

## TOWN OF GREENSBORO FACT SHEET FOR ARPA FUNDS

### **Overview**

**What is ARPA?** The American Recovery Plan Act is a federal law that provides a **one-time** infusion of money to state and local governments to help reverse the negative impacts of the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, part of ARPA, provide local governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers from the pandemic. The Town of Greensboro will receive a total of \$208,000.00 in two allotments, of which we have already received half (**none of this money has been spent or earmarked as of yet**). The other half will be disbursed in July 2022.

### **Allowable Uses of the Funds**

The Town of Greensboro will have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of our community. Proposed projects should be consistent with the Town Plan and have a long term sustainable impact on the Town. Any person or organization may apply for ARPA funds and the minimum request should be at least \$5000.00. Recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to:

**Support public health expenditures**, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;

**Address negative economic impacts** caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;

**Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;

**Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,

**Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

#### **Investments to improve municipal business operations:**

- Implement cybersecurity measures
- Purchase hybrid meeting equipment

- Connect public buildings to broadband, as appropriate
- Digitize land records
- Make capital improvements to municipal buildings: ventilation, weatherization,
- fire safety (as appropriate - sprinklers, centrally monitored alarm systems),

Within these overall categories, some examples of how to use our ARPA allotment are **(this list is NOT exhaustive, it is illustrative)**:

- *Investments that revitalize a community, making it a better and safer place to live for existing residents and to help in attracting new ones:*
  - *Outdoor recreation (trails, parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, etc.)*
  - *Diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) measures to make a community more welcoming so everyone feels like they belong*
  - *High-quality affordable childcare to support working residents*
  - *Measures to support housing development to grow the tax base*
  - *Acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned properties or greening them*
  - *Improvements to bike and pedestrian safety*
  - *Improvements to community gathering spaces*
  - *Support for local non-profits doing excellent work that benefits residents*

### **DISALLOWED USES OF THE FUNDS**

ARPA funds cannot be used for: 1. Offsets to reductions in tax revenues; 2. Contributions to pension funds; or 3. replenishment of rainy-day funds or payments for debt service; or 4. Matching funds for federal grants.

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR ARPA FUNDS**

The Greensboro ARPA Advisory Committee has created a form that is available on the Town Website, at the Town Offices, and at the Library that will need to be filled out and submitted to the Town Clerk's Office **by September 29, 2022** in order to be considered for funding. The applications can be emailed, dropped off or sent by regular mail and must be received in the office by 4 p.m. All requests will be required to be submitted on that form.