

09-28-2022 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #14: Receive the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Public Housing Annual Report

Council Question:

Are there opportunities for the Town to use ARPA funding to meet needs that we might not otherwise be able to fund or that might take a long time to be addressed?

Staff Response:

Yes, the Public Housing Capital projects are an eligible use of the ARPA funding. However, there are limited funds remaining. We will work with the Affordable Housing & Community Connections staff to see where we might be able to access a portion of the \$2.5 million in affordable housing allocation and those recommendations will be brought back to Council this fall.

It is unlikely that use of the ARPA funds would speed up the timeline to address the needs since we are still dealing with supply chain issues and the availability of contractors for what to some appears to be a much smaller contract than what they can get in the private sector. Much of our Maintenance staff is new (hired in the last year), so staff capacity to manage large projects is limited.