The seal of the City of Richmond is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a white plow and a white sheaf of wheat. The shield is set against a blue background with white stars. The words "CITY OF RICHMOND" are written in a circular path around the top, and "ESTABLISHED 1771" is written around the bottom. The seal is rendered in a light, semi-transparent grey color.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Presented to Finance and Economic Development Committee

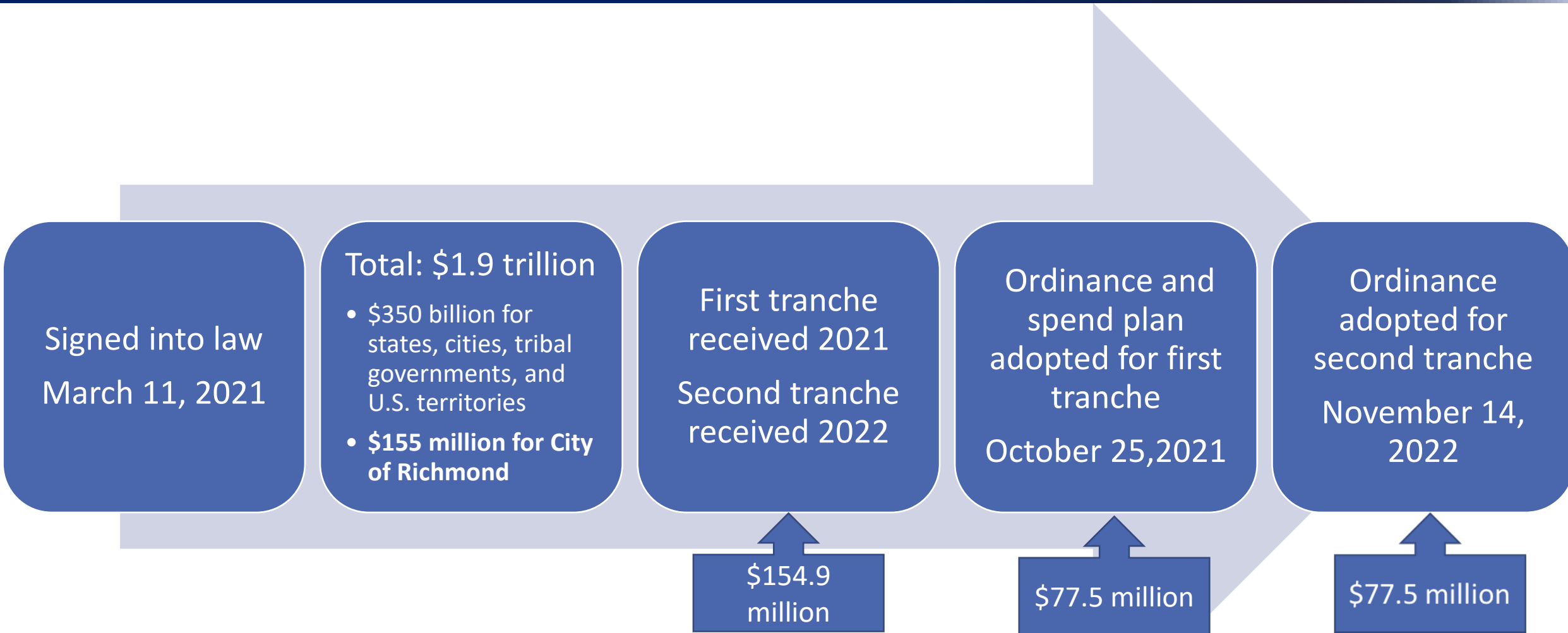
June 20, 2024

PURPOSE

- Provide City Council an update of the ARPA funded projects.
- Discuss proposed reallocation of available ARPA funds.
- Council Committee action requested on the reallocation recommendations.



THE NATION'S RECOVERY EFFORT: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)



Minimal time to design, award, contract, implement, and expend.



