10-03-2022 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #2: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Town Department Project Update

Council Question:

Funding scenarios: Given that the Lethality Assessment Protocol program is addressing domestic violence, which we know is an issue that has been significantly exacerbated by the pandemic and survivors are considered a priority group under ARPA, why was it not included in the second funding scenario?

Staff Response:

The second scenario looks at the highest scoring projects that were deemed to be pandemic specific. The Lethality Assessment Protocol program ranked 10th in this scenario. Staff determined during review of the answer to the pandemic specific question, that while the program described experiencing an increased need for focused interventions to address the rising prevalence and lethality of domestic violence incidents, the data was not there to prove that the need for this program was directly tied to the pandemic.

Council Question:

Downtown revitalization: Can we please add public restrooms to the list of needs?

Staff Response:

One of staff's interests for this evening work session is to hear what projects/programs Council is interested in seeing the Town pursue with the remaining ARPA dollars. We would ask that Council share ideas like the one above at that time.