

City Council Work Session January 12, 2023

American Rescue Plan Act



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recap

- Amounts received equaled \$6,477,913 in June 2021 and \$6,477,913 in June 2022 for – a **total of \$12,955,826**
 - This represents the City's total allotment of ARPA Fund.
- Treasury guidance calls for all expenditures to be encumbered by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

ARPA Funding Categories

- A. Support for the Public Health and Economic Impacts
- B. Premium Pay for Essential Workers
- C. Payroll Expenses for Public Health & Safety Employees
- D. Replace Public Sector Revenue loss (option elected by Staunton)
- E. Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

- ARPA allows for localities to recapture of general revenues lost as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic. General revenues include taxes, current charges, miscellaneous general revenue, and intergovernmental transfers between state and local governments and parking revenue.
- Loss of revenues are calculated by the formula provided by the US Treasury Department and measures actual revenue verses potential revenue. Under this formula the greater of the lost revenue percentage above the base year or 5.2% is used.
- Key advantage of the loss of revenue calculation is it allows for a more flexible use of funds and less reporting requirements.
- Based upon FY2020 and FY2021 fiscal year loss of revenue calculations, we have been able to capture \$10.8 million or 83% of our expected allocation.
- FY2022's calculation captured the remaining amount, rounding out the \$13M needed.

Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

- Loss of Revenue can be used for services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated.
- Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government. Examples specifically provided by Treasury include:
 - Construction of schools and hospitals
 - Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
 - Health services
 - General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities
 - Environmental remediation
 - Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)

GFOA American Rescue Plan Act Guiding Principles

- APRA funds are non-recurring so their use should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures.
- Avoid creating new programs or add-ons to existing programs that require ongoing financial commitment.
- Investment in critical infrastructure is particularly well suited use of ARPA funds because of its non-recurring nature.
- Use other dedicated grants and programs first whenever possible and save ARPA funds for priorities not eligible for other federal and state assistance programs.
- Adequate time should be taken to carefully consider all alternative for the prudent use of ARPA funding prior to committing the resources to ensure the best use of the temporary funding.

Appropriated ARPA Funds

Regional Radio System	2,000,000
West End Small Area Plan	100,000
Staunton Crossing Marketing Plan	107,500
Uniontown Comprehensive Plan/Small Area Study	75,000
Flood Shield Grants	300,000
Existing Tunnel Improvement Design	650,000
Funds appropriated through 12/31/2022 \$	3,232,500

Suggested ARPA Use – 2 New Fire Pumpers

\$2,000,000 for 2 Pumpers to replace Engine #2 and #3

- Engine #2 – is a 2008 unit with 84,521 miles, 10,835 motor hours, and 433,400 motor miles.
- Engine #3 – is a 2000 unit with 113,387 miles, 57,337 motor hours, and 2,293,480 motor miles.

The lead time for a fire pumper is currently 22-24 months. The fire department still has a need to replace their heavy rescue unit which is a 1996 model.

Suggested ARPA Use – Public Works Dump Trucks

\$300,000 for 2 Dump Trucks in the Public Works Department.

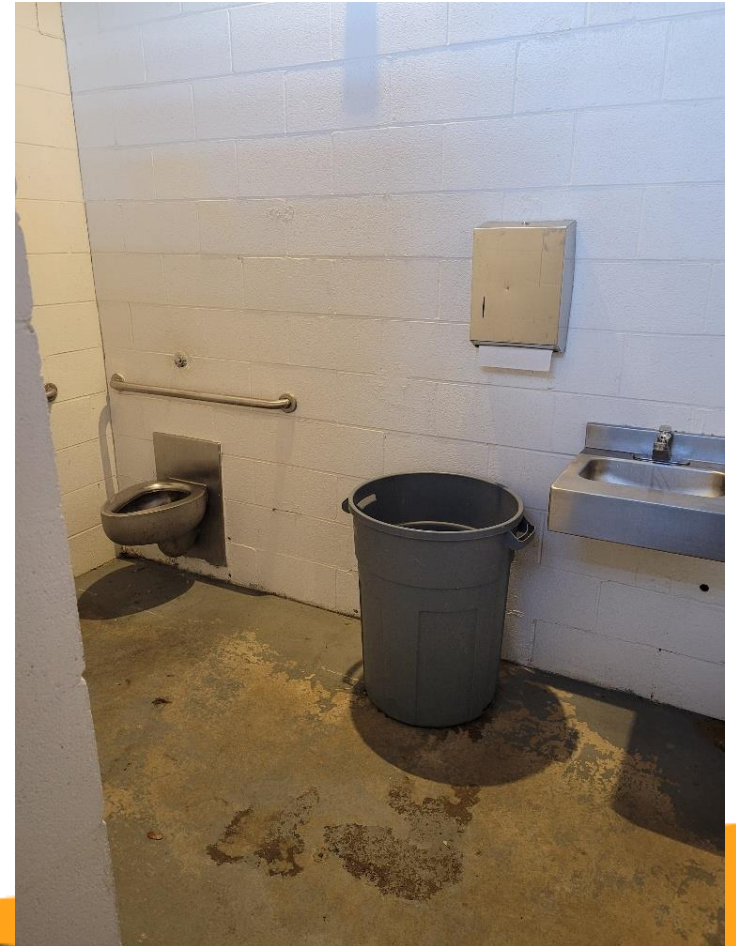
There is a need to replace four existing dump trucks that were purchased all around the same time. They are requesting two now and two will be purchased later using Public Works CIP equipment funds. This will help stagger future replacements.

Suggested ARPA Use – Repave Montgomery Hall Park Road/Parking Lots

\$480,000 - to repave the park road and two parking lots at Montgomery Hall Park. The park road was originally paved in 1972. There is significant issues with cracking and damaged pavement.