CHANGING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH...

Healthy Housing

\$32.3 million Affordable Housing Trust Fund: \$20.0 mil

Creighton Court Redevelopment Phase I: \$6.8 mil

Highland Grove Redevelopment Phase I: \$5.5 mil

BuildStrong

\$8.9 million Small business support & outreach: \$1.0 mil
Façade and city beautification: \$2.0 mil

OCWB Workforce Development and Community Ambassadors: \$1.5 mil

CDFI Revolving Loan: \$3.0 mil

Employee First-Time Homebuyers Assistance Program: \$1.3 mil

Healthier

\$5.0 million Health Trust Equity Fund: \$5.0 mil

green resilience

\$19.2 million Climate Risk Assessment and Implementation: \$1.5 mil

Lead Line Replacement: \$1.0 mil

Stormwater: \$12.5 mil

Healthy Home: 4.2 mil

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

\$81.0 million Childcare and parental support: \$2.0 mil
Family Crisis Funding: \$1.0 mil

Parks Master Plan: \$500,00

TB Smith: \$ 20.0 mil

Lucks Field: \$20.0 mil

Calhoun: \$8.0 mil

Southside Community Center: \$16.0 mil

James River Branch Trail Purchase and Dev.: \$9.0 mil

Crooked Branch Ravine Bridge: \$1.0 mil

Texas Beach/North Bank Tower Repair: \$2.0 mil

Property Acquisition - Southside Parks: \$1.5 mil

Safer

\$8.5 million Gun violence prevention: \$1.5 mil

First responders hazard pay: \$5.0 mil

Enhanced lighting and cameras: \$2.0 mil



MILLIONS TO BE SPENT BY A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Health
Equity
Trust Fund

Childcare
and
Parental
Support

Gun
Violence
Prevention

Family
Crisis Fund

Healthy
Homes

Affordable
Housing





PROJECT UPDATE

BUILDING BACK AFFORDABLE HOUSING (\$32.3 MILLION)

Affordable Housing



- \$20 million Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued.
- 6 awards made for \$1.9 million for housing related services.
- 23 awards made for \$16.1 million to create 2,104 units.
- A total of \$18 million has been obligated and \$3.1 million has been spent.



