



City of San Marcos

City Council Work Session

May 2, 2023



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
- Receive direction to allocate remainder of the second tranche of ARP funding

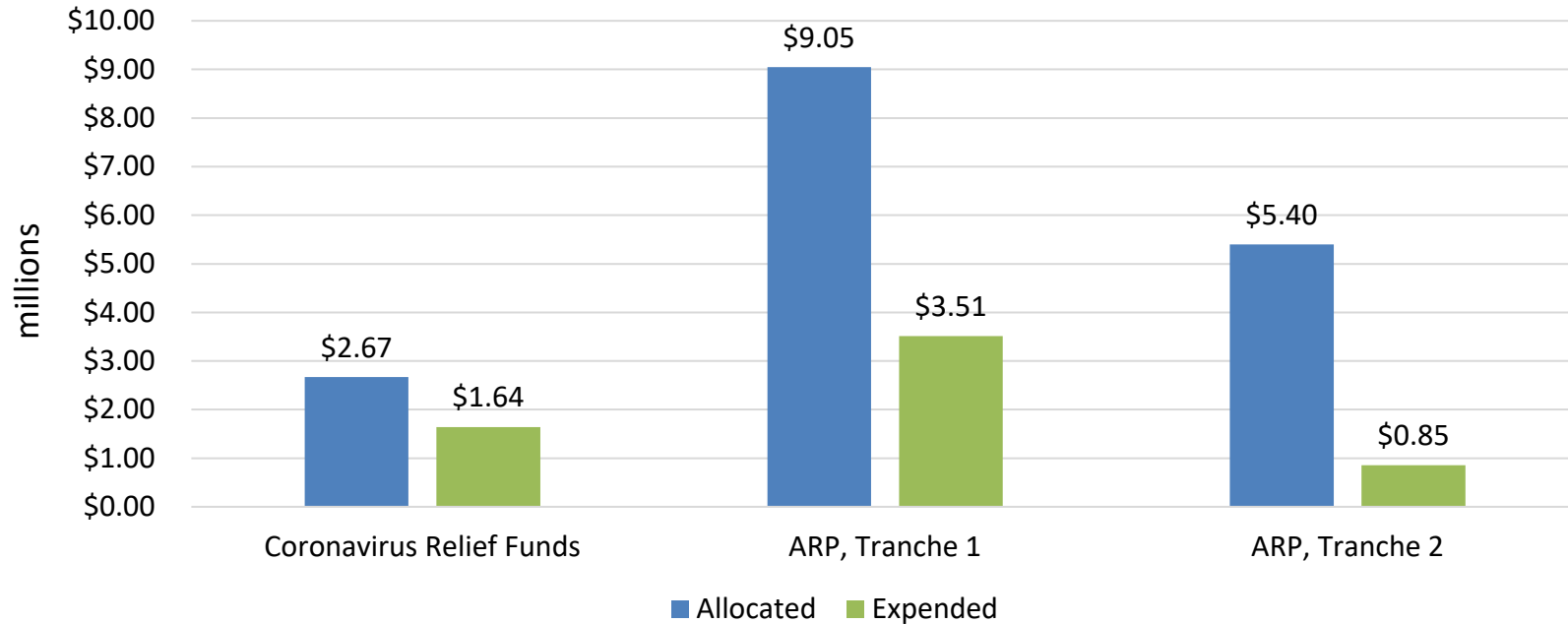


Progress to date

- February 7: City Council provided direction to fund additional requests identified by Council and staff
- March 21: ARP Grant Consultant contract approved
- April 18: Resolution approved allocating funds for:
 - VFW Hall and Cuauhtemoc Hall Sprinkler Upgrades - CRF
 - Gap to fund replacement of Fire Engine 2 – CRF and ARP
 - Address flooding at Hull/Grove Street Intersection - ARP
 - Transfer from “Mobile message signs (trailers)” to “Homeless camp clean-ups” - ARP



Coronavirus Relief Funds and American Rescue Plan Funding Allocated and Expended as of March 31, 2013



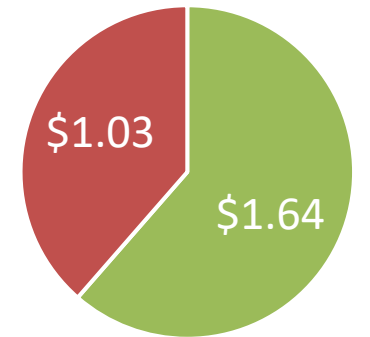


Coronavirus Relief Funds

(freed up General Fund dollars)

- 61.4% spent
- Ongoing Pandemic Expenses
- Accounting Software Training
- Childcare Assistance
- VFW Hall and Cuauhtemoc Hall Sprinkler Upgrades

\$2.67M allocated



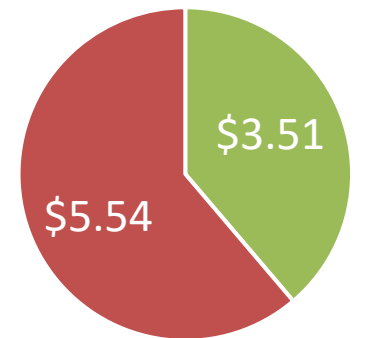
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ARP Funding: Tranche 1

