi-lingual Resource
Line and Are you Ok?
Program

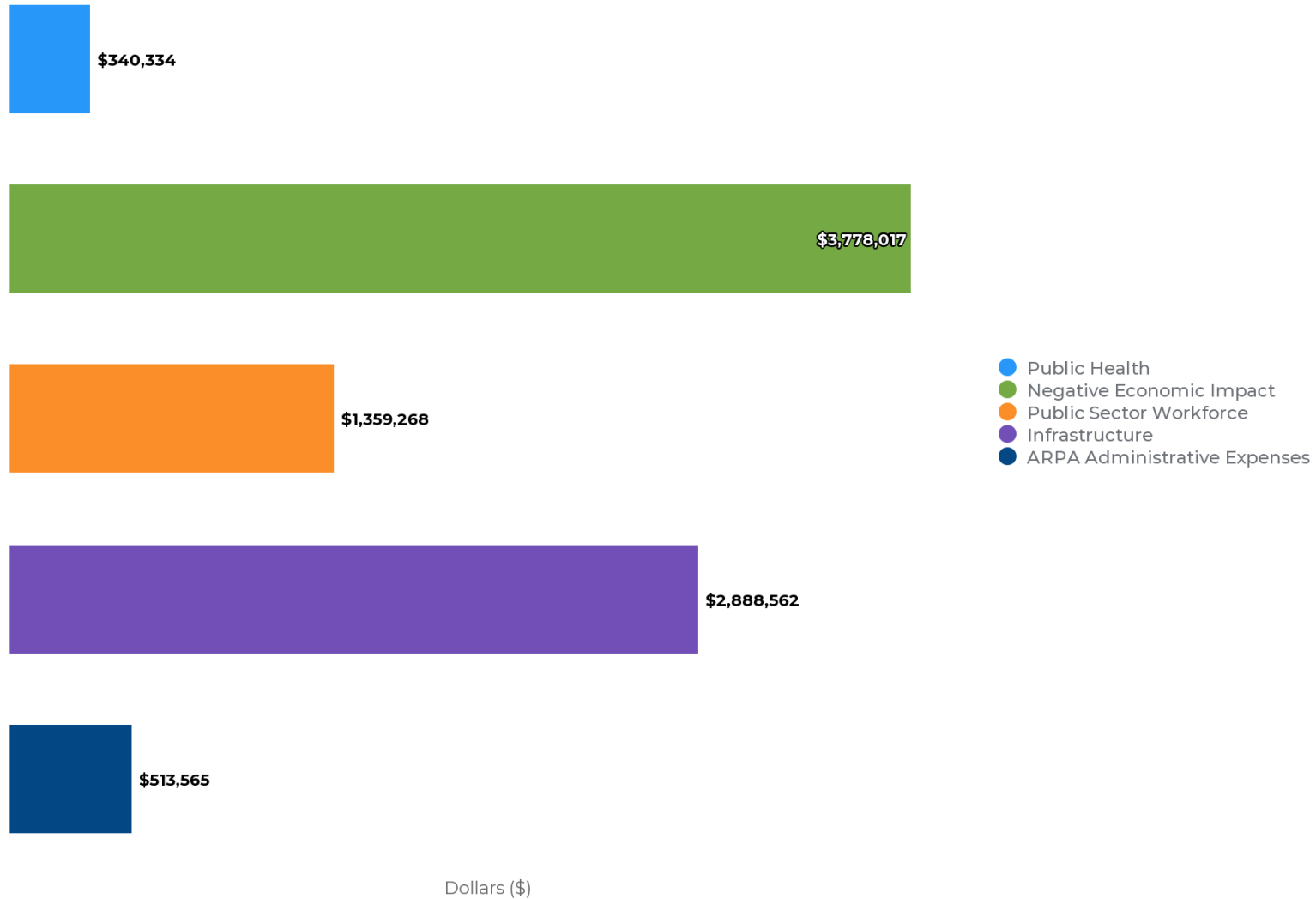
Community Social Worker,
Health Equity and
Outreach Coordinator,
and 5 Multi-lingual
Community Liaisons

