

# American Rescue Plan Act

February 15, 2022



*City of*  
**Hopkins**  
Minnesota

# ARPA Overview

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- Eligible Uses
  - Public Health Response
  - Negative Economic Impacts
  - Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
  - Premium Pay for Essential Workers
  - Water and Sewer Infrastructure
  - Broadband Infrastructure



# ARPA Overview

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- Allocated \$2,018,224
- Use by December 31, 2024



# Process Overview

Community Input



Staff  
Recommendations



Individual Council Member  
Priorities



Council  
Recommendation



ARPA  
Spending  
Plan



# Process Overview

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Subject	Details
January 11	Work Session	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	-Information on eligible uses of ARPA funds
February	N/A	Web Survey	-Opportunity for community to provide input on use of ARPA
February 15	Work Session	ARPA Spending Plan	-Review Community Input, Staff Recommendations and Council Priorities/Recommendation
March 8	Work Session	ARPA Spending Plan	-Staff provide recommendation based on Council Recommendation
April 5	Regular Meeting	ARPA Spending Plan	-Council Approves Plan



# Community Input

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- Quick gauge of public opinion\*
- Advertised on Facebook, Twitter and Connections, Nextdoor
- Survey open through 2/21/2022
- 202 responses through 2/14/2022

\*Not a statistically valid survey of whole community



# Community Input

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- General support across all categories.
- Top three categories:
  - Support local business and community organization impacted by the pandemic with grants or other assistance - 77%
  - Provide financial support to organizations helping residents who are recovering from the economic impacts of the pandemic - 67%
  - Address Revenue Losses in the Arts Center, Depot, Parking and Pavilion Funds - 56%



# Community Input

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- Other Comments or Suggestions
  - Support Businesses, Restaurants or Mainstreet – 14
  - Individuals, Essential Workers or Affordable Housing – 11
  - Lower Taxes or Reduce Debt – 11
  - Community Safety – 8
  - Sidewalks, Trails or Parks – 7
  - Education or Support Youth – 6
  - Infrastructure – 6
  - Other – 16





# Staff Requests

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- Address Revenue Losses incurred by the City
- Arts Center, Depot, Parking and Pavilion Funds
  - Occurred in 2021 and 2022 (preliminary results)
  - Compared Charges for Services, Fines and Miscellaneous Revenue to 2019 Actual



# Staff Requests

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- Preliminary 2-year lost revenue calculation:
  - Arts Center - \$402,471
  - Depot - \$258,904
  - Parking - \$63,817
  - Pavilion - \$197,847
- Total of \$923,039



# Staff Requests

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- Youth Workforce Development Pilot Program (\$100,000)
  - 3 Year Pilot Program
  - Collaborate with Hopkins Public Schools
  - Youth Workforce Readiness
  - Increase exposure of underrepresented communities to local government
  - Build a City staff that is reflective of community



# Staff Requests

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- Equity Capacity Building for Staff (\$100,000)
  - Funds to begin a Citywide Diversity, Equity (DEI) and Inclusion Plan
  - Funds would focus on increasing internal capacity for DEI efforts over the next three years



# Staff Requests

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- Police Department (\$52,400)
  - 4 Automatic License Plate Readers
    - Monitor for stolen vehicles, wanted persons or traffic impact studies
  - Recon Throwbot 2
    - Used for Patrol and Tactical Situations
  - Aardvark Breaching Tool for SWAT
  - Training in Forensic Analysis



# Staff Requests

## Moveable Parklet (\$20,000)

- Policy/program would need to be established
  - Support Businesses
  - Enhance public enjoyment of vibrant commercial spaces



# Individual Council Priorities?



# Discussion/Consensus of Ideas?

