



City of San Marcos

City Council Work Session

February 18, 2025



Receive a staff presentation regarding the current status of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding, and provide direction to the City Manager.



Purpose

- Provide update on pandemic funding received.
- Provide recommendation and receive direction on proposed reallocation of ARPA funding.

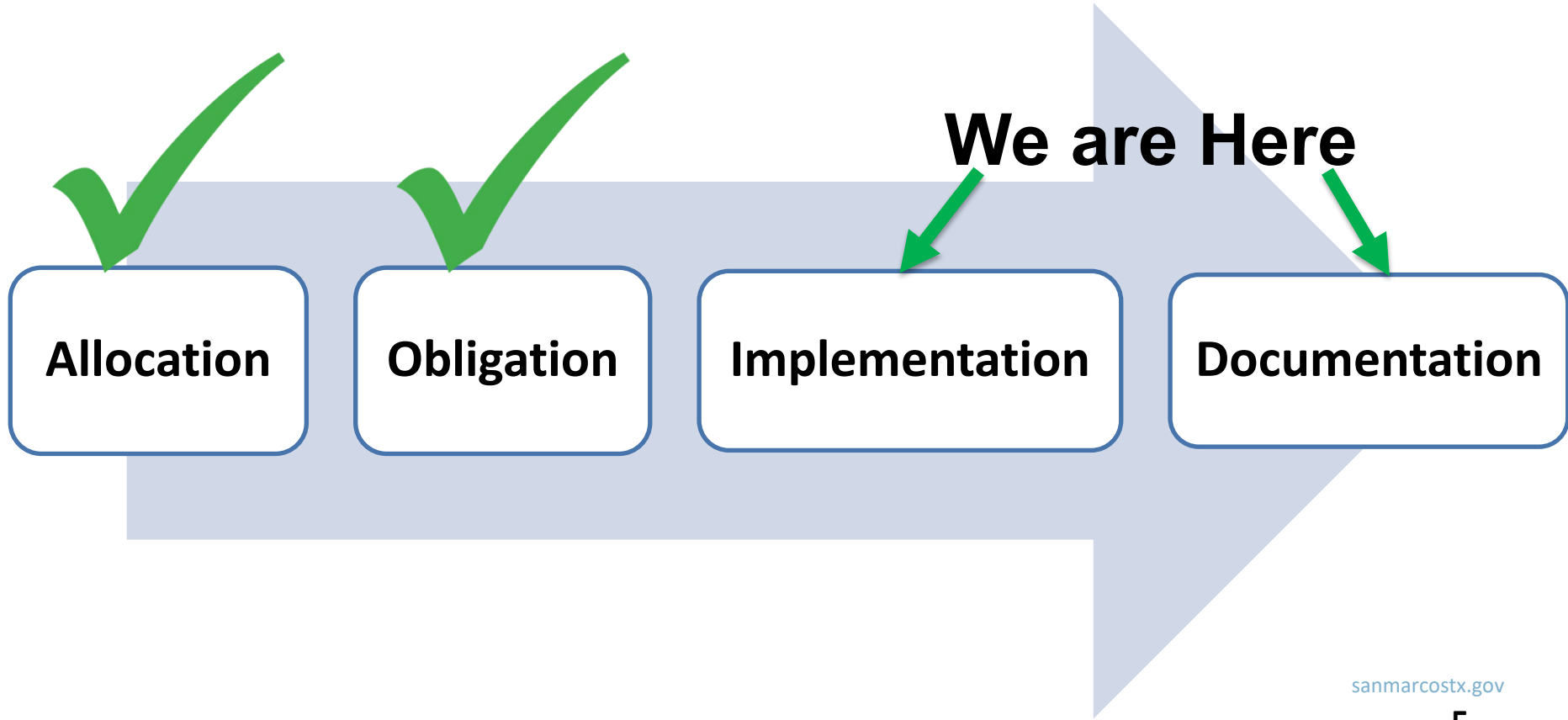


Progress to Date

- November 19, 2024: City Council reallocated ARPA funding
- December 31, 2024: Deadline to have all funds obligated