Creighton Court

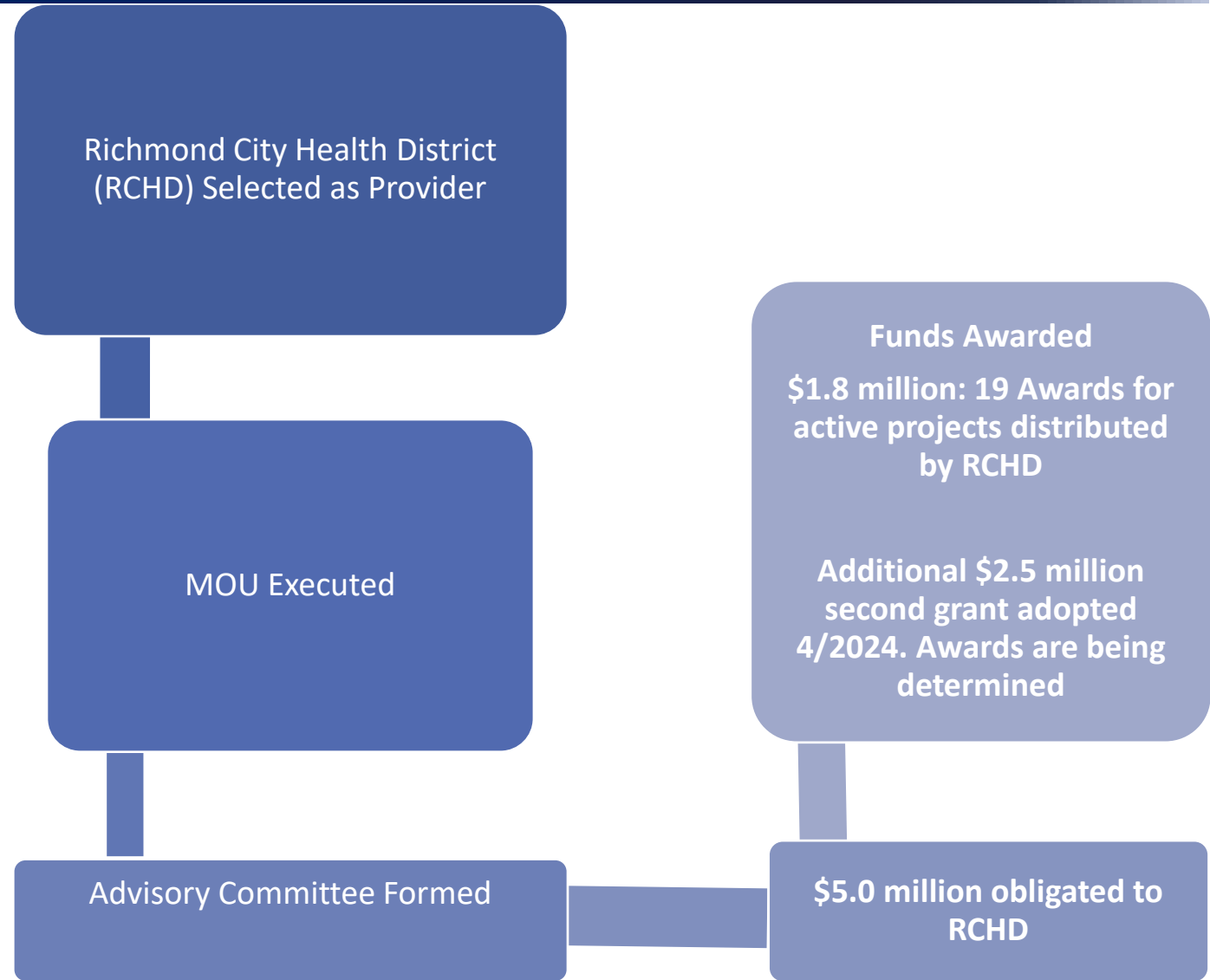
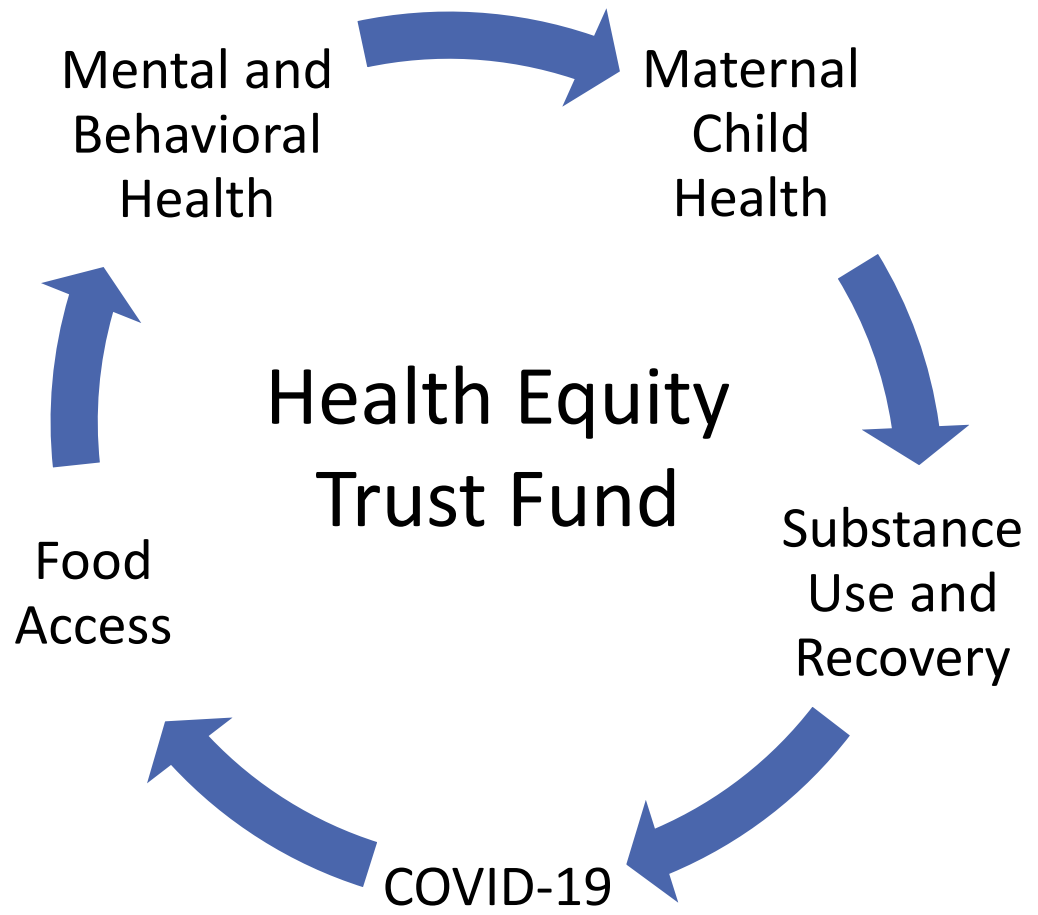
- All agreements have been finalized and the installation of the infrastructure for Phase I is underway.
- Construction is underway. All construction is expected to be completed by July.
- A total of \$6.8 million has been obligated and \$2.8 million has been spent.



