

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04ARPA_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIFI_AND_INFRASTRUCTURE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Approve Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Up to \$367,000.00 in Support of Infrastructure and Data Protection Initiatives and \$200,000.00 in Support of the Neighborhood WiFi Project, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance and Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act, Subtitle M (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) in an amount up to \$367,000.00 in support of Infrastructure and Data Protection Initiatives (City Project No. 103746);
2. Approve the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Subtitle M Funds in an amount up to \$200,000.00 in support of the Neighborhood WiFi project;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund, transferred from available funds within the Grants Operating Federal Fund, in an amount up to \$367,000.00, for the purpose of funding the ITS initiatives project (City Project No. 103746); and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth received a total American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation of \$173,745,090.00, consisting of \$87,024,408.00 to be spent in the areas of Public Health and Negative Economic Impacts (Non-Revenue Recovery), and \$86,720,682.00 to assist the City of Fort Worth (City) with the provision of governmental services (Revenue Recovery).

To date, City Council has approved allocations totaling \$172,142,907.00. \$86,353,499.00. has been allocated in the Revenue Recovery category leaving \$367,183.00 unallocated, and \$84,284,448.00 has been allocated in the Non-Revenue Recovery category, leaving a balance of \$1,235,000.00 unallocated.

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the use of up to \$376,000.00 of ARPA SLFRF Revenue Recovery funds to increase the resiliency, capabilities, and delivery efficiency of City of Fort Worth (City) technology services as those items relate to infrastructure and data protection initiatives. The identified Information Technology Solutions (ITS) capital project was initially approved by City Council on May 24, 2022 by M&C 22-0366 after being determined to be a qualified priority by City Management for ARPA funding as approved by the City Council in M&C 21-0445 on June 22, 2021. Upon approval by Council, the requested funds will be allocated to the ARPA for the ITS Initiatives project (City Project No. 103746).

The activities that are designed to execute the infrastructure and data protection efforts, procure services to assist with those efforts, and deliver advanced solutions to support strategic directions, are indicated by the high-level categorizations in the table below.

Initiative	Total	Goal
Windows 11	\$367,000	Implement more secure and advanced version of computing systems.

This authorization allocates the funding within large categories while future M&C requests will identify specific spend authority amongst specific vendors using cooperatives and/or bid processes as appropriate.

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. The action in this M&C will amend the FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 27107-09-2024.

Additionally, this M&C will authorize the use of up to \$200,000.00 of ARPA SLFRF Non-Revenue Recovery funds to support the ITS Neighborhood WiFi project initiated during the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act to deliver internet connectivity to the Rosemont, Ash Crescent, Northside and Stop Six neighborhoods previously not served with affordable internet. M&C 22-0368, adopted by City Council on May 24, 2022, allocated \$3,361,047.00 of ARPA Non-Revenue Recovery funds for completion of the WiFi infrastructure and initial operational support. Subsequently, on June 27, 2023, through M&C 23-0609, ITS project leaders identified \$1,200,000.00 of residual revenue to be reclaimed from the project and reallocated to other ARPA initiatives. That amount was determined to be an overestimate and \$200,000.00 is recommended to be reallocated to the Neighborhood WiFi project.

Allocation of ARPA Subtitle M Funding

ARPA Section 9901, Subsection 603(c)(1)(C) provides funding to offset government entities' lost revenue as a consequence of the pandemic. ARPA Section 9901, Subsection 603(c)(1)(A) provides funding to support initiatives for communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury guidelines, all general ARPA funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026.