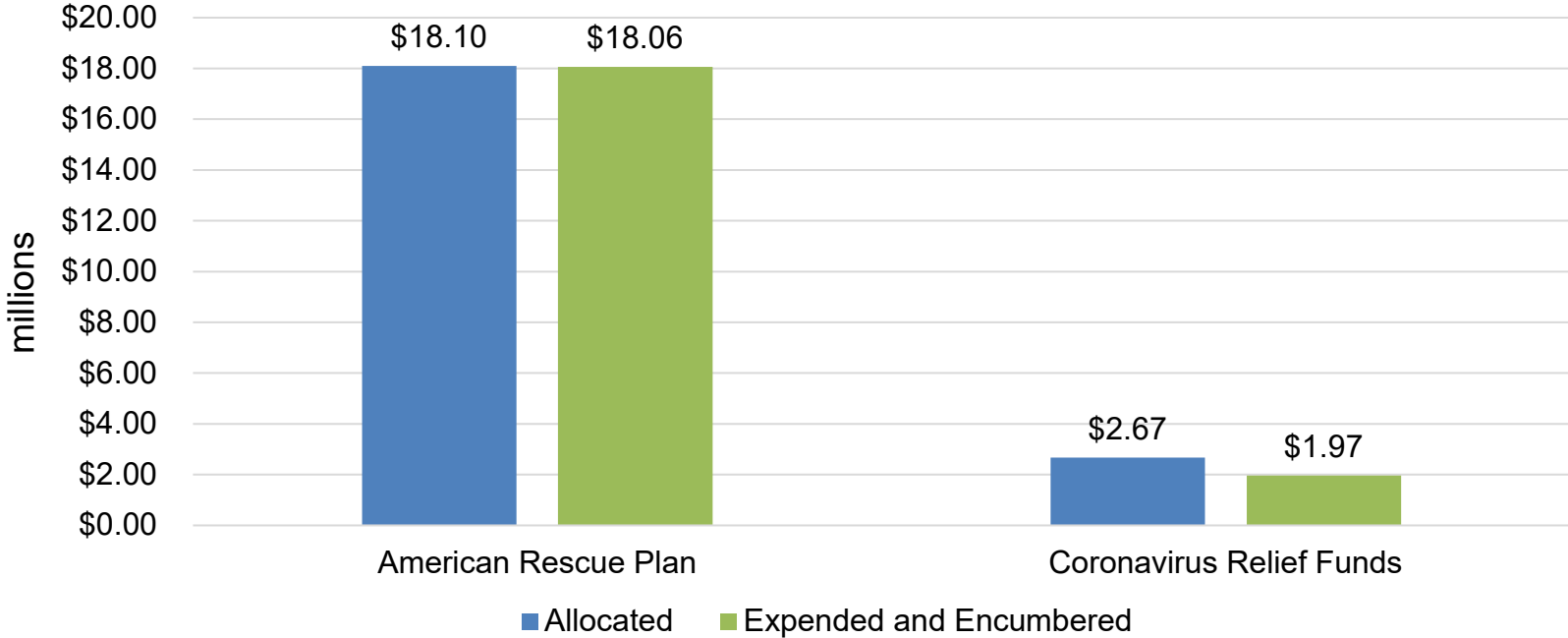
note: all funds must be spent by December 31, 2026

Progress to Date





American Rescue Plan Act and Coronavirus Relief Funds Funding Allocated, Expended and Encumbered as of December 31, 2024

