

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Proposal for Funding Allocations & Process

July 26, 2021



# Community Engagement

- Staff hosted 3 town hall meetings & received comments
- All comments and community feedback are attached to the memo online



# Proposed ARPA Funding Categories

Based on community feedback staff is proposing funding for the following:

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| <b>Economic Development</b>               | \$5,500,000         |
| <b>Social Services</b>                    | \$3,000,000         |
| <b>City Finances &amp; Infrastructure</b> | \$22,000,000        |
| <b>Inclusive &amp; Equitable Recovery</b> | \$6,000,000         |
| <b>Participatory Budgeting</b>            | \$2,500,000         |
| <b>Holding</b>                            | \$4,173,654         |
| <b>Total:</b>                             | <b>\$43,173,654</b> |



# Economic Development

- Proposed Funding Amount: \$5,500,000
  - Could include direct support for businesses or business districts, infrastructure that would spur economic growth, workforce development and job creation.
  - Open proposal process
    - Staff will score those proposals and ensure they are in line with ARPA Guidelines
    - Scored proposals then go to the Economic Development Committee for review and selection for funding
- Economic Development Committee sends to City Council for final approval



# Social Services

- Proposed Funding Amount: \$3,000,000
- Includes mental health, childcare, food insecurity, housing, any other item that relates to social services in Evanston
- Similar to Economic Development, open proposal process
  - Staff will score the proposals and ensure they are compliant with ARPA Guidelines
  - Scored proposals will go to Social Services Committee who will select those proposals that are recommended for funding
  - Social Services Committee sends to City Council for final approval



# City Finances & Infrastructure

- Proposed Funding Amount: \$22,000,00
- Projects include capital improvements, lead service pipe line replacement, water and sewer repairs, revenue replacement, administrative costs and hazard pay
- Staff expects to claim \$10,391,436 in revenue loss for the General Fund and \$4,078,767 from the Parking Fund for 2020 and roughly the same for 2021
- Staff would send recommendations for uses of this funding directly to City Council for approval
  - Prioritized recommended item are \$3,000,000 for 2021 Water Projects, \$950,000 for 2021 Parking Capital Projects, 300k for Guaranteed Basic Income Program, 100k for CARP Implementation Plan (coming to council in August)



# Inclusive & Equitable Recovery

- Proposed Funding Amount: \$6,000,000
- Geographic focus on areas most impacted before and by the pandemic: low-income, preexisting health conditions, economic disparities, housing insecurity
- Services include
  - Homeless Services, housing navigation and assistance
  - Affordable housing development/rehabilitation of units
  - Childcare, home visiting programs
  - Health based services
  - Support for non-profit service providers
- Community engagement and input in neighborhoods impacted is essential



# Participatory Budgeting

- Proposed Funding Amount: \$2,500,000
- Community members have a direct say in how the money is allocated
- Staff recommends waiting until after funding has been allocated from Economic Development and Social Services
- An RFP would be issued and an outside organization would implement the participatory budgeting process with input from City Council and community (target date: spring/summer 2022)





# Holding Funds

- Proposed Funding Amount: \$4,173,654
- Keep these funds in case of COVID resurgence, or unmet needs
- Come back to Council in the summer of 2022 to review and discuss



# Questions?



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