Highland Grove

- RRHA as conveyed the site to Better Housing Coalition (BHC).
- All agreements have been approved and fully executed.
- Site cleared and construction is underway.
- A total of \$5.5 million has been obligated and \$0 has been spent.

BUILDING BACK HEALTHIER: \$5.0 MILLION



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES \$81.0 MILLION

Allocated: \$2,000,000
Obligated: \$1,811,835
Expended \$1,761,835

Childcare and Parental Support

NextUp launched its online program locator tool, and community events calendar.
[Youth & Families - NextUp RVA](#)

In January, an ARPA grant was approved for Fulton Montessori School for the purpose of stabilizing, continuing, and expanding operations of a licensed early childhood care and education program.

Allocated: \$1,000,000
Obligated: \$1,000,000
Expended \$1,000,000

Family Crisis

Grant Agreement authorized in December 2022 for HumanKind for \$1.0 million.

The maximum payment per household is \$2,500 annually.

In 2023 a total of 1001 clients have been served through ARPA and non-ARPA funds.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES \$81.0 MILLION (CONTINUED)

Parks Master Plan

Allocated: \$500,000

Obligated: \$478,255

Expended: \$58,897

Contracted Awarded to Design Workshop

Kick-off with consultant and city staff held Feb 29th and March 10th

A full inventory analysis throughout the park system is currently underway.

TB Smith

Allocated: \$20,000,000

Obligated: 20,000,000

Expended: \$2,226,990

All permits approved and issued

Construction has commenced and is underway

Finalized selection of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E)

Lucks Field

Allocated: \$20,000,000

Obligated: 20,000,000

Expended: \$1,569,297

Calhoun

Allocated; 8,000,000

Obligated: \$1,048,236

Expended: \$284,775

Transfer to the city in progress

Early action project (splash pad) to design and construction documents complete

Splash pad bid received.

Phase 1 interior design developed



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES \$81.0 MILLION (CONTINUED)

Southside Community Center

Allocated: \$16,000,000
Obligated: \$16,000,000
Expended: \$3,205,341

Construction Underway with anticipated completion fall/winter 2024

Vapor barrier installed and slab poured and completed.