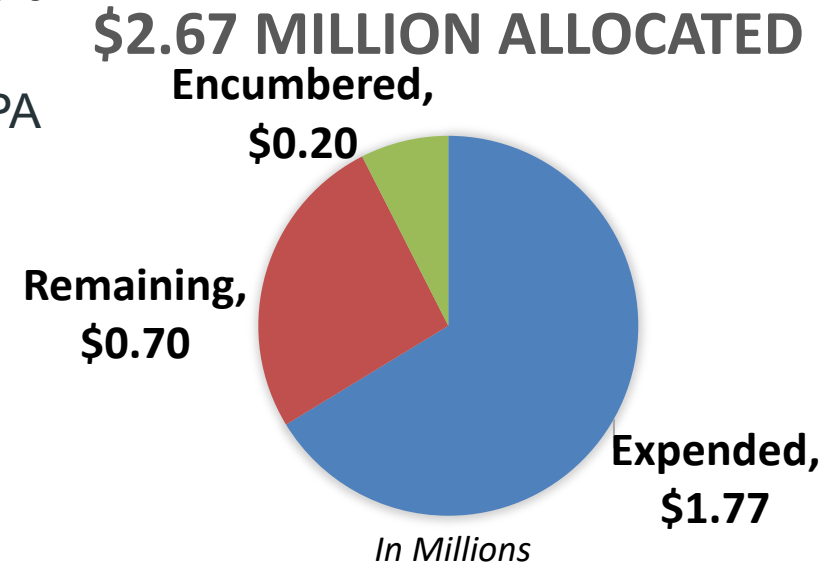


Coronavirus Relief Funds

(freed up General Fund dollars)



- 73.8% spent and encumbered
- Plan to use portion of remaining funds for ARPA consultant to ensure continued compliance



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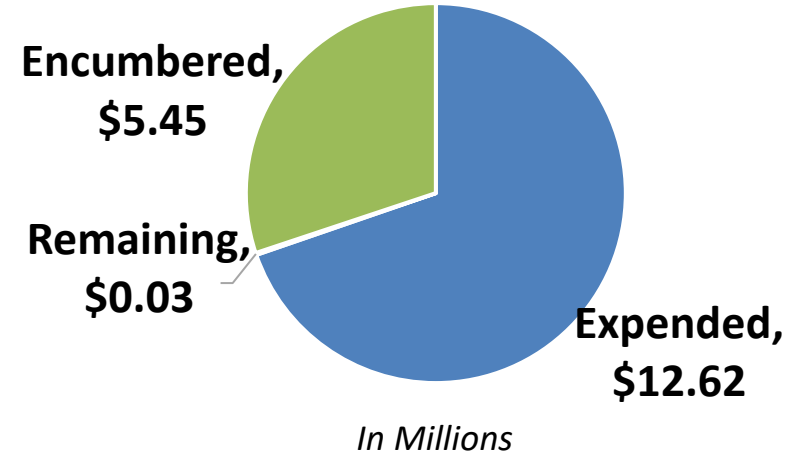
- Utility Bill Assistance - **\$1 Million fully expended**
- Rent-Mortgage Assistance - **\$173K expended (99%)**
- Ongoing Pandemic Expenses - **\$154K allocated, \$70K spent – remainder is encumbered and will be zeroed out with the replacement of Fire Engine 2**
- One-Time Grant Funds to Non-Profit Agencies – **went through HSAB process; \$640K allocated, \$387K spent and \$24K encumbered**
- One-Time Non-Profit Capacity Building and HMIS Licenses – **being spent on agreement with Southside Community Center for programs based on Homeless Needs Assessment; about \$275K encumbered**
- Accounting Software Training - **\$12,420 of \$100K has been expended**
- Childcare Assistance - **\$80,200 of \$100K has been expended**
- VFW Hall and Cuauhtemoc Hall Sprinkler Upgrades - **\$165K unexpended – should receive updated cost estimates later this year**

ARPA Funding



- 99.8% spent and encumbered
- Public Service Center – Emergency Operations Center Upgrade
- Parks Public Wi-Fi Expansion
- Downtown Staffing and Events
- Support for Caregivers
- Tree Removal Program for Private Property
- Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Southside Community Center

\$18.1 MILLION ALLOCATED



ARPA Funding



- Stormwater Improvements at Older City Facilities
- Hull/Grove St Stormwater Infrastructure
- Briarwood & River Ridge Improvements
- HSAB Programs
- Digital and Email Marketing
- Meeting Campaign
- Vision Data & Management Dashboard
- Mermaid Festival 2021 & 2022
- Nosotros La Gente
- Downtown Events
- Digital Campaigns/Marketing
- BIG Grant
- Small Business Counseling Program
- Business Retention & Expansion
- Training & Professional Development
- Minority Small Business Stabilization
- Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program
- Shelter/Transitional Housing
- Addressing Cancer Together
- Translation Services & Outreach
- Together for a Cause
- Critical Systems/Security Hardware Upgrades
- Parks Public Wi-Fi Expansion
- Christus Santa Rosa Hospital
- KZSM Radio
- City Facilities Air Improvements
- Chatbot
- PD Internet Connection Improvements
- Telephone Licenses/Support
- FARO Laser Measurement System
- Community Grant Assistance
- Partnership with Prevent a Litter of Central Texas
- Eviction Prevention Services
- Downtown Staffing
- Cybersecurity Analyst