Expanded the Economic
Development Department
by funding an Economic
Development Staff
Planner and an Economic
Development Intern

How has ARPA been Spent so Far

Update:

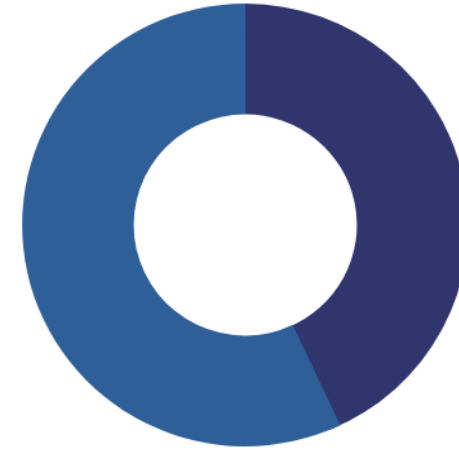
ARPA Project Funding Allocations



Negative Economic Impacts

- Renovation of Tufts Pool Deck
- Free One Month Trial Memberships of Blue bikes to Low-Income Residents
- McGlynn Playground Redesign
- Support for Community Memorial Gardens at Medford High School
- Parking Meter upgrades in Medford Square
- Carr Park Phase 2
- Gillis Park Accessibility Renovation
- Transportation Van Share Program for Elders and Youth

Total Allocated (Excluding RR)



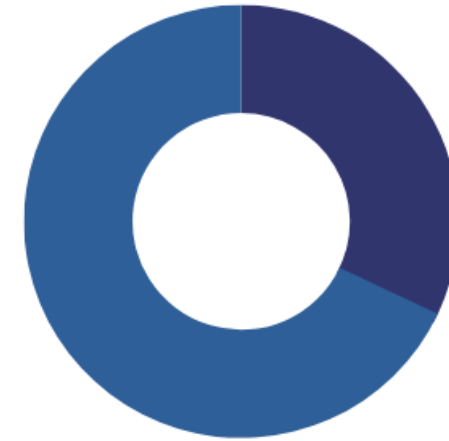
Negative Economic Impacts
43%





Infrastructure

Total Allocated (Excluding RR)



**Infrastructure
32%**

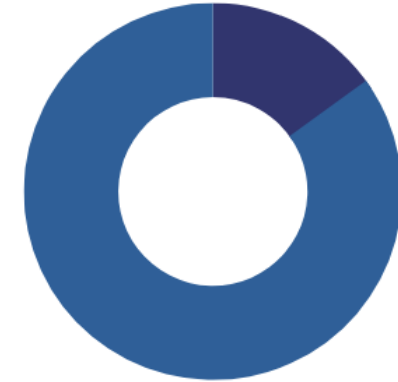
- Sewer Lining Upgrades
- Centralized Wastewater Treatment Projects on Main Street and Mystic Avenue
- DPW Water Meter Replacement Project
- Flood Mitigation Assessment
- Lead Rebate Program
- Water/Sewer/Street upgrades on Pinkert Street
- Medford Fire Safety Alerting System
- Fiber Optic Municipal Building (Fire Houses)



Public Sector Workforce

- Admin Support in the Board of Health
- Community Social Worker
- Board of Health 5 Multilingual Community Liaisons Project
- Health Equity and Outreach Coordinator
- Translation Services for Communications
- Economic Development Planner

Public Sector Workforce
15%



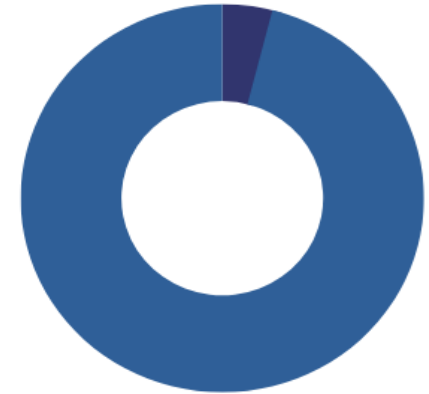
Total Allocated (Excluding RR)