James River Branch Trail

Allocated: \$9,000,000
Obligated: \$1,090,237
Expended: \$549,066

60% design underway including roadway, drainage, traffic and lighting. Internal city review is being conducted

Environmental coordination continues with DEQ

Public Engagement and public information meeting with the community held March 25, 2024

Crooked Branch/ 42nd St. Bridge

Allocated: \$1,000,000
Obligated: \$227,805
Expended: \$103,103

90% design and construction documents complete

Tree inventory completed and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) developed and published on Parks website

Texas Beach/North Bank Tower

Allocated: \$2,000,000
Obligated: \$173,342
Expended: \$85,829

Access to bridge has been resolved. Engineering agreement is near completion.

Final designs completed

Property Acquisition

Allocated: \$1,500,000
Obligated: \$10,540
Expended: \$10,540

Pursuit of third-party partnership and acquisition assistance or identification of parcel purchase is the goal.



BUILD BACK STRONGER: \$8.8 MILLION

Small Business Grants (Allocated: \$1 million, Obligated: \$900,043, Expended: \$858,403)

- Cooperation agreement with EDA for the administration of the grants. Cooperation agreement executed June 2023 for \$700,000.
- \$473,597 in grants disbursed to seven qualified businesses.
- \$199,000 has been committed to 3 additional businesses
- All funds anticipated to be disbursed by June 2024.

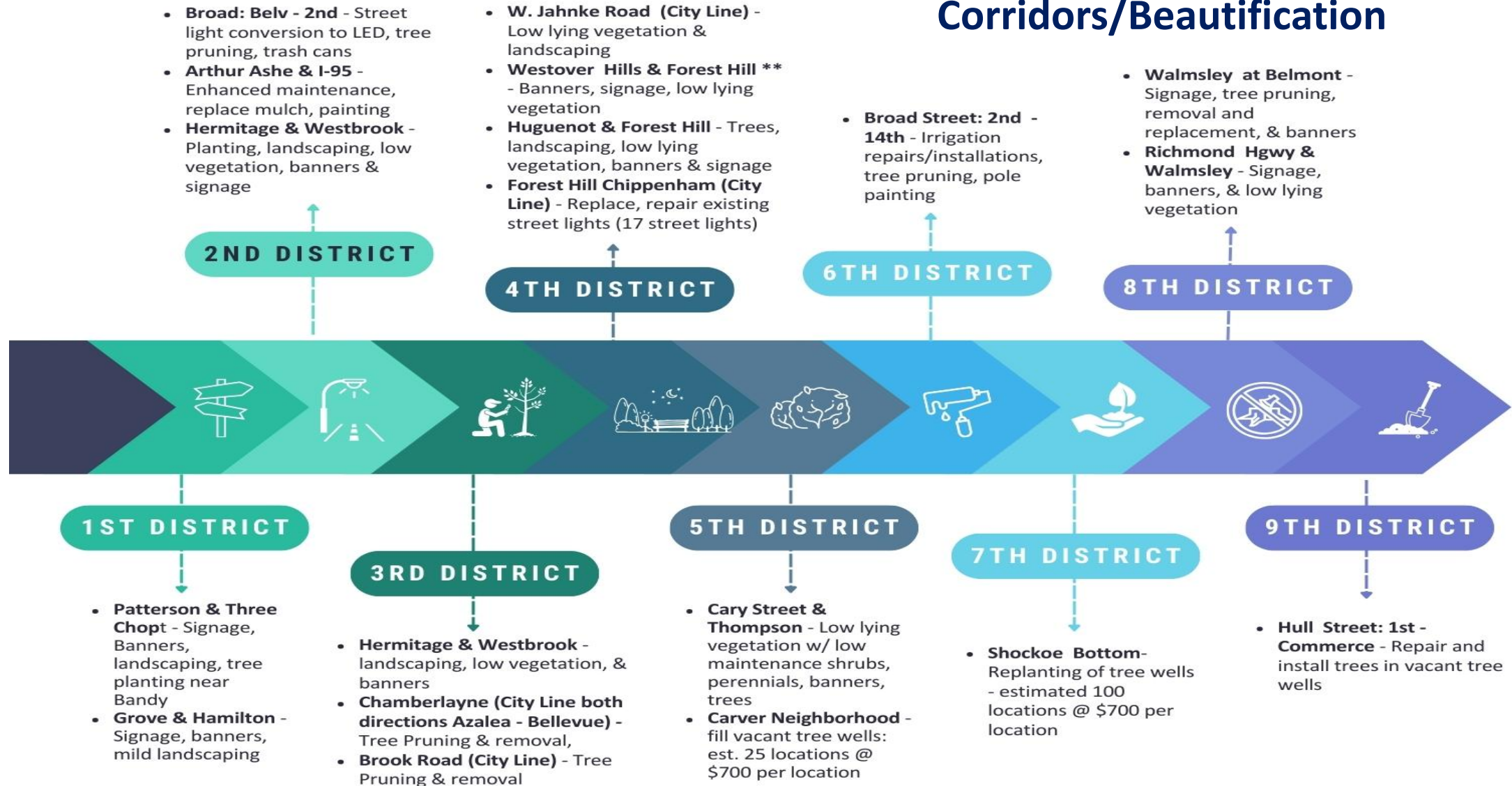
Façade and Beautification (Allocated: \$2 million, Obligated: \$858,467, Expended: \$424,775)

