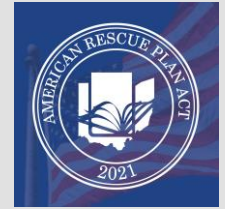


American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program and Projects Update #3



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ARPA Tranche #1

Total spent

\$7.7 million

(actual cost + encumbrances)

Total allocation

\$29.8 million

Spending by ARPA category

Public Health

- \$2,000,916 allocated
- \$947,968 spent

Negative Economic Impacts

- \$13,861,000 allocated
- \$4,999,097 spent

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- \$7,703,000 allocated
- \$1,333,861 spent

Infrastructure

- \$6,052,000 allocated
- \$551,502 spent

Administrative

- \$200,000 allocated
- \$109,423 spent

Program
Spending

Project Highlights





Mobile Hotspot Lending Program

- Fifty Mobile Hotspots were made available to the Alexandria community for circulation.
- Evaluations revealed:
 - 100% enjoyed a positive experience, online shopping, gaming
 - 80% learned something helpful



Department of Community and Human Services



Alexandria Community Access and Emergency Support

- \$3.6 million disbursed
- Trained subrecipients on budget development (ARPA compliance)
- Enhanced service navigation by awarding community access money to 21+ agencies to provide:
 - Service navigation, connecting people to resources.
 - Tangible aid money to families:
 - Assistance to unemployed
 - Rental/Utility assistance
 - Medical assistance

Food Security System Advancement

- West End Food Center
 - Soft Opening on April 5
 - Formal opening forthcoming

Department of Community and Human Services



Re-employment and Upskilling

- Enrolled 29 new clients (32 total) into the Work Based Learning Program.
- At 46% of target goal for number of clients served.
- Average wage during Work Based Learning enrollment is \$18.28/hr.
- Six clients have completed work experience or exited early.
- Three placements made after completion of work experience.
- Average wage after completion of work experience is \$30.44/hr.



Recreation Parks & Cultural Activities



Out of School Time Program (OSTP) Enhanced Enrichment Programming and Financial Assistance Opportunities

- Enhanced enrichment programming at five after school programs
- Two eight-week sessions
- Over 450 children enrolled



Recreation Parks & Cultural Activities



City Arts Relief and Recovery Grants to Alexandria-based Artist(s) and Arts Organizations

- Nine grant applications received, reviewed and \$70,000 awarded.
- Eight grantees completed IT and Security trainings.
- First grant payments of 50% of awards given to 8 grantees (45% of grant fund \$31,250).
- 3 Informational/Grant Workshops



Department of Project Implementation



Digital Equity Plan

- Public-facing Help Desk (Computer CORE) using formal ticketing system
- Help Desk for residents needing basic computer assistance
- Staffed by City resident interns being trained in Tier I Help Desk support
- Gathering information on internet and computer hardware needs from clients
 - Free online digital literacy training
 - No cost refurbished computers
- Soft launch underway since last year
- Broader advertising to kick-off end April



Program Progress



- Successful Request for Information (RFI) process supported by:
 - Office of Internal Audit (OIA)
 - City Attorney's Office (CAO)
 - Finance
 - Department of Project Implementation (DPI)
 - Federal compliance consultant
- Three Fraud Prevention training sessions delivered to subrecipients
- Tracking system to monitor compliance with IT security training
- Assurance of no disbursements to subrecipients or beneficiaries on the debarment list

Questions

