

\$3,688,122 City Operations/Pandemic transition/IT Capacity

- \$2,369,815 City Operations

During the COVID pandemic, the City did not raise mill levies which resulted in our expenses exceeding our revenues. We are using ARPA funding to help balance this structural deficiency in our general fund. This is possible through the ARPA revenue loss provision. [Treasury Guidance](#) in their Final Rule allowed local governments to claim a standard allowance of \$10 million in lost revenue, and to use up to the same amount of a direct allocation for “government services,” an extremely discretionary expenditure category.

- \$775,673 Information Technologies - Capacity Improvement

Funding supports technologies and training for safe and secure remote and hybrid work options, including the phased deployment of strategic investments in new software and hardware to modernize our communication tools and systems. Funding also provides critical upgrades that enhances the security, reliability and efficiency of our data centers. Modern equipment, services, and functionality increase staff capacity, lower operation costs, improve cybersecurity and ultimately result in more reliable and resilient systems throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

- \$234,665 FY21 pandemic expenses

ARPA funding covered necessary pandemic related PPE, janitorial and administrative expenses from 3/3/21-7/31/21 (the period before our FY22 budget was approved).

- \$119,128 Human Resources

Required safety and security upgrades, including ongoing contracted security screening for City Hall and City Council meetings in addition to security equipment and resources to carry out recommendations of the current Safety and Security Plan. Upgrades are necessary to meet City’s strategic goal to provide for the safety and wellness of employees, customers and constituents.

- \$117,975 Facilities Maintenance

Funding provides support for staffing in order to provide continued, frequent cleaning of high traffic areas, and the implementation of an air filtration improvement project to slow the transmission of airborne virus particles in Council chambers.

- \$66,366 Administrative

Payroll to cover grants administration, including reporting requirements, for ARPA funding.

- \$4,500 Professional Development & Certification for Central Services staff

Professional development for the evolving SPAR Team (Strategic Projects Analysis and Reporting) will help advance city-wide priorities through strategic support services including project management, functional team leadership, risk assessment, data analytics and more. SPAR serves multiple strategic priorities including Safety, where we are supporting the police department's long-term service evaluation and space assessment, Climate Action, where we are helping to develop the climate lens for decision making and building a meaningful plan around electric vehicle adoption, and Organization Excellence, where we are helping modernize communications and business processes. Current projects also include the Federal Building acquisition and the Scott Street/White Pine plan.