Summary of ARPA Allocations To-Date

The following chart reflects the current status for allocation of the City's ARPA funding under Subtitle M and incorporates each ARPA M&C on the October 29, 2024, Council Agenda:

STATUS	AMOUNT	M&C
Total CFW ARPA Subtitle M Funding	\$173,745,090.00	21-0445 362021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
Allocations Approved To-Date	6,000,000.00	21-0794 25ARPA-VFW-TDG
Allocations Approved To-Date	1,000,000.00	21-0805 13ARPA-ADMINISTRATION
Allocations Approved To-Date	4,245,533.00	21-0810 17ARPA ALLOCATIONS EVANS & ROSEDALE REDEVELOPMENT
Allocations Approved To-Date	2,400,000.00	21-0811 17ARPA ALLOCATIONS UNTHSC TECHSTARS
Allocations Approved To-Date	10,100,000.00	21-0814 19ARPA ALLOCATIONS TO HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES PROJECTS
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,000,000.00	21-0809 19ARPA ALLOCATION CDFI FRIENDLY AMERICA
Allocations Approved To-Date	300,000.00	21-0820 25ARPA-WRMC MURAL PLAQUES
Allocations Approved To-Date	6,400,000.00	21-0935 21ARPA-PEG FUNDING-FUTURE CITY HALL
Allocations Approved To-Date	8,000,000.00	21-0908 23ARPA-VACCINATIONS AND TESTING
Allocations Approved To-Date	4,560,000.00	21-0913 25ARPA-PED______CAPITAL______RESTORE
Allocations Approved To-Date	52,000,000.00	21-0934 21ARPA-FWCC EXPANSION FUNDING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,000,000.00	22-0268 17ARPA CENTER FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES
Allocations Approved To-Date	5,000,000.00	22-0270 19ARPA ALLOCATION FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
Allocations Approved To-Date	7,091,047.00	22-0368 04ARPANEIGHBORHOOD WIFI CARES RATIFICATION/ARPA ALLOCATION
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,595,000.00	22-0366 04ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,675,000.00	22-0367 04ARPA CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM
Allocations Approved To-Date	16,000,000.00	22-0789 MMA INFRASTRUCTURE – STREETLIGHTS & PEDESTRIAN

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Allocations Approved To-Date	2,500,000.00	22-0789 MMA INFRASTRUCTURE – COBB & HIGHLAND HILLS PARKS
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,200,000.00	22-0789 TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK FACILITY
Allocations Approved To-Date	2,000,000.00	22-0789 POLICE AND FIRE COVID WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS
Allocations Approved To-Date	1,458,372.00	22-0789 POLICE COVID HEALTH EXPENDITURES
Allocations Approved To-Date	750,000.00	22-0789 VISIT FORT WORTH SPECIAL EVENT FUNDING
Allocations Approved To-Date	4,411,080.00	22-0789 UNITED WAY ONE SECOND COLLABORATIVE
Allocations Approved To-Date	8,000,000.00	22-0789 DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE & DRAINAGE
Allocations Approved To-Date	1,500,000.00	22-0789 FORT WORTH ZOO ROAD REPAIR, EROSION CONTROL, BROADBAND
Allocations Approved To-Date	200,000.00	22-0789 TX WESLEYAN ON-CAMPUS PUBLIC UTILITY RELOCATION
Allocations Approved To-Date	1,925,000.00	22-0789 WILL ROGERS MC AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENT
Allocations Approved To-Date	5,950,000.00	22-0789 WILL ROGERS MC CONCOURSE, LOBBY AND RESTROOM UPDATES
Allocations Approved To-Date	2,000,000.00	23-0284 ARPA FWTC INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP
Allocations Approved To-Date	\$50,000.00	23-0518 60WSTAMUS ILA
Allocations Approved To-Date	\$100,000.00	23-0609 ARPA_CENTRAL_MULTIMODAL_MOBILITY_HUB
Reclaimed Allocations	-4,216,902.00	23-0609 ARPA_CENTRAL_MULTIMODAL_MOBILITY_HUB
Allocations Approved To-Date	4,500,000.00	23-0925 RFP 22-0146 BROADBAND ENHANCEMENTS CH CITY
Allocations Approved To-Date	596,275.00	24-0180 WSTAMUS-MCO
Allocations Approved To-Date	515,000.00	24-0458 2020INT IMPROV N. BEACH ST/WESTERN CENTER BLVD APPROPRIATION
Reclaimed Allocations	-5,207,163.00	24-0459 13UPDATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATIONS
Allocations Approved To-Date	2,020,500.00	24-0496 21MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE FACILITY
Allocations Approved To-Date	1,000,000.00	24-0567 20INTERMODAL PKWY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

