



City of Chicopee, Massachusetts

ARPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 7/11/2023

Attendance:

J. Vieau, G. Balakier, Liz Batista, K. Donahue, S. Kulig, M. Laflamme, K. Lingenberg, M. Pise, S. Riley, L. Sanders,

Excused: J. Tillotson

I. Mayors Update

The Mayor stated that he continues to monitor legislative discussions on the "claw back" of ARPA funding but has not heard that funds are at risk. He is pleased that the City's investments designed to assist the maximum number of residents are moving forward without unnecessary delay.

II. Minutes Approval

Motion by M. Pise, 2nd by L. Batista to accept the minutes as presented in the meeting packet. All in favor.

III. ARPA Administration

M. Laflamme also reported that updated spreadsheet reports of project status had been included within the Board packets and that the Quarterly report to Treasury was due at the end of the month.

Inquires on the status of eligibility for DPW Nitrogen Project. Liz reported that she was awaiting a determination as DPW has submitted all necessary paperwork in support of the "matching funds waiver".

Sharyn requested Committee authorization to "sweep" the \$10.00 unexpended balance from the Firefighter Turnout gear project. The project had been completed so funds could be returned to the available balance without impact. Motion by M. Laflamme, 2nd by K. Donahue to reduce the fund to Firefighter Turnout gear and return the \$10,000 to Available balance. All in favor.

IV. Projects/Proposals

NonProfit Program- Willimansett Heights Improvement League

An application had been received and reviewed by the Sub-Committee. The request included within the meeting packet was for funding to repair/replace interior flooring. The Sub-

Committee was recommending funding up to \$25,000 although the anticipated cost was more likely to be \$12,000-\$15,000. Motion by M. Laflamme, 2nd by L. Batista to award funding up to \$25,000. All in favor.

River Mills Lunch Program

The Senior Center had submitted a request for funding that would enable lunch meal prices to be reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.00. The \$2.00 pricing is consistent with other Senior Lunch programs. The request with detailed information was included within the packet. Motion by K. Lingenberg, 2nd by L. Sander to award \$50,000 to the River Mills Lunch program. All in favor.

V. Prior Proposal Update

Bellamy House- K. Lingenberg reported that testing both structural and environmental report had recommended that testing on mold and fungi take place. The cost would be CDBG eligible so she would approve the testing. The results may result in an even larger rehab budget, which currently exceeds \$2,000,000.

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 9AM

ARPA Project Tracking

9.11.2023

Completed			
Lost Revenue	\$	10,000,000.00	
Center St Redevelopment loan	\$	750,000.00	
Firefighter Turnout Gear	\$	420,650.00	
Total Completed	\$		11,170,650.00
Underway			
Pump Replacement	\$	2,006,000.00	
OSHA/ Public Health Screening	\$	100,000.00	
Elder Homeowner Resiliency Program	\$	500,000.00	
Boys and Girls Club Site Improvements	\$	500,000.00	
South Fairview Sewer Separation	\$	8,486,848.00	
Library Redevelopment	\$	3,500,000.00	
Impacted Non-Profit Program	\$	250,000.00	
Bemis Pond Dam Removal	\$	5,000,000.00	
Szot Park	\$	350,000.00	
Post 911 Park	\$	1,300,500.00	
Nitrogen Removal Improvement	\$	750,000.00	
South Fairview Water project	\$	1,463,430.00	
Southwick St School Loan	\$	650,000.00	
Senior Meals	\$	50,000.00	
	\$		24,906,778.00
Total Underway	\$		24,906,778.00
TOTAL COMMITTED	\$		36,077,428.00

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Project Title	Eligibility	ARPA Category	Award Amount	RE	Status
Underway					
Pump Replacement	Infrastructure	Wastewater (5.2)	\$ 2,006,000.00	DPW	10/5 awarded; Design underway
Elder Homeowner Resiliency Loan Program	Equity focused	Housing Assistance (2.18)	\$ 500,000.00	CD	7 commitments totaling \$133,000
OSHA/ Public Health Screening	Public Health	Public Health (1.7)	\$ 100,000.00	HR	9/13 award increased
South Fairview Sewer Separation	Infrastructure	Combined Sewer overflow (5.4)	\$ 8,486,848.00	DPW	project awarded to Ludlow Construction ; underway
Boys and Girls Club Site Improvements	Equity focused	Healthy Communities (2.22)	\$ 500,000.00	CD	Bids specifications completed; out to bid.
Library Redevelopment	Equity focused	Rehabilitation of commercial properties (2.31)	\$ 3,500,000.00	Planning	Architecture team has been released to advance the design development/bid document phase of the project. The schedule currently places project bidding in fall 2023 with a construction start of December 2023.
Impacted Non-Profit Program	Assistance to Nonprofits	Assistance to Nonprofit (2.34)	\$ 250,000.00	CD	five awards (Legion 452, Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, Chic Falls Polish Home, Harmony House, Willimansett Heights League)
Bemis Pond Dam Removal	Infrastructure	Clean Water (5.6)	\$ 5,000,000.00	Planning	Project was bid and awarded to Luciano Excavation ; Work underway
Szot Park	Equity Focused	Healthy Communities (2.22)	\$ 350,000.00	Planning/ Parks	Consultant Services procurement completed.
Post 911 Park	Equity focused	Healthy Communities (2.22)	\$ 1,300,500.00	Planning/ Parks	Notice to Proceed issued to H.M. Nunes & Sons on February 9, 2023. Construction underway.
Nitrogen Removal Improvement	Infrastructure	Clean Waste Water (5.1)	\$ 750,000.00	DPW	need eligibility determination
South Fairview Water project	Infrastructure	Drinking water (5.11)	\$ 1,463,430.00	DPW	project was aarded to Ludlow Construction
VOC Southwick St School	Equity focused	Long term Housing Security : Affordable Housing (2.15)	\$ 650,000.00	CD	Project in closing process with all funders

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Elder Meals	Equity focused	Household Assistance: Food Program(2.1)	\$ 50,000.00	COA
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