

ARPA Funding Decisions
Council Business Meeting
April, 19 2023

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AGENDA

- Major project allocation
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Greenways
- Using OWASA savings for bikeshare
- Community-Based Budgeting pilot approach

- ✓ Approve a Budget Amendment for skate park, greenway design, and bikeshare

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REALITY CHECK

- **We are running out of time** – projects must be under contract by 12/31/2024
- **We've talked about this a lot** – fifteen Council presentations
- **We have limited funds left** –could help address identified priorities

ARPA FUNDING PLAN

• Community partner funding	\$ 1,000,000
• Affordable housing and homelessness initiatives	\$ 2,500,000
• Parks and recreation facilities	\$ 2,500,000
• Bike, ped and greenway infrastructure	\$ 1,000,000
• Town facilities	\$ 1,200,000
• Downtown revitalization	\$ 1,000,000
• Digital access	\$ 300,000
• Community based projects	\$ 500,000
• ReVive program	\$ 650,000

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\$10.7M

ARPA TOWN PROJECT FUNDING

CATEGORY	ALLOCATED	APPROVED	REMAINING
Parks & Recreation Facilities	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 500,000
Bike, Ped, & Greenway Infrastructure	1,000,000	500,000	500,000
Town Facilities	1,200,000	1,200,000	0
Downtown Revitalization	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Digital Access	300,000	300,000	0
TOTAL	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,150,000	\$ 1,850,000

ARPA FUNDING PLAN RECOMMENDATION

Parks & Recreation Facilities

Skate Park Repairs \$ 500,000

Greenways

Bolin Creek Greenway Ext
(Umstead to Estes Drive Ext) \$ 500,000

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Skate Park: What does \$500K get us?

- Concrete footing remains
- Replace vertical components
- Bowl, multiple half pipes, quarter pipes, ramps and railings



Bolin Creek Extension: Why this greenway?

- Why this location:
 - Extends Bolin Creek Greenway to funded improvements on Estes Drive Extension
 - Provides continuous facility between downtown Carrboro and Chapel Hill Community Center
 - In TCAB and PGRC's top 6 priority projects
 - Meets interests of Complete Communities and naturally occurring affordable housing
- Why this time:
 - Opportunity to combine design and construction timelines with Estes Dr. Ext.
 - Conduct the design/engineering for greenway and Estes Drive Extension together since the two projects touch
 - Contract with a design firm approved by Council before the June break

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Bikeshare

- The Town may need to financially contribute to bring seamless bikeshare to Chapel Hill, UNC and Carrboro
- UNC executed contract with a provider for \$50,000/year for 2 years for 100 bikes
- Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro setting aside \$50,000 each (\$25,000/year for 2 years) for additional 100 bikes
- Staff is working through contract process now but want to ensure we have Council approval to move forward
- OWASA only needed \$61,517 of their awarded \$123,000
- Staff recommends using OWASA savings for Chapel Hill's share of the bikeshare program

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Community-Based Budgeting Pilot

- Departments invited to submit up to 3 projects
 - \$50,000-\$200,000
 - Can be completed by 12/31/2024
- Staff promoting through Let's Talk Town events, social media, email, pop ups around Town
- Staff will share the results of the voting at May 10 Business Meeting



Staff Recommendation

- Approve Budget Ordinance tonight for:
 - Skate Park Repairs: \$500,000
 - Bolin Creek Greenway Extension Design: \$500,000
 - Bikeshare program subsidy: \$50,000
- Provide input on the community-based budgeting approach
- Approve Budget Ordinance at a future meeting for \$500,000 of community-based budgeting projects

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