Public Health Emergency

- Infection Control Stations
- Rapid COVID-19 Tests
- **Multi-Language Kiosk Payment System**
- Water Filling Stations Installed in our Schools
- Public Health Rodent Program
- Voting Booth Upgrades
- Voting Poll Pads
- Emergency Response and Recovery Planning/Training
- Food Inspections Government Mandate

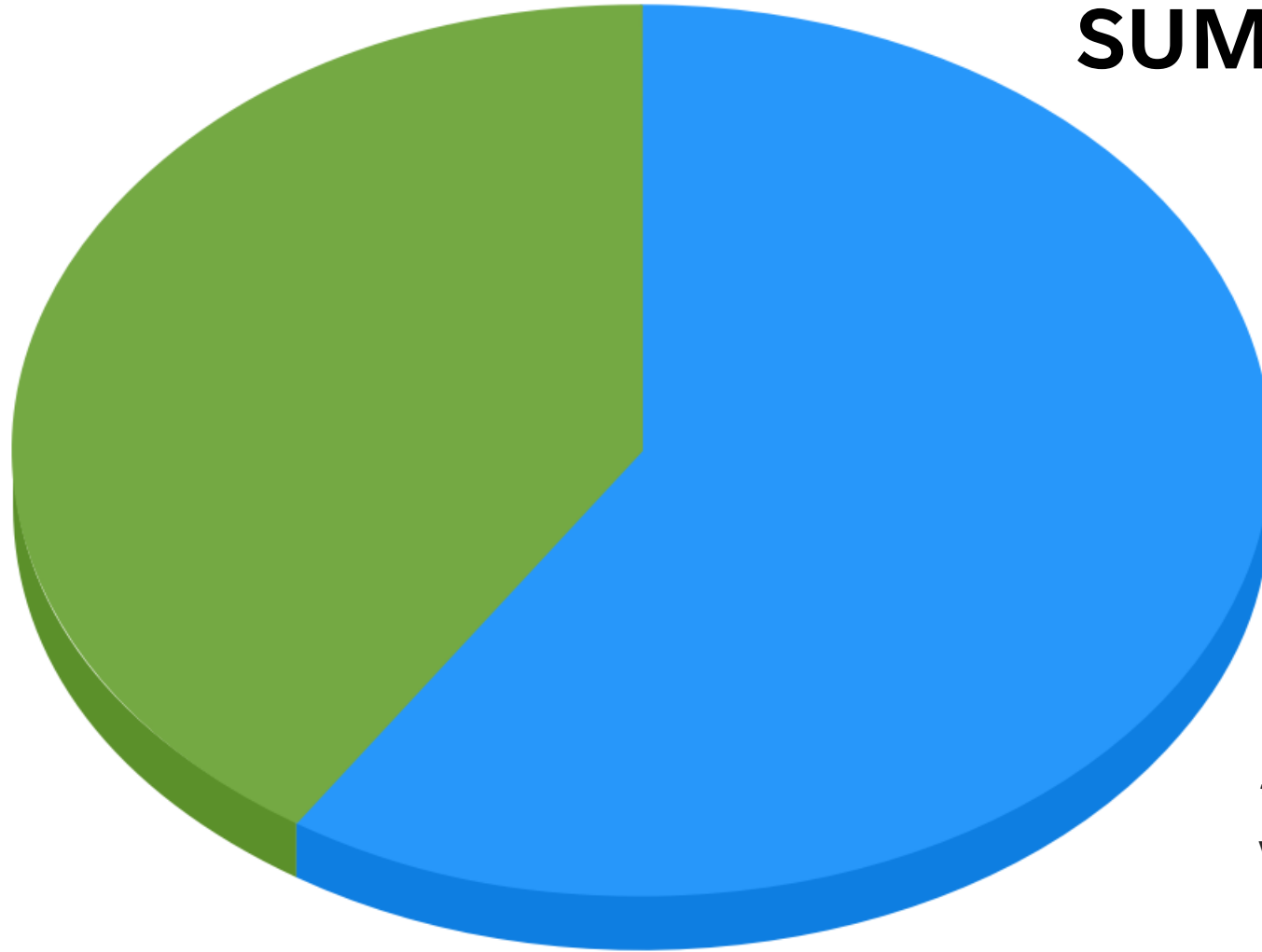
**Public Health
4%**



Total Allocated (Excluding RR)