- Two façade improvement projects are underway on 1129 & 1433-35 Hull Street and should be completed by the end of May.
- Field visits and design modifications are underway for gateway enhancements at 17 locations throughout the city.
- Contractor also selected to plant over 600 trees citywide within the public right of way and in vacant tree wells.



BUILD BACK STRONGER: \$8.9 MILLION (CONTINUED)

Corridors/Beautification



BUILD BACK STRONGER (\$8.8 MILLION – CONTINUED)

Office of Community Wealth Building Workforce Development & Community Ambassadors

(Allocated: \$1.5 million, Obligated: \$594,678, Expended: \$469,678)

- Workforce development activities have commenced. Awarded three grant contracts for the following:
- Guaranteed income pilot program (Help Me Help You Foundation)
- Comprehensive skilled trades and credentialing program (Legacy Nexus Foundation)
- Comprehensive skilled solar pane training program (Bridging the Gap in Virginia)

Employee First-Time Homebuyers Assistance Program (Allocated: \$1.3 million, Obligated: \$1.3 million, Expended: \$0)

- City Council adopted Ord. 2023-258 on October 10, 2023.
- Responses to the RFP have been evaluated, negotiations finalized, and entered into a final contract.

CDFI Revolving Loan (Allocated: \$3.0 million, Obligated: \$0, Expended: \$0)

- An ordinance was introduced on May 28th to reallocate the funds. The CDFI program is being funded through the 2nd quarter reappropriation paper that was adopted on May 13, 2024.



BUILDING BACK GREENER AND MORE RESILIENT (\$19.2 MILLION)

Climate Risk Assessment

Allocated:
\$1,540,000

Obligated: \$49,910

Expended: \$49,910

- Climate Vulnerability Assessment is complete and included in RVAGreen 2050.
- Neighborhood Climate Resilience Grant Program - 20 applications for over \$1.3 million in requests. 17 organizations selected for a total of \$865,000. City Council adopted an ordinance in April 2024 authorizing these grants.
- Urban Forest Master Plan RFP drafted - anticipated to solicit in May in coordination with the \$6.0 million USDA Black-and Brown Led Urban Greening Grant.