Suggested ARPA Use – Montgomery Hall Park Bathroom Refresh

\$300,000- to update fixtures, lighting, and paint for the bathroom facilities at Montgomery Hall Park.



Suggested ARPA Use – Bathhouse Facilities

\$400,000 – to refresh the bathhouse facilities at both the Gypsy Hill Park Pool and the Montgomery Hall Park Pool to include updated fixtures, critical building repairs, updated lighting, and new paint.



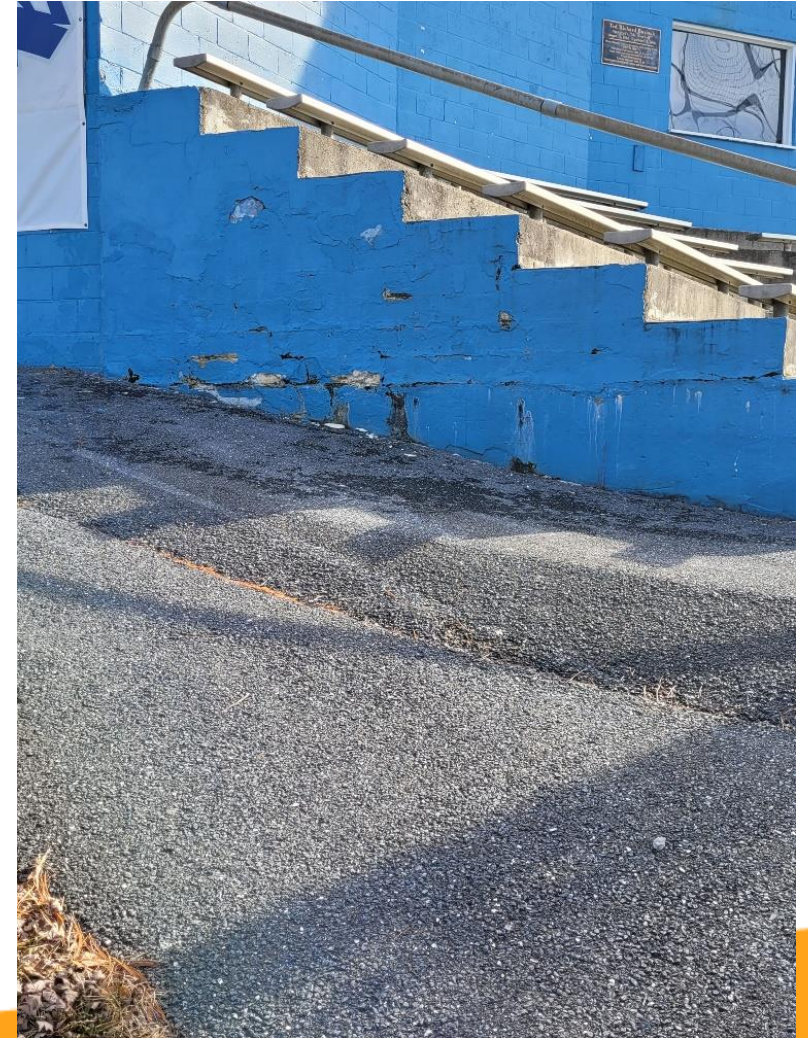
Suggested ARPA Use – Moxie Stadium Design

\$200,000 – for the design of the Moxie Stadium renovation. Renovation will include the demolition of existing buildings and seating area. It will also include construction of a new press box, concession area, dugouts, and stadium seating. Field repairs will including installing a warning track and leveling of the outfield.

The stadium will be required to be closed for one year, which will require coordination with Staunton High School Baseball, the Staunton Braves, and Mary Baldwin University.

Construction phase of this project is in the current proposed CIP with funding spread over FY24, FY25, and FY26 with each year being funded at \$600,000 using carry over funds. The construction phase is currently estimated at \$1.8M, but final figures will not be available until the design phase is complete.

Suggested ARPA Use – Moxie Stadium Design cont.



Suggested ARPA Use – Library Roof Replacement

\$375,000 - to replace the roof of the Staunton Public Library.

The current roof leaks during heavy rains. Trash cans are often used to collect dripping rain water. Repairs have been made several times. The current roof is in need of replacement.



Suggested ARPA Use – Building Security Improvements

\$400,000 - to enhance security at Staunton's public facilities to include cameras, badges, electronic door locks, and other security needs.

Suggested ARPA Use – Regional Animal Shelter Design and Relocation

\$776,000 – Staunton's share for the design and construction phases of the relocation of the Regional Animal Shelter to the old Verona Elementary School in Augusta County.

The Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center will be relocated from Lyndhurst to the old Verona Elementary School in Augusta County. The new location will need to be renovated and is expected to be ready in 2024. The renovated space will provide much needed additional space for animals and staff.

Suggested ARPA Use – Environmental

\$115,000 – to relocate Staunton’s central recycling collection center.

\$850,000 – to standardize refuse collection; includes the purchase, registration, and distribution of standard refuse collection bins. In addition, refuse collection trucks will be retrofitted with mechanical tippers.

Jeff Johnston, Director of Public Works, will present more detailed information relating to the solid waste program during the regular council meeting.

Suggested ARPA Use – Stormwater

\$1,200,000 – for the Gypsy Hill Park Stream Restoration.

Project includes restoring approximately 1,200 LF of Peyton Creek in Gypsy Hill Park to include flood benches and daylighting of Peyton Creek with walking trail and signage detailing the impact of TMDL pollutant reduction via the stream restoration project (Staunton A-2).

Suggested ARPA Use – Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courthouse Expenditures

\$2,327,326 – for expenditures related to separating Staunton's Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts from the Augusta County court facilities.

Questions and Feedback