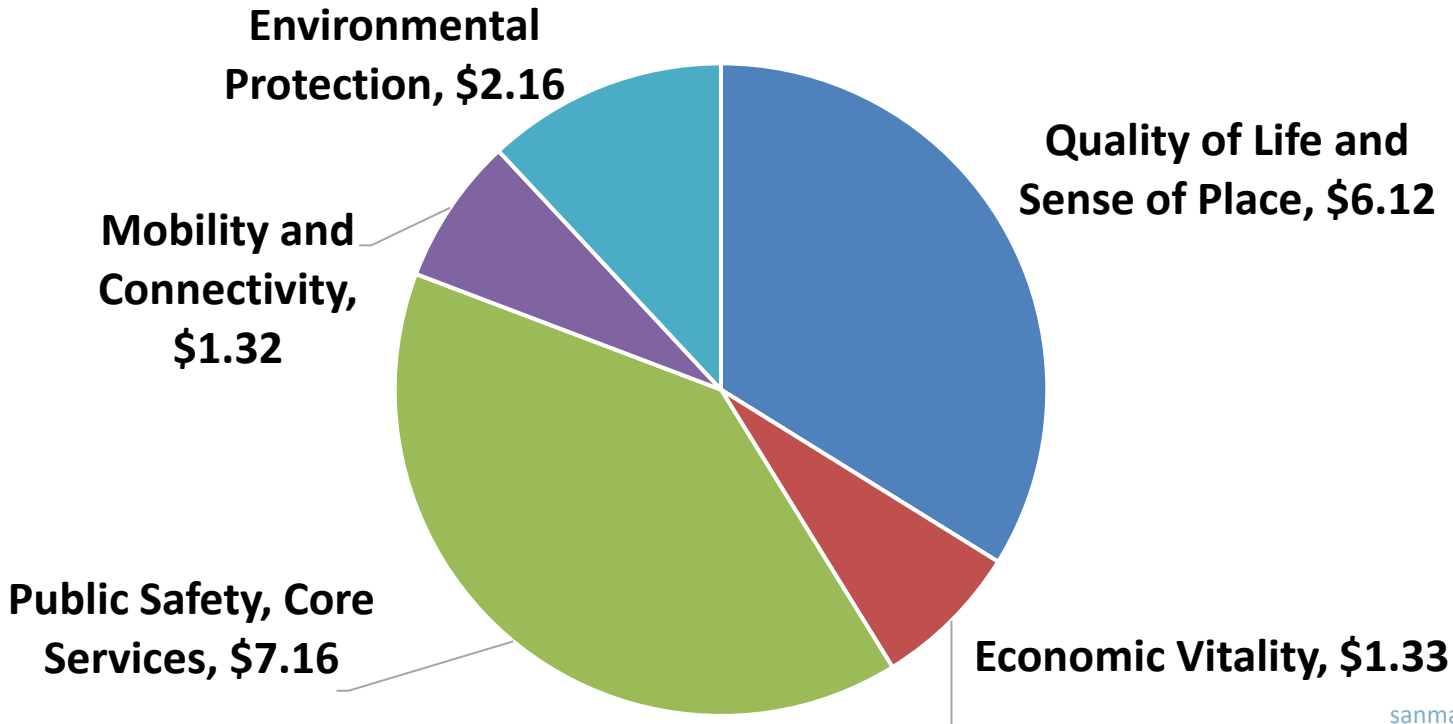
ARPA Funding (continued)