ARPA ALLOCATIONS SUMMARY

Grand Total Received: \$48,467,525



- Allocated Grant Funding **\$28,717,053** (59.25%)
- Unallocated Grant Funding **\$19,750,471** (40.75%)

*Revenue Replacement Budget for FY24 and FY25
will be taken from the unallocated funding (green)

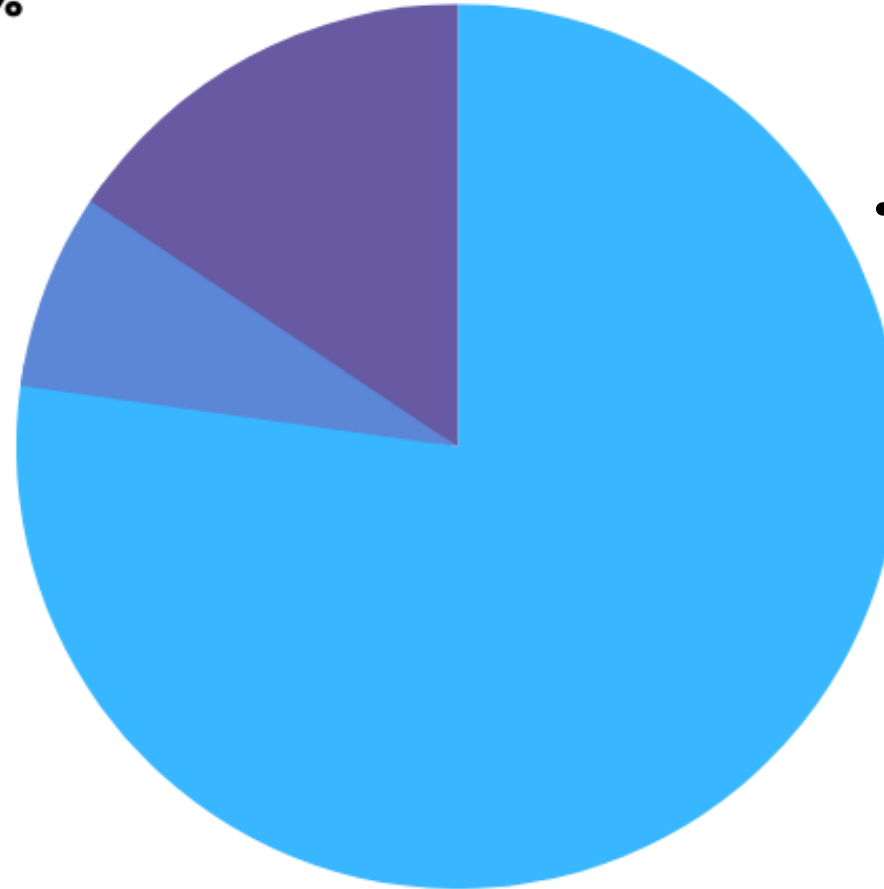
- About 3-4 million will be allocated for Non-Profit Support and Affordable Housing Projects

Non-Profit Support + Affordable Housing Projects
15.6%

ARPA Salaries and New Projects
7.2%

- About 2 million will be allocated for new Department Head Projects and recurring ARPA expenses

