

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Richmond City Council

Organization Development Meeting

October 3, 2022

# HISTORY

- ▶ On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President.
- ▶ The ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package designed to facilitate the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ Of the \$1.9 trillion, \$350 billion has been allocated to aid states, cities, tribal governments, and U.S. territories in their recovery efforts. The \$350 million in State & Local Recovery Funds, an amount of approximately \$155 million has been allocated to the City.
- ▶ The City received its first tranche in the Spring/Summer of 2021.
- ▶ City Council adopted Ordinance 2021-291 on October 25, 2021 which appropriated the first tranche of funding in alignment with the agreed upon ARPA Spend Plan.

# A REGULATED, DETAILED PROCESS

- ▶ Of the \$77,439,914 received in the first tranche, \$35,369,914 was placed into Non-Departmental – Reserve for Contingencies as follows
  - ▶ \$2,500,000 for Health Equity Trust Fund
  - ▶ \$1,000,000 for Family Crisis Fund
  - ▶ \$3,000,000 for CDFI Revolving Loan Fund
  - ▶ \$4,200,000 for Healthy Homes
  - ▶ \$1,500,000 Gun Violence Prevention
  - ▶ \$5,000,000 for First Responder Hazard pay
- ▶ For the City of Richmond to expense any of these funds the following needed to happen:
  - ▶ A community partner or partners needed to be ascertained
  - ▶ The grant agreement for the project written and agreed upon
  - ▶ An O&R is needed to move funding from “contingency” to a expendable line
  - ▶ Any grant agreement must be approved by council

# A REGULATED, DETAILED PROCESS (CON'T)

- ▶ The accurate and precise utilization of this funding requires more preparation and care at the start due to the issues realized through CRF funding.
- ▶ We do not want to send any of this funding back and the city has until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to expense all funding

***This is a marathon, not a sprint***



# BUILDING BACK AFFORDABLE AND HEALTHY HOMES

**TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATED: \$22.3 MILLION**

**TOTAL EXPENDED TO DATE: \$0**

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## ▶ **Affordable Housing (\$10 million)**

- ▶ Affordable housing projects (bricks/mortar), HCD staff gets monthly updates.
- ▶ Received approval from Council on the grants and working to finalize the executed agreements.
- ▶ Waiting on second tranche of funding to move forward with next phase.

## ▶ **Creighton Court and Highland Grove Redevelopment (\$12.3 million)**

- ▶ HCD has held two Interdepartmental/project sponsor meetings for each of the infrastructure projects. These meetings will be ongoing. PDR and DPW also provide periodic updates to HCD.

# BUILDING BACK HEALTHIER

**TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATED: \$2.5 MILLION**

**TOTAL EXPENDED TO DATE: \$812,000**

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## ▶ **Health Equity Trust Fund (\$2.5 million)**

- ▶ \$560k obligated and disbursed to partners implementing targeted program plans on focal areas of health disparity
- ▶ A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of 11 individuals with personal and professional experience in our health disparity focal areas has convened and is meeting to oversee the future investment process and prioritization.
- ▶ 166 unique nominations were submitted in the summer of 2022 from community members and stakeholders for organizations and initiatives to potentially receive future investments. 118 unique detailed follow up project scopes were submitted in the summer of 2022 from these nominations and the CAC is evaluating those now.
- ▶ Annual report is due to the City on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATED: \$19 MILLION**

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## ▶ **Child Care and Parental Support (\$2.0 million)**

- ▶ Contracts have been executed for stabilization & expansion grants, and home visiting
- ▶ Universal Preschool (UPK) cost modeling study underway
- ▶ Providing Children's Museum Access grants for the purpose of expanding access to its programs to low-income families.

## ▶ **Family Crisis (\$1.0 million)**

- ▶ Grant contracts are anticipated on being brought before Council for approval in November
- ▶ Will be working with a third-party for the purpose of providing funding to residents with emergency financial needs.

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## ▶ **Parks Master Plan (\$0.5 million)**

- ▶ Draft RFP is with Procurement and legal for final review.
- ▶ PRCF and procurement will be meeting in the next week to finalize and release the RFP.

## ▶ **TB Smith (\$1.0 million)**

- ▶ Project is on schedule:
  - ▶ Community engagement complete, UDC and CPC conceptual approval
  - ▶ Final designs under development
  - ▶ Interdepartmental coordination and coordination with outside agencies and providers continues and specifications are being incorporated into final designs



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## ▶ **Lucks Field (\$1.0 million)**

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## ▶ **Calhoun (\$1.0 million)**

- ▶ Still waiting on property transfer from RRHA
- ▶ Scope development underway – next site visit 10/14 with PRCF CIP Team
- ▶ PRCF-controlled outdoor space submitted to UDC for conceptual review
- ▶ Partnership with PDR, OED, RRHA, PRCF ongoing to complete early-action project in park space to meet HUD requirements

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## ▶ **Southside Community Center (\$8.0 million)**

- ▶ Construction documents are complete
- ▶ Reviewing and making adjustments based on new cost estimates.

