

City of Brawley



City Council

June 21, 2022

Agenda Item No. 6.c

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Karla Romero, Finance Director/City Treasurer
Prepared by: Karla Romero, Finance Director/City Treasurer
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan and budget as modified and direct staff to continuing providing progressive updates every six months until all funds are spent.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) was signed which launched the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide \$350 billion in nationwide emergency funding for state, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories. Of the \$350 billion, the City of Brawley will receive \$6,274,056 in one-time funding. Funding will be received in two equal disbursements of \$3,137,028 with the first payment received in July 2021 and a second payment expected in July 2022.

The emergency economic stimulus bill provides fiscal aid to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. ARPA provides funding to meet local needs, including COVID-19 response, replacing public sector revenue loss, premium pay for essential workers, improving facilities to ensure health and safety, increase usage of outdoor spaces, as well as investing in public water and wastewater infrastructure and broadband. Each agency has the flexibility to determine how to best use fiscal recovery funds to meet their needs.

On December 21, 2021, the City Council approved a plan for the City's ARPA funds and staff agreed to provide an update every six months on the progress and any recommended changes to the plan. Projects and estimated cost are detailed in Attachment 1. Public meetings are a time to collect public input on the use of these one-time funds. Planned uses may be amended based on public input, cost savings, or newly identified needs. Most expenses must be spent by December 31, 2024. Water and wastewater infrastructure improvements can be spent by December 31, 2026.

Since December 2021, two items highlighted in green have been completed or are nearing completion. Ten initiatives highlighted in yellow are underway and have made significant progress. Seven items are started or pending an evaluation.

The final ruling guidelines issued on January 6, 2022, allow for expanded uses of ARPA funds. Therefore, City staff recommends removing the initially proposed \$500,000 General Fund revenue

replacement and adding funding for broadband infrastructure upgrades and the fire engine apparatus purchase in addition to two new projects, which would all be funded with General Fund revenues:

- 1.) Citywide touchless door systems for all city facilities (approved by Council on May 17, 2022, and
- 2.) Air circulation system and facility upgrades at the Lions Center, which also serves as a secondary Emergency Operations Center for the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The budget may be amended based on implementation progress. ARPA revenues received in July 2021 (\$3,137,028) were approved in the FY 2021/22 First Quarter Budget Report presented on November 16, 2021. The second revenue payment is budgeted in the FY 2022/23 Proposed Budget. All expenses are budgeted in FY 2022/23 and any unspent funds will be carried over to FY 2022/23.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may provide additional input on unspent funds and direct staff to adjust the proposed plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. American Rescue Plan Act Funding Summary

REPORT COORDINATED WITH (other than person preparing the staff report):

The ARPA plan is coordinated with the City Manager, all City Directors, and most Managers.

REPORT APPROVAL(S):

