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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/19/2023	1	Town Council	enacted	Pass

Consider American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Parks, Greenways, Bikeshare and Community-Based Budgeting Pilot.

Staff:

Amy Oland, Director
 Sarah Poulton, Senior Project Manager
 Atuya Cornwell, Director
 Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager

Department:

Business Management
 Town Manager’s Office
 Parks & Recreation
 Planning

Overview: Staff will present a recommended funding allocation for skate park replacement, Bolin Creek Greenway extension design, and bikeshare funding and provide information on the community-based budgeting approach.

★ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council enact the attached project ordinance amendment that allocates funding for the skate park replacement, greenway design, and bikeshare program.

Decision Points:

- Staff will present the following scenario for the remaining Parks and Recreation and greenways funds:

Project	Total
Skate Park Replacement	\$500,000
Design for Bolin Creek Greenway extension to Estes Drive	\$500,000

- The skate park replacement will include a replacement of all vertical elements of the current skate park at Homestead Park.
- The Bolin Creek Greenway extension includes the segment from Umstead Park to Estes Dr. Ext.

This project would be designed in conjunction with the Estes Dr. Ext. bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

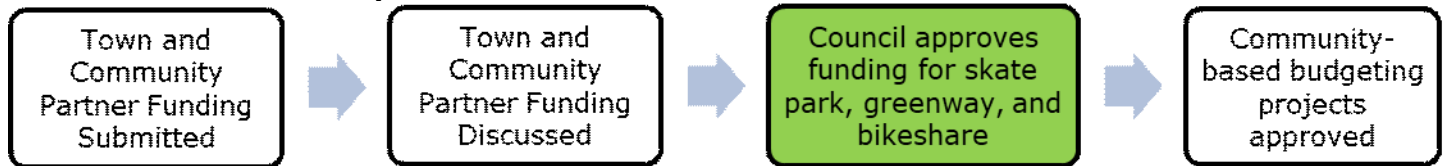
- Staff will present an allocation of \$50,000 for a bikeshare program to serve Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC campus using unneeded money from the OWASA community partner funding.
 - OWASA originally requested and was allocated \$123,000. Since their award, OWASA customers have continued to pay off their water bill debt so the total amount needed by OWASA is now only \$61,517 which leaves \$61,483 of unused community partner funding.
- Staff will inform Town Council on the approach of receiving input on Town projects using the remaining \$500,000 of ARPA funding set aside for a community-based budgeting pilot.

Key Issues:

- ARPA funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024.
- Staff has presented ARPA decisions and information to Council 15 times.
- Staff will return to Council at a later meeting with the projects with the most votes through the community-based budgeting pilot for approval.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: Allocate \$1,050,000 of ARPA funding towards the skate park replacement, Bolin Creek Greenway extension design, and bikeshare program.

Where is this item in its process?



Attachments:

- Project Budget Ordinance Amendment
- Draft Staff Presentation

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (2023-04-19/O-5)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, that the American Rescue Plan Fund Ordinance provide funding for projects related to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic funded from the U.S. Treasury is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION I

The projects as authorized by the Town Council include various recovery and economic projects funded from the American Rescue Plan Act, for a variety of projects related to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION II

The Manager of the Town of Chapel Hill is hereby directed to proceed with implementation of these projects within terms of funds appropriated here.

SECTION III

Revenues anticipated to be available to the Town to complete the project are hereby amended as follows:

	Current Budget	Revised Budget
American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 10,668,497	\$ 10,668,497
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Total Revenues	\$ 10,668,497	\$ 10,668,497

SECTION IV

Amounts appropriated for capital projects are hereby amended as follows:

	Current Budget	Revised Budget
American Rescue Plan Act Reserve	\$ 4,012,828	\$ 3,012,828
ReVive	650,000	650,000
Cedar Falls Artificial Turf	1,150,000	1,150,000
Inclusive Playground Equipment	500,000	500,000
System Wide Playground Accessibility	285,000	285,000
Teen Center Study	65,000	65,000
Skate Park Replacement	-	500,000
East Morgan Creek Phase 3 Design	500,000	500,000
Bolin Creek Greenway Ext Design	-	500,000
Homestead Aquatics Center HVAC	1,200,000	1,200,000
Library Meeting Room AV System	300,000	300,000
Community Partner Funding	1,005,669	955,669
Bikeshare Program	-	50,000
Streetscape Enhancement Mobility Plan	500,000	500,000
Clean & Green	300,000	300,000
Old Town Hall Planning	50,000	50,000
Peace & Justice Plaza Planning	50,000	50,000
Downtown Together Projects	100,000	100,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,668,497	\$ 10,668,497

SECTION V

The Manager is directed to report annually on the financial status of the project in an informational section to be included in the Annual Budget, and shall keep the council informed of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION VI

Copies of this amended projects ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the Council and copies shall be filed within five days of adoption with the Manager, Business Management Director, and Town Clerk.”

This the 19th day of April, 2023.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

PRESENTER: Amy Oland, Sarah Poulton

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council enact the attached project ordinance amendment that allocates funding for the skate park replacement, greenway design, and bikeshare program.