

Final Committee Report

December 2023

The City of Youngstown American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee has concluded the 2+ Year process of planning meetings. Beginning in December of 2021, this committee met biweekly to evaluate resident feedback, review community proposals, and provide recommendations to the City of Youngstown Administration for aligning ARPA fund allocation with resident feedback. As 2023 comes to a close, the committee has served its purpose.

The City Administration and City Council progress forward in 2024 with the aim to encumber the remaining ARPA funding by the federally-designated encumbrance deadline of 12/31/24. The review and approval of City Council ARPA allocations are being conducted individually with each council member.

Committee Goals

- Make a long-lasting impact on the city.
- Reflect community input as expressed during 2021 public meetings.
- Address needs as expressed by city departments.
- Follow ARPA guidelines.

Council-Approved Funds: \$74,308,597

- **Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber:** Site Readiness Program
 - \$187,500
- **City of Youngstown:** Façade Grant Program with Valley Partners
 - \$1,000,000
- **City of Youngstown:** Revolving Loan Fund with Valley Partners
 - \$2,000,000
- **City of Youngstown:** EMS Ambulance Services
 - \$3,968,716
- **City of Youngstown:** Defibrillators
 - \$86,475
- **City of Youngstown:** Police Body Cameras and Tasers
 - \$1,291,989
- **City of Youngstown:** Police Media Hire Campaign
 - \$23,710
- **City of Youngstown:** Housing Demo and Remediation

- \$3,000,000* (\$5,000,000 reallocated to Property Acquisition & Roof Replacements)
- **City of Youngstown: Property Acquisition**
 - \$2,000,000
- **City of Youngstown: Roof Replacement Program**
 - \$3,000,000
- **ACTION: Mahoning Valley Mobile Market**
 - \$129,000
- **City of Youngstown: Council Spending**
 - \$14,000,000
 - Includes \$1,046,500 Sidewalk Improvement Fund
 - 1st Ward: \$82,000
 - 2nd Ward: \$250,000
 - 5th Ward: \$114,500
 - 6th Ward: \$350,000
 - 7th Ward: \$250,000
- **Revenue Replacement**
 - \$4,580,312
- **Youngstown City Health District: Community Health Worker Program**
 - \$2,466,448
- **Youngstown City Health District: Vibrant Valley Health Equity Plan**
 - \$150,000
- **Youngstown Park Department: Immediate Park Needs**
 - \$150,000
- **City of Youngstown: IT Upgrades**
 - \$200,000
- **City of Youngstown Public Works: Eddie/Roy/Hazelwood Waterline Replacement**
 - \$2,261,119
- **Youngstown Park Department: Comprehensive Park Needs**
 - \$10,500,000
- **Family Tech Connect: Technology Coaching for Seniors**
 - \$50,000
- **Youngstown Municipal Court: Court Database Software Update**
 - \$163,328
- **Youngstown Public Works: Mill Creek Interceptor Sewer Upgrade**
 - \$5,000,000

- **City of Youngstown:** Citywide Housing Strategy
 - \$8,000,000
- **Youngstown Lifeguard Academy:** Youth Lifeguard Training
 - \$50,000
- **Oak Hill Collaborative:** Digital Divide Program
 - \$50,000
- **City of Youngstown:** Landlord Revolving Loan Fund
 - \$2,000,000
- **City of Youngstown:** Residential Façade Program
 - \$3,000,000
- **City of Youngstown:** Homeownership Program
 - \$5,000,000

Local Resident-Identified Priorities

- Community, Youth, and Violence Prevention
- Housing, Neighborhoods, and Commercial Corridors
- Public Utility and Infrastructure
- Parks and Public Facilities
- Local Economic Recovery
- City Investment

Timeline

Feedback Sessions

- ARP Summit: 5/20 – 5/21/21
- Youth Meeting: 8/24/21
- Young Adult Meeting: 8/26/21
- Senior Meeting: 10/7/21
- 1st Ward Meeting: 7/15/21
- 2nd Ward Meeting: 8/17/21
- 3rd Ward Meeting: 6/15/21
- 4th Ward Meeting: 8/10/21
- 5th Ward Meeting: 6/29/21
- 6th Ward Meeting: 6/12/21
- 7th Ward Meeting: 7/6/21

