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

- Medford Family Network
- Friends of the Fells
- YMCA
- abcd
- NAMI Cambridge/Middlesex
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:
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
• 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 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
City of Medford * American Rescue Plan Act

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

Non- Profit Support + Affordable Housing Projects 15.6%

ARPA Salaries and New Projects 7.2%
• About 3-4 million will be allocated for Non-Profit Support and Affordable Housing Projects

($19.7 MILLION REMAINING UNALLOCATED)

FUTURE ARPA SPENDING FORECAST

Water/Sewer Infrastructure Projects and Revenue Replacement
Revenue Replacement Forecast
How are other communities spending ARPA?
ARPA Programs in Malden and Somerville

- Chamber of Commerce free yearly memberships
- Language Access Plan
- Youth Programming
- Rideshare Programs
- Rental Assistance and Fuel Assistance
- Broad Range of Facilities Upgrades
How will the City Choose Future Projects?

- Public feedback and values
- Emergency need
- Project readiness
- Priorities identified in earlier processes
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