Staff, Title or Consultant, Agency

Tyler Salcido, City Manager

Status – Date of Status

Approved – 6/17/2022

Update for June 21, 2022

City of Brawley
American Rescue Plan Act Funding Summary

Expense Category	Requested Expense - High Priority	Updated Costs	Actual Cost	6/21/2021 Status Update
Water Infrastructure	Rehabilitation of water line on Main Street from 8 th Street to Eastern Avenue	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	Design services underway
Public Health Response	Fire apparatuses to respond to local emergencies, replacing a 2003 engine number 3912 which will be kept as a reserve engine	\$ 685,191	\$ 665,191	1/21/22 Purchase approved by City Council and order placed, affirmed order, delivery anticipated in early 2023
Water Infrastructure, Business with Negative Economic Impacts due to COVID	Water meter installations at small businesses - 150 accounts with 80% also requiring backflows reimbursement program	\$ 500,000	\$ -	3/1/2022 Program is being developed and will be marketed to businesses in the summer of 2022
Public Health Response	Police vehicles (fully equipped units)	\$ 380,000	\$ 106,479	Total of 3 units purchased or leased.
Premium Pay for essential workers	One-time premium payment Work involving in person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others	\$ 347,171	\$ 347,171	On 3/18/2022, 141 eligible employees received the approved Premium Payment, completed
Broadband Infrastructure	Upgrade to public safety radio system with encryption technology	\$ 256,294	\$ 256,294	Ordered and being Implemented, delayed but ongoing efforts underway
Public Health Response	Digital signage and trailer to spread information related to public health orders (4) for each city entry point	\$ 200,000	\$ -	Moveable trailer signs being evaluated
Broadband Infrastructure	Upgrade citywide phone system	\$ 120,000	\$ -	Writing RFP, have secured consulting services
Water Infrastructure	Backflow installations at City facilities	\$ 96,200	\$ -	Evaluation done, will be writing an RFP to select a vendor
Broadband Infrastructure	Refresh main firewall to ensure safety and continuity of public services Citywide	\$ 120,832	\$ 120,832	Nearly completed, one site pending
Broadband Infrastructure	Fire station 2 - fiber connection	\$ 90,000	\$ 84,616	Imperial Valley Telecommunications Authority quote confirmed, permits pending
Broadband Infrastructure	Dispatch center - refresh datacenter redundant core	\$ 60,000	\$ 810	Underway
Broadband Infrastructure	UPS power supply battery backup appliances for all City locations	\$ 40,000	\$ -	Pending Evaluation
Public Health Response	Permanent digital changing sign to be located in the plaza for public messages	\$ 60,000	\$ -	Digital sign design being finalized for City Council review and approval
Broadband Infrastructure	Refresh existing point to point wireless bridge to Public works building	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Pending Evaluation
Broadband Infrastructure	Refresh existing point to point wireless bridge to Lions Center building	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Pending Evaluation
Wastewater Infrastructure, Broadband Infrastructure	Refresh Wastewater Plant Firewall and modem. Cybersecurity needs to protect water or sewer infrastructure	\$ 10,500	\$ -	Pending Evaluation
Broadband Infrastructure	Refresh fire wall at fire station 1	\$ 7,000	\$ -	Pending Evaluation
Public Health Response	Citywide touchless door systems with ID badges for all entrances, security upgrades	\$ 125,000	\$ 102,228.39	Underway, full installations expected by Fall of 2022
Public Health Response	Air circulation systems and other facility upgrades for Lions Center gym (secondary Emergency Operations Center)	\$ 145,868	\$ -	Pending Evaluation

TOTAL	\$ 6,274,056	\$ 1,683,621
Total ARPA Funding Allocation	<u>\$ (6,274,056)</u>	<u>\$ (6,274,056)</u>
Total Unspent Funding	\$ (0)	\$ (4,590,435)



CITY OF BRAWLEY

JUNE 21, 2022

American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan

INTENT OF TODAY'S OVERVIEW

- City is receiving a total of \$6,274,056
- Most funds must be spent by December 31, 2024
 - Water and Wastewater funds can be spent by December 31, 2026
- All expenses are subject to Federal guidelines, reporting, and auditing
- Allow and encourage public input on the proposed plan
- Will be reviewing
 - Committed expenses - \$1,683,621
 - Plans currently underway – 10 total in the next 6 months
 - Proposed changes from the original plan presented on 12/21/2021

ARPA ORIGINAL PLAN UPDATE

Requested Expense	Original Request	Updated Request	Status Update
Main St. Water Line	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Design included in FY 2022/23 budget
Fire apparatus	630,000	685,191	Ordered, site visit completed, expected in early 2023
Water meter & backflow installations for businesses	500,000	500,000	Program is being developed
Public Safety vehicles	380,000	380,000	3 units received, 3 units on order
Premium Pay	340,500	347,171	Completed on 3/18/2021
Police radio encryption tech.	256,294	256,294	Ordered, being implemented
Digital signs	200,000	200,000	Being evaluated
Citywide phone system	120,000	120,000	Writing RFP, have a consultant
Backflow at city facilities	96,200	96,200	Evaluation completed, writing an RFP

ARPA ORIGINAL PLAN UPDATE

Requested Expense	Original Request	Updated Request	Status Update
Firewall upgrades	90,000	120,832	Nearly completed
Fire Station 2 fiber connection	90,000	90,000	IVTA quote confirmed, permits pending
Dispatch center datacenter	60,000	60,000	Underway
UPS power supply backups	40,000	40,000	Pending
Digital sign at Plaza	30,000	60,000	Design underway
Wireless bridge to Public Works building	15,000	15,000	Pending
Wireless bridge to Lions Center building	15,000	15,000	Pending
Wastewater plant firewall	10,500	10,500	Pending
Firewall at Fire Station 1	7,000	7,000	Pending

ARPA PLAN – NEWLY ADDED

Requested Expense	Original Request	Updated Request	Status Update
Citywide touchless doors	300,000	125,000	Underway
Lions Center facility upgrades	175,000	145,868	Pending
General Fund Reserves	500,000	----	Expanded uses under final ruling





- The plan can and will be amended based on progress
- Finance will provide an update on progress every six months (every June and December) until all funds are expensed