Lead Line

Allocated:
\$1,000,000

Obligated: \$989,618

Expended: \$967,578

- As of March 31, 2024, 188 Lead Service Line (LSL) applications have been approved or completed resulting in payments of \$967,578 and obligations of \$989,618.
- It is anticipated that an additional one or two replacements can be completed from the waitlist before funds are 100% obligated.
- Water Utility Enterprise funds used for replacements in right-of-way.
- The LSL Replacement Grant program received funding from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Additional VDH funding is pending.



BUILDING BACK GREENER AND MORE RESILIENT (\$19.2 MILLION - CONTINUED)

- Project 1: McGuire & Chapel Drive (\$8.7 million)
 - Utility relocation complete, contract awarded, and construction started in April.
- Project 2: Whitehead Road (\$3.0 million)
 - Construction started in November and is anticipated to be complete by Fall 2024.
- Project 3: Broad Rock Manor (\$0.8 million)
 - Construction completed

- \$2.0 million for moderate repair activities up to \$45,000 per home.
- 120+ applications received and reviewed for eligibility.
- Total of 35 projects: 18 projects completed, 3 under construction, 5 contracted pending constructions, 5 more are pending contracts and 4 waiting for bids to be returned.
- \$2.2 million for substantial rehabilitation activities administered by Project:HOMES up to \$60,000 per home. Working to finalize and execute contract.

Storm Water

Allocated: \$12,500,000
Obligated: \$11,813,896
Expended: \$953,786



Healthy Homes

Allocated: \$4,200,000
Obligated: \$2,512,515
Expended: \$29,607



BUILD BACK SAFER \$8.5 MILLION

Gun Violence Prevention (Allocated: \$1.5 million, Obligated: \$1,166,585, Expended: \$1,166,585)

- \$500,000 dedicated to prevention measures, such as gun buy back. First buy back event held August 20, 2022. Collected over 450 weapons and distributed \$67,500 in gift cards. In June 2023, Council authorized the second gun buy back event. Second gun buy back event was held on August 12, 2023. Collected 260 weapons and distributed \$51,000 in gift cards.
- In the process of planning the next buy back event.
- Also supporting the Police Department's gun violence prevent efforts, including the purchase of technology for the Real Time Crime Center. The purchase of this technology is anticipated to occur by next quarter.

Enhanced Lighting and Cameras (Allocated: \$2.0 million, Obligated: \$1.2 million, Expended: \$766,501)

- Cameras: Midway through plan development for traffic intersections. Invitation for bid is underway to contract for the installation of the cameras.
- Avigilon camera migration: RPD is partially migrated, with Precinct 3 and HQ coming online in Avigilon soon
- Timmons is finalizing the fourth plan submittal, DPW is overseeing intersection fiber upgrades, and DPU is interfacing with Dominion for many of the lighting priorities.

First Responder Bonus (Allocated: \$5.0 million, Obligated: \$4,625,979, Expended: \$4,625,979)

- Bonuses for city public safety and RAA staff have been provided.
- Total of \$4,625,979 expended for a total of 1,479 full-time and part-time equivalent positions.



RECOMMENDED ARPA REALLOCATIONS

- Ordinance introduced May 28 for identified reallocation and needs.

ARPA Project	Adopted Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Total
Hazard Pay Bonus (reallocation is reflective of excess balance)	\$5,000,000	(\$374,020)	\$4,625,979.22
CDFI Revolving Loan Fund	\$3,000,000	(\$3,000,000)	\$0
(New) – Child Care and Education Trust Fund (Thrive Birth to Five Foundation)	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
(New) – Solar Fund Project	\$0	\$680,000	\$680,000
(New) – Playground and Park Improvements	\$0	\$2,194,020	\$2,194,020.78
TB Smith Community Center	\$20,000,000	(\$1,222,280)	\$18,777,720
Luck’s Field Community Center	\$20,000,000	\$1,222,280	\$21,222,280



NEXT STEPS

- Committee Council approval of proposed reallocations are recommended.
- Without budget transfer authority, future reallocations will need to come before council.
- Time constraints to move through the council approval process may impact spend down of total dollars.





DISCUSSION