



Legislation Text

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Finance Item/Grant Request Template

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Item Title & Description:

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A bill for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 591, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 706, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1145, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1192, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 374, Series of 2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 969, Series of 2022 to allocate spending in the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Fund.

Amends Ordinance No. 591, Series of 2021, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 706, Series of 2021, Ordinance No. 1145, Series of 2021, Ordinance No. 1192, Series of 2021, Ordinance No. 374, Series of 2022, and Ordinance No. 969, Series of 2022, to allocate a total of \$149.3M in spending in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund, including an additional \$8.4M in the "Revenue Loss" category; \$138.5M in the "Recovery" category; and \$3.0M in the Administration spending category; and to reduce the allocation in the Premium Pay Category to re-allocate dollars to the Revenue Loss Category; and to authorize capital equipment purchase. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 11-8-2022.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

Ordinance No. 591, Series of 2021, established the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Fund, Fund No. 11011, and accepted the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund award agreement with the US Department of Treasury. While the ordinance accepted the full \$308,048,870 identified in the award agreement, it included provisions requiring that City Council approve spending in the fund through amendments to said Ordinance.

Subsequent ordinances amended the original, aforementioned ordinance by authorizing allocations in the “Revenue Loss,” “Recovery,” “Premium Pay,” and “Administration” categories, which collectively made up the first half of the ARPA award. Ordinance 373 and ordinance 374, Series of 2022, delineated capital improvement expenditures from operating ones through the creation of fund 38395. This bill request establishes new amounts in the Recovery, Revenue Loss, Premium Pay, and Administration categories in Fund 11011, which reflect new allocations for the second half of the ARPA award and reallocations of the first half of the award. The new amounts for each category are summarized below.

Revenue Loss Explanation:

The \$8,402,730 of increases to the Revenue Loss Category in this bill request reflect \$6,033,555 for one-time capital equipment items and vehicles, \$1,800,000 for a local contribution for the Build-to-Scale program to be administered by DEDO, and \$569,174 (a reallocation from the Premium Pay category) to support the continuation of services originally restored in 2021 in the Revenue Loss category. The Revenue Loss category will continue to fund certain service restorations in 2023 originally restored in 2021 by re-purposing unspent Revenue Loss dollars. The remaining restored services are supported by the General Fund in 2023.

This bill authorizes the purchase of the following capital equipment:

Department	Vehicle Description	Quantity
County Court	SUV	2
Department of Housing Stability	SUV	1
Department of Parks and Recreation	Large Mower	1
	Truck	6
	Utility Truck	8
	Mower	2
Department of Transportation & Infrastructure	Overhead Truck	1
	Truck	2
Fire Department	Truck	1
	Utility Truck	2
General Services	Utility Vehicle	4

Recovery Category Explanation:

Additionally, this bill request authorizes a new allocation in the “Recovery” spending category of \$138,509,791, for a cumulative total of \$213,034,791. After an extensive community review process, the following investments are proposed:

Housing Stability and Homelessness Resolution Investments - \$77,725,000

- Encampment & Vehicle Decommissioning - Hotel Acquisition/Support for Non-Congregate Sheltering (\$23.25M)
- Housing Justice Down Payment Assistance & Pipeline Support: (\$20M)
- Affordable Housing Development & Acquisition & Rehab for Rental and Supportive Housing (\$20M)
- 2-Year Safe Outdoor Spaces Continuation: (\$7.8M)

- 2-Year Rehousing Collaboration Continuation: (\$6M)
- 2-Year Safe Parking Continuation & Expansion: (\$600K)
- Adaptive Reuse Study (\$75K)

Vulnerable Populations, Community Health & Safety Support Investments - \$38,784,791

- Behavioral Health & Substance Misuse Response Continuation: (\$20M)
- Food Insecurity Continuation: (\$6M)
- Basic Cash Assistance for Those Individuals Ineligible for Federally Funded Public Benefits: (\$3M)
- Youth Violence Prevention: (\$1.7M)
- Mental Health Support for Youth: (\$1.6M)
- Out-of-School Time Continuation: (\$1.5M)
- Safety Place Network Investigation Continuation: \$1.5M)
- Security Cameras for Recreation Centers: (\$1.4M)
- Childcare & FFN Support Continuation: (\$900K)
- Promotora Pilot: (\$400K)
- Disability Services Grants: (\$375K)
- Digital Navigator Continuation: (\$301K)
- Denver Native Healing: (\$100.5K)

Business, Worker and Nonprofit Assistance Investments - \$22,000,000

- Legacy Business Program - Commercial Land Trust: (\$10M)
- Small Business Impact Opportunity Fund Continuation: (\$5M)
- Denver Youth Employment Program: (\$1.4M)
- Downtown Activation Continuation: (\$1M)
- NEST Neighborhood Activation Continuation: (\$1M)
- Reactivation of Venues Support Continuation: (\$1M)
- Interpreter Workforce Training: (\$1M)
- Targeted Community Support for Non-Profits: (\$1M)
- Business Navigation Continuation: (\$600K)

Administration Category Explanation:

The bill request also authorizes a new allocation of \$3,000,000 in the “Administration” category for a cumulative total of \$5,457,300. Funding will be used for program support, including formal program evaluations of select ARPA projects.

If this bill request is approved, the total allocations in the ARPA Grant Fund will be as follows:

- \$78,802,165 in the “Revenue loss” category

- \$5,457,300 in the “Administration” category*
- \$213,034,791 in the “Recovery” category*
- \$8,230,825 in the “Premium Pay” category
- \$4,681,089 in the “Unallocated” category

*These categories also incorporate allocations sourced from interest earnings generated from ARPA monies.

Premium Pay Category Explanation:

The bill request also authorizes reducing the allocation in the Premium Pay Category by \$569,174.56 to re-allocate dollars to the Revenue Loss Category. The City estimated that payments to CSA employees for premium pay, as determined by the ARPA guidelines, were \$8,800,000, but the actual spending based on eligibility and employees still with the City when payments were made was \$8,230,825.44.

Type (choose one: Grant; Supplemental; Fund Creation; Fund Rescission; Fund Transfer; Appropriation; Other):

Amount: See above

Budget Year: 2022

Fund and Funding Source (Fund/Org/Grant Number, if applicable):

ARPA

Grantor (if applicable):

Fund Matching Requirements (if applicable):

Fiscal Impact: