AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING: TOWN COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

Mansfield Town Council Meeting
February 15, 2022
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) - OVERVIEW

- **$1.9 trillion in funding** to individuals, schools, businesses, and areas suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Of that total at the national level, **CT municipalities are slated to receive $2.55 billion** ($1.56 billion to general government / $995 million to schools)

- **The Town of Mansfield will receive a total allocation of ~ $7,543,000** that is disbursed via two equally sized “tranches” ($3.771 million in 2021; $3.771 million in 2022)
  - This amount does **not** include ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund allocations received by Mansfield Public Schools ($754,781) or Regional School District #19 ($835,051)
ELIGIBLE USES OF ARPA FUNDING

- **Support public health response:** Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff

- **Address negative economic impacts:** Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, and nonprofits, or impacted industries and re-hiring of public sector workers

- **Replace public sector revenue loss:** Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic

- **Premium pay for essential workers:** Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure

- **Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure:** Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING: REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON COUNCIL FEEDBACK FROM 1/10/22
**PRIOR RECOMMENDATION - WATER, SEWER & BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Expansion of the Four Corners Water & Sewer Service Area - $2,250,000
  - Total Estimated Project Cost $\rightarrow$ $\sim$3,000,000
  - Requires 25% Match ($750,000) in the Form of Assessments and/or Other Grants
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REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS (1 OF 4)
SUPPORTING PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

- Municipal Facility Upgrades (incl. design work as needed) - $869,500
- Fire/EMS Apparatus & Equipment Upgrades - $415,000
- Human/Social Services Mobile Outreach - $60,000
- Enhanced Funding for Human Services Programs - $100,000
- COVID-19 Direct Response Efforts - $20,000

TOTAL - $1,464,500

All Projects/Investments Capable of being Completed in < 1 Year
REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS (2 OF 4)
ADDRESSING NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- Funding Support for Area Social Service Agencies - $400,000
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) “Seeding” - $500,000
- Business Relief, Façade Improvement Funds, Marketing - $400,000
- Direct Financial Assistance to Economically Distressed Individuals - $150,000
- Hunting Lodge Road Neighborhood Plan - $150,000
- Arts Relief Fund - $75,000
- Parks & Rec Master Planning & Improvements to Open Space Assets - $850,000
- Eagleville Green Project Support - $750,000
  - Funding for this project ($15 million in total) is being derived from many public/private sources

TOTAL - $3,275,000 (<1 year; 1-2 years; 2-4 years; 4-6 years)
REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS (3 OF 4)
REPLACING REVENUE LOSS

- Municipalities are able to compute reduction in revenue by comparing actual revenue to an alternative representing what could have been expected to occur in the absence of the pandemic.

- The Finance Department has produced a conservative estimate of revenue loss replacement for 2020 and 2021 → $2.5 million.

- The recently issued final federal rule from the U.S. Treasury suggests that municipalities will now be able to claim considerably higher revenue losses and have greater flexibility in how these funds are ultimately used.

- **Recommendation: Allocate $1 million to replace lost revenue for 2020 & 2021**, program an additional $25,000 for MCC financial consulting services and $100,000 for installation of additional EV charging stations.

TOTAL - $1,125,000
REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS (4 OF 4)
WATER, SEWER & BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

▪ Broadband Digital Inclusion Initiative - $300,000
▪ Public Water System Extension to Mansfield Middle School - $1,250,000
  ○ Would require 1:1 matching funds from other sources (i.e., DWSRF)

TOTAL - $1,550,000 (<1 year; 1-2 years; 2-4 years; 4-6 years)
# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED INVESTMENTS

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NEXT STEPS:

Ongoing Town Council Review, Deliberation and Decision-making on Proposed Investments (February/March)
DEFERRED PROJECTS (not an exhaustive list)

- DPW/Public Safety/General Government Vehicle Wash Facility - $1,000,000
- Regional Wastewater System Study - $TBD
- Redevelopment Planning for Goodwin & Vinton Schools and Southern Gateway - $TBD
- Wastewater Pump Station Replacement - $225,000
- Culvert Replacements - $700,000
  - Birch Road - $500,000
  - Puddin Lane - $100,000
  - Hunting Lodge Road - $100,000
- Other Water Utility System Extensions - $5,000,000
  - Mansfield Elementary School - $3,000,000
  - Vinton School - $2,000,000
- Southeast Baseball Lighting Upgrades – $500,000-$1,000,000