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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Board of Commissioners of the
Unified Government of Wyandotte County / Kansas City, KS
Special Session, Budget Workshop #1, May 6, 2021
Part 1 - Allocations from State and Federal grant applications to address a long list of services to assist UG residents

Part 2 - Direct Payments of $89.5 M, split between 2021 and 2022
Part 1 - ARPA Assistance Opportunities (State Allocations and Grants)

Funding is targeted to low-income communities and communities of color.
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If the UG were awarded 1/10th of 1% of the $254 billion US total, it would mean $25 million more in resources to support small business, social services and public health

USA Total: $254 Billion

- Food Chain Supply-$4B
- Vaccine Distribution-$7.5B
- Testing, Contracting, Tracing, PPE-$48.3B
- Health Workforce-$7.6B
- Health Centers/Health Disparities-$9.8B
- Mental Health-$3.9B
- Child Care-$39B
- Family Violence Prevention-$350M
- Utility Assistance-$5B
- Museums & Libraries-$335M
- Emergency Rental Assistance-$21.6B
- Mortgage Assistance-$10B
- Homelessness-$10B
- Public Transportation-$30.5B
- Small Business Capital/Loans-$11.5B
- Firefighter Grants-$300M
- EIDL Small Biz Grants-$15B
- Restaurants-$28.6B
- EDA Grants for Industries/Tourism-$750M

1/10th of 1% = $25 M for UG

5/6/2021
Strategy for Maximizing Allocations/Grants

• Considering a request for proposals for professional consulting firm(s) to provide technical assistance to UG staff with the following:
  • Cost Recovery and Emergency Advisory Services
  • Assessment, Planning and Decision Making
  • Application, Reimbursement Request Review, Funding and Cost Reimbursement
  • Compliance Monitoring and Reporting

• Consulting costs can be reimbursed from ARPA funding
• Also forming UG Internal Staff Team to Program(s) Administration and Oversight
Part 2 - ARPA Direct Payment to Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ KCK

City of Kansas City, KS
- $57.5 Million – Total Direct Payment
  - 2021 - $28.75 Million
  - 2022 - $28.75 Million

Wyandotte County, KS
- $32 Million – Total Direct Payment
  - 2021 - $16 Million
  - 2022 - $16 Million

Direct Payments to Unified Government estimated to total $89.5 Million

2021 tranche expected to be received in mid-May, with 2022 tranche 12 months later

Will be securely deposited in a grant fund till UG budget process is completed

Funds must be used by December 31, 2024
Part 2 - ARPA Direct Payment

USE OF FUNDS

A. Respond to COVID-19 Public Health Crisis
   • Assistance to Households, Small Business, and Non-Profits
   • Aid Industries impacted, such as Tourism, Travel and Hospitality

B. Respond to Workers Performing Essential Work
   • Premium Pay to Essential Workers currently performing work
   • Grants to Essential Workers who performed work during the crisis

C. Lost Revenue and Provision of Government Services
   • Provision of services to the extent the reduction in revenue due to COVID-19
   • Compared to revenues collected pre-COVID

D. Infrastructure Investment
   • Water and Sewer
   • Broadband Internet
Part 2 - ARPA Direct Payment to Unified Government

• On April 14th, Treasury created Office of Recovery Programs to coordinate the disbursement of state and local government disbursements
  • New website to manage their portion of the ARPA funding at: https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus.

• Treasury is working on three items before they can send out the first tranche of funds:
  • making sure they have the right methodology/ formulas and census data,
  • establish rules on how funding can be spent, including regulations for funding to cover lost revenue and other items such as water, road, and broadband infrastructure; and
  • confirming banking information of the larger number of recipients
Suggested Principals for ARPA Direct Payment Budgeting

• Take the time to make smart, carefully thought-out, data-driven decisions
• Health experts predict future health pandemics will occur. Get ready now.
• Match one-time stimulus dollars with one-time expenses
• Avoid new assets or launch new programs that will require future new, unfunded operating costs
• “Secure your own mask first before assisting others”, such as:
  • Replenish reserves across all funds of the organization
  • Invest in areas that will reduce organizational costs, such as deferred maintenance
  • Cooperate in regional projects
• Pursue all funding decision thru the lens of social equity
  • Spent on social services and small businesses in a way that helps avert short-term disaster
  • Commit resources for marginalized communities hurt by the crisis
American Rescue Plan – Direct Payments
Suggested Preliminary Review Process

1. Compare Current Needs with ARPA Guidelines
2. Develop Criteria and Prioritize
3. Assess Feasibility, Viable and Timing
4. Evaluate as part of 2022 Budget ARPA Workshops