

October 20th Library Board Meeting

ARPA Funding Information - Updated

Summary

There are two sources of ARPA funding that will impact the library and community. The City of Falls Church will receive funding through direct allocation from the US Treasury and pass through funds from Virginia as non-entitlement units; the second is the Library of Virginia will provide funds to Virginia public libraries.

City of Falls Church ARPA Funds

The City of Falls Church will receive ARPA funds that fall into four categories of eligible use as provided by the US Treasury:

1. Response to public health emergency and negative economic impacts;
2. Premium pay for eligible workers;
3. Provision of government services to the extent of revenue reduction*; and
4. Investment in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

*Additional guidance has been provided for this category and there are funds that qualify.

Please see the memo to Council [MetaViewer.php \(granicus.com\)](#) for more information.

All projects have to meet the eligibility criteria set by the US Treasury.

Current Status

On October 18th City Council will discuss ARPA funding during their work session. A community survey and engagement will occur before the Council session on November 15th. The FY2022 Budget Amendment including ARPA funding will have its first reading on November 15th and 2nd reading on December 13th. The thinking is to approve funding for the remainder of FY2022 and plan for FY2023-2025 (first half). Funding must be encumbered by 12/31/2024.

Prior Actions/Information

The Council has met regarding ARPA city funds on June 19th (Please see item 3.c. on the agenda at this link: https://fallschurch-va.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1673).

There are two documents: ARPA Strategy [MetaViewer.php \(granicus.com\)](#) and ARPA Ideas List Consolidated [ARPA Ideas List Consolidated.xlsx \(granicus.com\)](#). Not all ideas listed on the consolidated list may be eligible. Please read both documents.

Council also met on August 2nd and 9th for the FY2022 Budget Amendment including expenditures that are near-term and priority. The Budget Amendment includes appropriation of the Library of Virginia ARPA grant for the library. The expectation is community engagement regarding the remainder of the funds will be conducted in the near future.

Links to the Budget Amendments:

August 2nd - [AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 \(granicus.com\)](#).

August 9th - [AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 \(granicus.com\)](#)

The funds will be received in two tranches of \$9M each; first already received and the second will be allotted in June 2022. The city has until December 2024 to encumber the funds and December 2026 to expend the funds.

Library of Virginia/IMLS ARPA grants

The Library of Virginia also received ARPA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to be provided as grants to Virginia public libraries. The amount of each grant is based on the state aid formula. Mary Riley Styles Public Library's grant is \$21,030, this is in addition to funds that were used to provide statewide resources. The grant application, project plan, and project budget were due and submitted to the Library of Virginia (LVA) by **July 28, 2021**. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must be signed by the library director and counter-signed by the LVA. The funds must be used by **September 30, 2022**. The submitted plan is to upgrade the library website to a stand-alone site. Library staff have started researching vendors and anticipate a selection by December 2021 and implementation in 2022 before the deadline to spend funds out.