- Cyber Security - Intrusion Prevention System
- Fire/Police/EMS Dispatch Consoles
- Dunbar Park Public Restrooms Facilities
- Implementation of Classification and Compensation Study
- Police Headquarters Radio Reception
- Youth Activity Scholarships
- Cybersecurity Analysts
- Mental Health Clinician Collaboration
- Antivirus Technology Software
- Arizona Senior Center Renovations
- Price Senior Center Improvements
- Workforce Training Center Renovations
- Quail Creek/Eastside Regional Park Acquisition
- Video Conferencing Resources for City Facilities
- Home Repair and Rehabilitation
- Mobile Message Signs, LED Message Signs, Neighborhood Signage
- LCRA Radio Tower for Southeastern Portion of City
- Unhoused Camp Clean Up
- Tree Removal Program for Private Property
- ARP Grant Consultant
- Equity Program Coordinator
- Gap to fund replacement of Fire Engine 2
- One-Time Non-Profit Capacity Building
- Public Service Center – Emergency Operations Center Upgrade
- Downtown Events
- Umland Road Quiet Zone Improvements
- Hays County Food Bank New Facility
- Generator for San Marcos High School
- Support for Parent Liaison Program at SMCISD
- Caregiver Support
- HSAB Programs
- Mental Health Diversion and Support
- Single Use Beverage Container Ban Implementation
- BR3T Rental and Utility Assistance sanmarcostx.gov

ARPA Funding – by Strategic Goal



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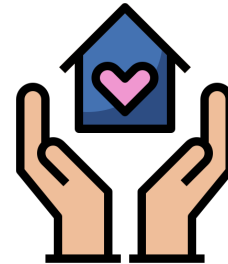
ARPA Funding – by Strategic Goal

Quality of Life and Sense of Place \$6,124,346



Almost \$1.9 Million toward Home Repair/Rehab and Tree Removal Programs

Over \$865K toward programs for those experiencing homelessness



ARPA Funding – by Strategic Goal



Economic Vitality \$1,329,823



**Over \$630K toward Businesses
(Minority Business Stabilization Fund,
BIG Grant, and Small Business Counseling)**

**Over \$450K toward Tourism-Related
Activities and Events**



ARPA Funding – by Strategic Goal



Public Safety, Core Services & Fiscal Excellence \$7,162,267



Over \$1.0 Million toward software and staff dedicated to cybersecurity

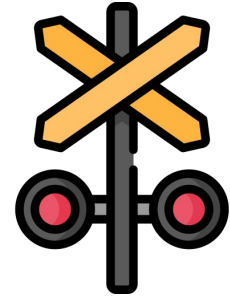
Almost \$1.0 Million toward mental health clinician, mental health diversion and support, and medical services



ARPA Funding – by Strategic Goal

Mobility and Connectivity \$1,324,000

Over \$1.3 Million toward railroad quiet zone improvements – includes Uhland Road and reimplementing quiet zones throughout the City



ARPA Funding – by Strategic Goal

Environmental Protection \$2,161,045

**Over \$1.8 Million toward
stormwater improvement
projects**



**\$150K toward implementation of the
single-use beverage container ban**

Recommended Reallocation



FUNDING AVAILABLE	
Police Headquarters Radio Reception	\$2,432.60
Cybersecurity Intrusion Prevention System	\$7,195.50
Minority Business Stabilization Fund	\$5,625.00
Translation Services and Outreach	\$13,451.05
TOTAL	\$28,546.35

Recommended Reallocation



ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECOMMENDED

Additional for BR3T Rental, Utility Assistance	\$28,388.55
Public Wi-fi Expansion in Parks	\$157.80
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Projects with Available Funding



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- Zeroing out line items for projects that came in below estimates.



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ARPA: Additional Funding Recommended



Public Wi-Fi Expansion in Parks \$157.80

- Covers wireless service costs through December 2026

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- Council approved agreement providing \$115,000 in assistance in December 2024.
- Assisted over 20 households in January, first half of February for a total of \$71,000.
- Bring back amended agreement with a not to exceed amount for any excess funds



Next Steps

- Bring back a Resolution allocating available funds from American Rescue Plan Act projects.
- Amend agreement with BR3T to provide additional funding toward rental and utility assistance.
- Extend contract with Booth Consulting to ensure continued compliance.
- City staff will continue implementing projects, and ARPA consultant will continue documentation once funds have been expended.

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Council Direction

- Proceed with proposed allocation of remaining American Rescue Plan funds?



Questions and Discussion