## ▶ **James River Branch Trail (\$4.5 million)**

- ▶ Negotiations with CSX have been completed
- ▶ Ordinance is anticipated on being introduced (Oct/Nov) to Council to authorize the acquisition and to authorize the CAO to execute a project sales agreement with CSX.

# BUILDING BACK STRONGER

**TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATED: \$8.1 MILLION**

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## ▶ **Small Business Grants (\$1.0 million)**

- ▶ Developed the scope of work
- ▶ Identified partners, service providers, and business participants
- ▶ Will be utilizing a third-party as a partner to administer the grants. An ordinance will be forthcoming to Council for approval.

## ▶ **Façade and Beautification (\$1.5 million)**

- ▶ Façade Improvements are moving forward. Main corridors have been identified. Ordinance will be brought before Council for approval to work with the EDA.
- ▶ Beautification efforts are on-going. Consultant has completed preliminary review. Next step is to work with Procurement on establishing the contract for work to commence.

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▶ **OCWB Workforce Development & Community Ambassadors (\$1.5 million)**

- ▶ Continuing to work on implementing a guaranteed income pilot program for returning citizens
- ▶ Expansion of the Mayor Youth Academy
- ▶ Working on implementing a skilled trades training credentialing program.
- ▶ Grant contracts are anticipated on being brought before Council for approval in Nov/Dec.

▶ **CDFI Revolving Loan (\$3.0 million)**

- ▶ Developed the scope of work
- ▶ Identifying service providers as grants to qualified CDFI(s)
- ▶ Drafting MOU/contracts with qualified and selected CDFI(s)

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- ▶ **COVID-19 Administrative Reserve Fund (\$1.1 million)**
  - ▶ At the current time no funding has been spent. This is acting as a reserve fund for future use.

# BUILDING BACK GREENER AND MORE RESILIENT

**TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATED: \$18.0 MILLION**

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## ▶ **Climate Risk Assessment (\$0.3 million)**

- ▶ Completed the Climate Vulnerability & Risk Assessment.
- ▶ Finalized report for inclusion in RVA Green 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030
- ▶ Urban Forest Master Plan scope of work complete. DPW to begin recruitment for Urban Forester position.
- ▶ Ready for second tranche to begin implementation

## ▶ **Lead Line Replacement (\$1.0 million)**

- ▶ As of Sep. 22, have received 77 Applications. 10 Applicants have been approved into the program and 10 have received approval to start work.
- ▶ Sixteen (16) Plumbers have received training and are certified to participate in the program. A second training program will be held this Fall to certify additional plumbers.
- ▶ Partnership with Healthy Homes program, for interior lead pipe removal, is going well.

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## ▶ **Stormwater (\$12.5 million)**

- ▶ Multiple projects selected in 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> to address solving flooding challenges in Richmond's Southside neighborhoods
- ▶ Whitehead Road, McGuire & Chapel Drive (phase I is now in construction), Oakhurst, & Broad Rock Manor Drainage Improvements
- ▶ All projects design is 100% complete and easement acquisition completed. Some utility relocations required prior to construction
- ▶ Formal Bid Process required on all projects to proceed to construction. Construction TBD

## ▶ **Healthy Homes (Rehabilitation) (\$4.2 million)**

- ▶ HCD held a contractors meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Nine contractors have confirmed their attendance
- ▶ HCD has 7 homeowner referrals. These individuals are in need of home repair.
- ▶ HCD is working in collaboration with DPU with the Lead Line replacement program.

# BUILDING BACK SAFER

**TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATED: \$7.5 MILLION**

**TOTAL EXPENDED TO DATE: \$6,155,202**

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## ▶ **Gun Violence Prevention (\$1.5 million)**

- ▶ Positive Youth Development/Youth Violence Prevention summer programming has been completed. School year 22/23 school awards have been announced and will be starting in the coming weeks.
- ▶ First Gun Buyback initiative completed in summer 2022. Working on planning a second event; date/timeframe TBD. Also the PSA campaign is in its planning stages.

## ▶ **Enhanced Lighting and Cameras (\$1.2 million)**

- ▶ IT Purchase of software is complete
- ▶ Working on the purchase of the cameras
- ▶ Working with Police in identifying locations

## ▶ **First Responder Bonus (\$5.0 million)**

- ▶ All bonuses for City public safety and RAA have been provided and distributed. Project complete.



QUESTIONS?