Completed Activities

- **May – October 2021:** ARP proposal submission open
- **November 2021:** EAG team processed and organized proposals
- **December 2021:** ARPA Review Committee begins meeting to discuss action steps for proposal review
- **January 2022:** ARPA Review Committee begins meeting biweekly
- **February 2022:** Subcommittee within ARPA Review Committee conducts preliminary review of all proposals to separate viable proposals from those that are nonviable
- **March 2022:** Full review of viable proposals begins
- **April 2022:** Complete review of Public Utility and Infrastructure, and Parks and Public Facilities Proposals
- **May 2022:** Reviewed proposals from the Youngstown City Health District and finalized other Health, Public Works, and Water Proposals
- **June 2022:** Began looking into YPD and Housing, Neighborhood, and Commercial Corridor proposals
- **July 2022:** Continued with YPD proposals and discussed need for a follow-up application for viable proposals
- **August 2022:** Reviewed Economic Development Proposals, a formal Follow Up Application process, and Water Department Lead Remediation efforts.
- **September 2022:** Reviewed Economic Development Proposals, met with applicants, and began presenting several proposals to council.
- **October 2022:** Reviewed Economic Development Proposals, reviewed proposals from the 3rd Ward Councilperson, met with applicants, and recommended several proposals to council.
- **November 2022:** Reviewed proposals within the Economic Development, Youth Development, and City Investment categories. The Committee met with proposal representatives during meetings on November 2, 16, and 30.
- **December 2022:** Reviewed proposal within Housing Category. Reviewed remaining proposals and identified goals for first quarter of 2023.
- **January 2023:** Reviewed proposals within the Economic Development category. Committee received updated proposals from the City of Youngstown's Engineering Department and Land Bank.
- **February 2023:** Reviewed proposals within the Youth & Seniors category. The Committee met with proposal applicants to review follow up information. The committee discussed 2023 Public Relations goals.
- **March 2023:** Reviewed proposals within the Youth & Seniors category. The committee met with proposal applicants within the Housing Category to review follow up

information. The City of Youngstown Public Works Department presented an updated proposal to the committee.

- **April 2023:** Reviewed additional information provided by the Municipal Court for their proposal within the City Investment category. The committee reviewed the remaining proposals that require follow-up.
- **May 2023:** Reviewed proposals within the Youth & Seniors category. The Law Department and Finance Department led discussions on recent US Treasury updates, reporting requirements, and legal guidance. The Committee evaluated the status of remaining proposals.
- **June 2023:** The Committee evaluated the status of remaining proposals. The Committee provided guidance on Proposals received by 1st Ward Councilman Oliver. 3rd Ward Councilwoman Turner provided quarterly reports on 3rd Ward ARPA Projects.
- **July 2023:** The Committee reviewed Council funding priorities and allocations for the 1st, 2nd, and 6th Wards. The existing Subaward Agreement was recommended for additional clauses. The Community Planning & Economic Development Department introduced Housing Initiatives for funding.
- **August 2023:** Community Planning and Economic Development Department staff presented on Housing Programs and Economic Development Grants to be considered for ARPA funding in the future. The committee reviewed all Council ARPA allocations that have been encumbered and proposed.
- **September 2023:** The committee reviewed additional information on specific Council ARPA allocations that required follow up details. Local partners presented to the committee on their role in implementing Housing initiatives.
- **October 2023:** The committee reviewed additional information on Economic Development proposals. The Committee outlined a schedule for concluding committee meetings before the end of the year.
- **November 2023:** The committee hosted their final committee meeting. The committee reviewed past activities and the city's next steps for 2024.
- **December 2023:** Committee concludes activities.

ARPA Deadlines

Encumbrance Deadline: 12/31/2024

Spending Deadline: 12/31/2026

ARPA Committee Members:

- **Mayor Jamael Tito Brown**

- **Nikki Posterli:** Chief of Staff
- **Kyle Miasek:** Administration
- **Jeff Limbian:** Administration
- **Lou D'Apolito:** Administration
- **Hunter Morrison:** Planning
- **Taylor Jones:** Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow
- **Anita Davis:** 6th Ward Councilwoman
- **Mike Ray:** 4th Ward Councilman
- **Lynnette Forde:** The Youngstown Foundation
- **Economic Action Group**