

## City Council ARPA Workshop

June 26, 2023

### 1. Potential Non ARPA Application Projects

- Broadband – awaiting update from potential partner that will allow the City to fix the price of broadband for a prescribed term for residents
- Sprinkler Installation Grant – under the Maine Uniform Building Code, multi-family housing that contains more than two units is required to have a sprinkler system in place. Throughout the City there are larger residential properties that could likely accommodate the build out of additional units, but the cost to add a sprinkler system can be substantial. This initiative was identified as potential means to add dwelling units within existing structures.
- Municipal and School Projects
  - Valley Avenue Improvements (\$60,000) – Enhanced lighting in all parking areas, addition of lights from Harlow Street to I95 overpass. Based on prior meetings apparent preference to pursue \$65,000 in trail funding from other sources.
  - Grant Writer/Manager Position (\$150,000) – Year and ½ funding for a new grant writing/manager position to enhance the City's ability to obtain grant funding to support municipal expenditures, thereby reducing the impact to the taxpayer. Grant awards typically include an indirect funding allocation. The long term intent of the position, would be to ensure adequate grant funding is obtained to make the position self-sustaining.
  - Public Restroom (estimated capital costs \$40k- \$120k) –The Downtown Bangor Partnership supported public restrooms that employs appropriate technology to dissuade misuse. The Board did not support 24/7 access. They felt three locations within downtown (Pickering, Waterfront, Pierce Park) were needed. The opening of the transit center and the addition of the park ranger program addresses two of those three locations. Pierce Park is located between two facilities with public restrooms. There are limitations to access due to the operating hours of each area.
  - Middle School Health Clinics (\$TBD – Wednesday) – Capital investment to construct spaces in both middle schools to be able to offer in-school health clinic access to all middle school students.

### 2. Discussion on Process for ARPA Application Review Process

- City Council to serve as review panel for the Heart of Maine United Way application and update project list accordingly.
- Focus initial review and discussion on applications that scored 80 or higher, which is 25 applications totaling \$21,426,875.
  - Request each Councilor identify up to 3 additional applications that ranked lower than 25 to determine if there is support to include other applicants in the initial review and discussion. In addition, provide a

mechanism by which Councilors could identify applications within the highest ranked proposal that should not be pursued at this time. This could be done through a survey, the results of which would come forward to an ARPA workshop session.

- Consider scheduling meetings by area of emphasis; further suggest to begin with Substance Use Disorder and Housing.
  - Staff would prepare a summary listing of applications under each heading.
  - The discussion could be guided by criteria previously discussed;
    - Does this award leverage additional funding?
    - Does the project support Council priorities, areas of emphasis or adopted plans?
    - How many residents would be impacted?
      - Demographic most impacted
    - Would the award mitigate future costs to taxpayers?
    - Is the funding for start up operating, ongoing operating or capital costs?
    - What is the probability of successful outcomes?
    - Is the initiative sustainable?
    - Consideration of short-term vs long-term benefits, recognizing that short-term projects can have long-term benefits?
    - Is this project eligible for funding from an alternate source (i.e. Opioid settlement, CDBG)?

### **3. Draft Summary of ARPA Funding by Area of Emphasis**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
(ARPA)  
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

	(A) Committed/ Awarded To Date	(B) Applications 1-25, Potent Muni/School	(A)+(B) Subtotal	Suggested Allocation for Planning Purposes
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>396,100</b>	<b>5,631,438</b>	<b>6,027,538</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
Mental Health		3,920,628		
Substance Use Disorder				
Prevention				
Treatment		1,295,210		
Recovery		415,600		
Fresh Start	396,100			
<b>Affordable Broadband</b>				<b>2,600,000</b>
<b>Negative Economic Impact</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>450,588</b>	<b>950,588</b>	<b>1,750,000</b>
Job Training Assistance		450,588		
Aid to Non Profits (targeted)				
Maine Discovery Museum	500,000			
Aid to Small Businesses				
<b>Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>	<b>3,481,271</b>	<b>15,029,149</b>	<b>18,510,420</b>	<b>8,150,000</b>
Housing		3,999,979		5,000,000
Penquis	540,000			
Housing Position	350,000			
Homelessness		2,844,880		
Bangor Public Library	241,271			
Homelessness Position	350,000			
Childcare				3,150,000
Bangor YMCA	2,000,000	8,184,290		
<b>Other</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,405,700</b>	<b>1,405,700</b>	<b>5,400,000</b>
Other		315,700		
Municipal Projects*		290,000		
School Projects*		800,000		
	<u><b>4,377,371</b></u>	<u><b>22,516,875</b></u>	<u><b>26,894,246</b></u>	<u><b>20,900,000</b></u>

\* Not allocated or approved, planning estimates only

Award Amount	20,478,297
Interest Earned	522,310
Unallocated/Uncommitted Balance	<u><u>16,623,236</u></u>