- 38.8% spent
- Stormwater Improvements at Older City Facilities
- Briarwood & River Ridge Improvements
- Public Safety Software/computer-aided dispatch (CAD)/ records management system (RMS)
- Human Services Advisory Board Programs
- Digital and Email Marketing
- Meeting Campaign
- Business Retention and Expansion

\$9.05M allocated



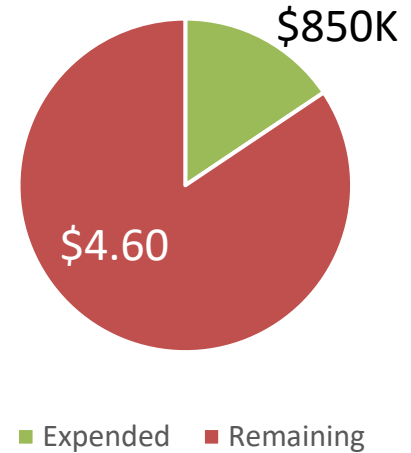
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ARP Funding: Tranche 2

- 15.6% spent
- Unhoused Camp Clean-ups
- Mobile Message Signs (Trailers)
- Cyber Security - Intrusion Prevention System
- Gap to fund replacement of Fire Engine 2
- Placeholder for One-Time Non-Profit Capacity Building
- Address flooding at Hull/Grove Street Intersection

\$5.4M allocated





ARP Funding: Tranche 2

\$3,233,070 remaining to allocate
(out of Tranche 2 total of \$9.05M)

- List of all identified projects
- Staff recommendation



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Public Service Center Emergency Operations Center Upgrade - \$500,000

- Includes technology upgrades at the facility and dedicated equipment for EOC staff



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Downtown Events to increase resident traffic - \$30,000

- Allocated \$45K in the first traunch
 - Total of \$41,982.78 has been spent and encumbered in 2022 and 2023

Total of 15 Events Funded:

- Music on the Square
 - 2021 & 2022 (4 events per year, total of 8 evenings of music)
- Movies on the Square
 - 2022 (2 events, total of 4 evenings of movies)
- Mobility Hub Markets
 - 2022 (3 markets)

Other considerations:

- Events were deliberately coordinated to support local businesses, musicians, vendors and makers
- This funding has allowed us to host larger scale events, and more frequent events



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

City parks improvements - \$1,077,407

- City Park Playground Improvements \$177,000
(\$750K of the \$926K has already been funded)
- Haynes St Pocket Park \$166,720
- Mill Street Park \$303,731
- Swift Memorial Park \$176,593
- Victory Gardens Park \$253,363



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Uhland Road Quiet Zone Improvements - \$1,324,000

- Union Pacific to install quad gates (cross-arms) at the intersection of Uhland and Post Road
- Identified as a CIP project for multiple years, but not prioritized for funding
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 was submitted on October 11, 2022 with results still pending



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Hays County Food Bank New Facility - \$200,000

- New building to be built on property on South Reimer Avenue
- Space for all the perishable and fresh food storage and more suitable location for on-site distribution events



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Generator for San Marcos High School - \$445,000

- Allows the high school gym to serve as an emergency shelter



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Support for Parent Liaisons at SMCISD - \$125,000 (placeholder)

- Initial request from SMCISD to fund two positions: Parent Liaison and Attendance Officer at \$354,000 for 3 years



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Caregiver Support – \$128,339 (placeholder)

- Have reached out to Community Action, San Marcos Housing Authority and City's WIC Program



ARP Funding: Identified Projects

Future Considerations

- Support for Eden Village
- Fund remaining park improvement projects if grant is received for Uhland Road Quiet Zone Improvements



Next steps

- Bring back for consideration a Resolution allocating remaining funding from the second tranche of funds received from the American Rescue Plan
- ARP Consultant and city staff will update existing projects and determine if funding needs to be reallocated



Staff recommendation for allocation

- Public Service Center Emergency Operations Center Upgrade \$500,000
- Downtown Events to increase resident traffic \$30,000
- City parks improvements (City Park and Mill Street Park) \$480,731
- Umland Road Quiet Zone Improvements \$1,324,000
- Hays County Food Bank New Facility \$200,000
- Generator for San Marcos High School \$445,000
- Support for Parent Liaisons at SMCISD (placeholder amount) \$125,000
- Caregiver Support (placeholder amount) \$128,339

TOTAL

\$3,233,070

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Questions and Discussion



All Identified Projects

• Public Service Center Emergency Operations Center Upgrade	\$500,000
• Downtown Events to increase resident traffic	\$30,000
• City parks improvements	\$1,077,407
• Uhland Road Quiet Zone Improvements	\$1,324,000
• Hays County Food Bank New Facility	\$200,000
• Generator for San Marcos High School	\$445,000
• Support for Parent Liaisons at SMCISD	\$354,000
• Caregiver Support	\$TBD

TOTAL

\$3,930,407

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