Stimulus Investment Advisory Committee

RISE Denver: From Rescue, To Economic Recovery

November 10, 2021
Agenda

• American Rescue Plan Act Round One Investments - Updated
• State & Partners ARPA Funds Update
• Round 2 Discussion
• Next Steps
Denver’s Financial Plan for Economic Recovery

Leveraging multiple financial resources to galvanize a long-term economic recovery

- Coronavirus Relief Funds 2020 - 2021
- Colorado Recovery Plan 2021 - 2024
- American Rescue Plan Act 2021 - 2024
- Elevate Denver Bond 2017 - 2027
- 2021 GO Bond 2021 - ~2031
- Annual City Budget
American Rescue Plan Act Funding

- $308 million to City and County of Denver from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in two installments

- First installment of $154 million received in July 2021
  - $46 million approved by City Council in July 2021 allowed City to restore services and begin hiring 270 positions and end furloughs
    - In 2022 we will maintain the restoration of services with $25 million of ARPA funds
  - $73 million approved for investments into affordable housing, shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness, business recovery, and community needs like childcare, digital equity, and mental and behavioral health support

- ARPA proposal approved by City Council Monday, Nov. 8, 2021

- Page 45-46 of the recently approved 2022 Budget
Financial Sustainability Strategy

To ensure the success of long-term commitments and positions, DOF will evaluate ARPA allocations and shift certain investments back to the General Fund. This strategy allows the City to maintain initiatives and avoid a financial cliff when ARPA funds are depleted.

The 2022 Budget includes:

- $25m of Round 1 ARPA funds will stay in ARPA to support:
  - Supplemental services
  - Supplies and materials

- Moving $24M of Round 1 ARPA funded restoration into the General Fund to support:
  - Restoration of permanent positions
Proposed ARPA Round 1 Allocations

- Business Recovery: $10m
- Community Recovery: $13m
- Housing/Homelessness: $42m
- Infrastructure Investments: $7m

TOTAL: $73M
Proposed ARPA Round One Housing Stability & Homelessness Resolution Recovery Investments

- **Housing and People Experiencing Homelessness Investments - $43.3M**
  - Affordable Housing Fund infusion ($28M)
  - Alternatives to Shelter (ex. Safe Outdoor Spaces) ($4.3M)
  - 48th Ave shelter improvements ($7.47M)
  - Rehousing program supports ($2M)
  - Housing Stability programs ($1.5M)

- **Infrastructure Investments - $7M**
  - Recreation Center Life/Safety Improvements ($3.5M)
  - Shelter 24hr resiliency renovations ($3.5M)
Proposed ARPA Round One Business & Community Recovery Investments

- **Business Recovery: $10.1M**
  - Business Impact Opportunity Grants ($5M)
  - Entrepreneurship Support ($2M)
  - Downtown Support – Seasonal Activation, Tourism Activation, Vacant Retail Activation ($2.5M)
  - Small Business Program Outreach/Technical Assistance ($600k)

- **Community Recovery: $13.2M**
  - Mental & Physical Health investments ($1.8M)
  - Food Access ($1M)
  - Arts & Culture ($1.2M)
  - Neighborhood Activation Grants ($2M)
  - Code Violation Remediation ($1M)
  - Nonprofit loan fund ($250k)
  - Financial equity study ($35k)
  - Youth/Out of School Time ($1.8M)
  - Childcare Investments ($1.425M)
  - Digital Equity investments ($1.15M)
  - Community Safety Grants ($1.5M)
State & Partners ARPA Funds Update
Partner Working Group

- State of Colorado
- Denver Water
- DPS
- Denver Health and Hospital Authority
- RTD
- Visit Denver
- Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
- Denver Housing Authority
Discussion

• Partner Priorities
  – State of Colorado Recovery Team
  – Others
Round 2 of ARPA Discussion
Recovery Investment Status

- Recovery Investments – Council approved 11/8
- Implementation
  - Program descriptions and data
  - Contract Development
  - RFP/NOFA
  - Contract negotiations
  - Deployment of Funds
- Results – Quarter 1
ARPA Round 2 Discussion – Key Dates

• $308 million total ARPA award
  – July 2021: Round 1 ARPA Funds Received by City
  – July 2022: City Anticipates Receiving Round 2 ARPA Funds
• Dec. 31, 2024: All ARPA Funds Must Be Expended
Recovery Round 2

• External/community proposals
  – Reimagining policing
  – Rose Andom

• Transformational investments/projects v. recovery investment

• Open session with partners – investment ideas
Next SIAC Meeting:

Dec. 9, 2021
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Tentative Agenda

• SIAC member investment ideas
• Implementation progress
  – One stop shop for funds
  – Agency updates on funding availability