



Legislation Text

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Consider American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Community-Based Budgeting Projects.

Staff:

Amy Oland, Director
Sarah Poulton, Senior Project Manager

Department:

Business Management
Town Manager’s Office

Overview: Town Council set aside \$500,000 of the total ARPA funding of \$10.7M for a community-based budgeting pilot. Staff performed an extensive outreach campaign and received over 1,300 total votes on 21 potential projects. Staff will present a recommended funding allocation for community-based budgeting projects based on the community’s voting.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council enact the attached project ordinance amendment that allocates funding for electric leaf blowers and mowers for Parks and Recreation; a greenway connector from the new Tanyard Branch affordable housing neighborhood to the Tanyard Branch trail; sidewalk repairs needed for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and a van for Parks and Recreation program users needing ADA accommodations which received the most votes through the community-based budgeting initiative.

Decision Points:

- Staff will present the following scenario for the remaining ARPA funds:

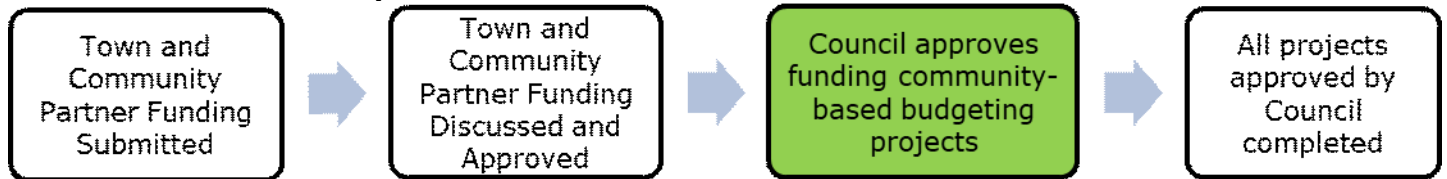
Project	Total
Electric Leaf blowers and mowers for Parks and Recreation	\$142,000
ADA sidewalk repairs	\$100,000
Tanyard Affordable Housing connector greenway	\$200,000
ADA van for Parks and Recreation programs	\$72,000

Key Issues:

- ARPA funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024.
- Staff informed 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 at their April 19, 2023 meeting (<https://chapelhill.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=35834&GUID=197ED6B7-3603-4161->)
- There are \$14,000 of unused OWASA-awarded ARPA funds from their original allocation due to customers paying their water bill debt.
- Staff have performed over 50 hours of in person events, talked with nearly 300 people, and received 1,039 responses to an online survey asking for the public’s favorite projects.
- Projects were chosen based on total number of votes received.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: Allocate \$514,000 of ARPA funding towards electric leaf blowers and mowers for Parks and Recreation; greenway connector from the new Tanyard Branch affordable housing neighborhood to the Tanyard Branch trail; sidewalk repairs needed for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and a van for Parks and Recreation program users needing ADA accommodations.

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 (2023-05-10/O-4)

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
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	\$ 512,828	\$ 12,828
ReVive	650,000	650,000
Trinity Court	500,000	500,000
9% LITEC Project	2,000,000	2,000,000
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	500,000
East Morgan Creek Phase 3 Design	500,000	500,000
Bolin Creek Greenway Ext Design	500,000	500,000
Homestead Aquatics Center HVAC	1,200,000	1,200,000
Library Meeting Room AV System	300,000	300,000
Community Partner Funding	955,669	941,669
Community Based Budgeting	-	514,000
Bikeshare Program	50,000	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
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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 10th day of May, 2023.

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

PRESENTERS: Amy Oland, Business Management Director
Sarah Poulton, Senior Project Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council enact the attached project ordinance amendment

that allocates funding for electric leaf blowers and mowers for Parks and Recreation; a greenway connector from the new Tanyard Branch affordable housing neighborhood to the Tanyard Branch trail; sidewalk repairs needed for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and a van for Parks and Recreation program users needing ADA accommodations.