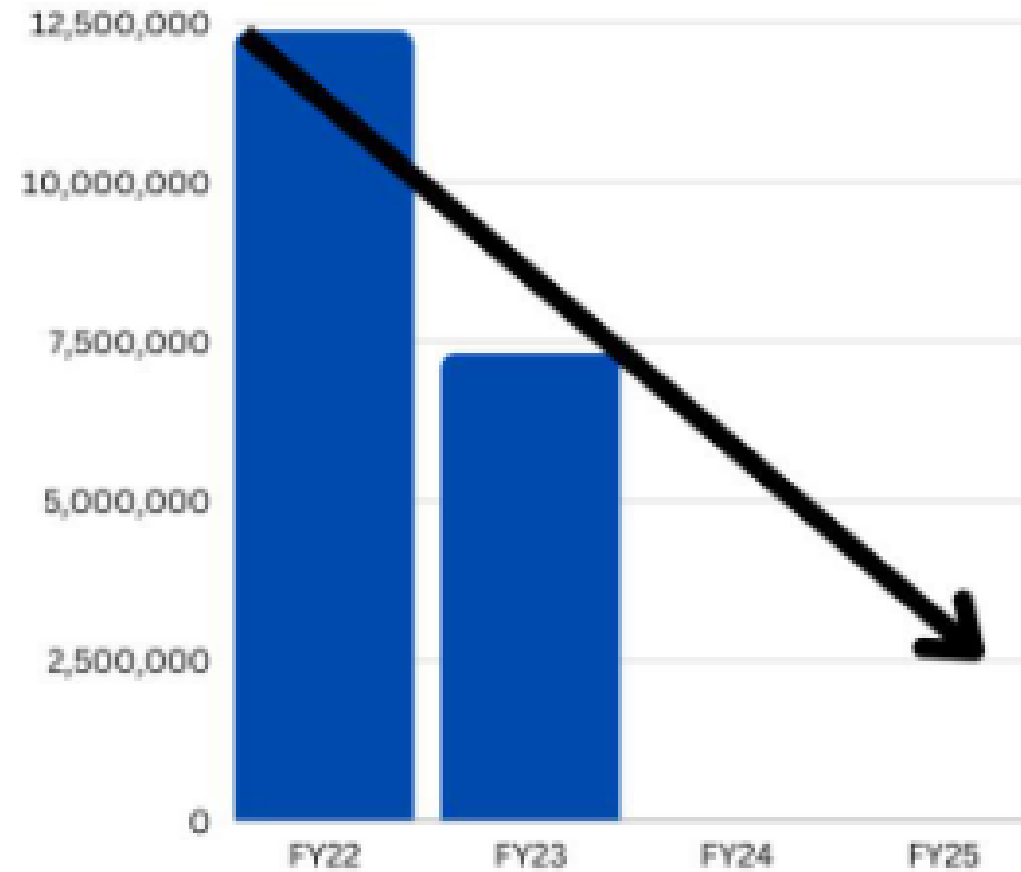
- **Water/Sewer Infrastructure Projects and Revenue Replacement**



(\$19.7 MILLION REMAINING UNALLOCATED)

FUTURE ARPA SPENDING FORECAST

Revenue Replacement Forecast



How are other communities spending ARPA?

ARPA Programs in Malden and Somerville



Chamber of
Commerce free
yearly memberships



Youth Programming



Rental Assistance
and Fuel Assistance



Language Access
Plan

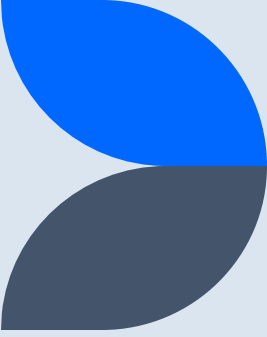


Rideshare Programs



Broad Range of
Facilities Upgrades

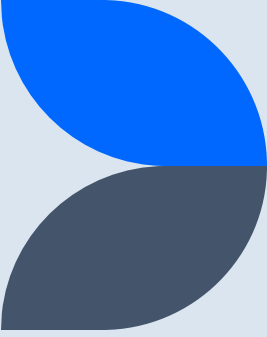
How will the City Choose Future Projects?



Discussion Time



STATE ARPA EARMARK



- **\$150K for Construction, Upgrades, and Improvements to the Historic Duggar Park**
- **\$100k for Tree Stump Removal Project**
- **\$350k for Wrights Pond Improvements**
- **\$500k for the Design and reconstruction of traffic signals at select intersection locations throughout Medford**
- **\$55K for Expanded Refrigeration for the Mystic Community Market**