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# American Rescue Plan

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## Overview of ARP Guidance

- Use of the ARP State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) is directed by the 437-page “Final Rule,” the “Reporting and Compliance Guidance,” the “Final Rule FAQs,” and the “Final Rule Overview.”
- There are 83 eligible expenditure categories, divided among the following priority areas:
  - Public Health
  - Negative Economic Impacts
  - Public Health – Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity
  - Premium Pay
  - Infrastructure
  - Revenue Replacement
  - Administrative
- This guidance is supplemented by the 2 CFR 200, which governs the use of Federal Funds, as well as additional federal guidance for specific expenditure areas, such as Lead Service Line Replacement



## ARP Team

### Office of Financial Services

- Jade Fessler: Grants Specialist
- Carol Gronfor: Grants Compliance Supervisor
- Laura Logsdon: Program Administrator
- Terri Spencer: Accountant V
- Maia Wahlberg: Management Assistant III

### City Attorney's Office

- Debra Newell: Senior Attorney
- Siobhan Tolar: Senior Attorney



## ARP Team Responsibilities

- Intake process
- Project development assistance and guidance
- ARP-related budget amendments
- Quarterly and Annual reports to Treasury
- Ongoing guidance for Project Managers
- Semiannual project check-ins
- Monitoring
- Maintaining public-facing ARP website and internal SharePoint site as resource for project managers

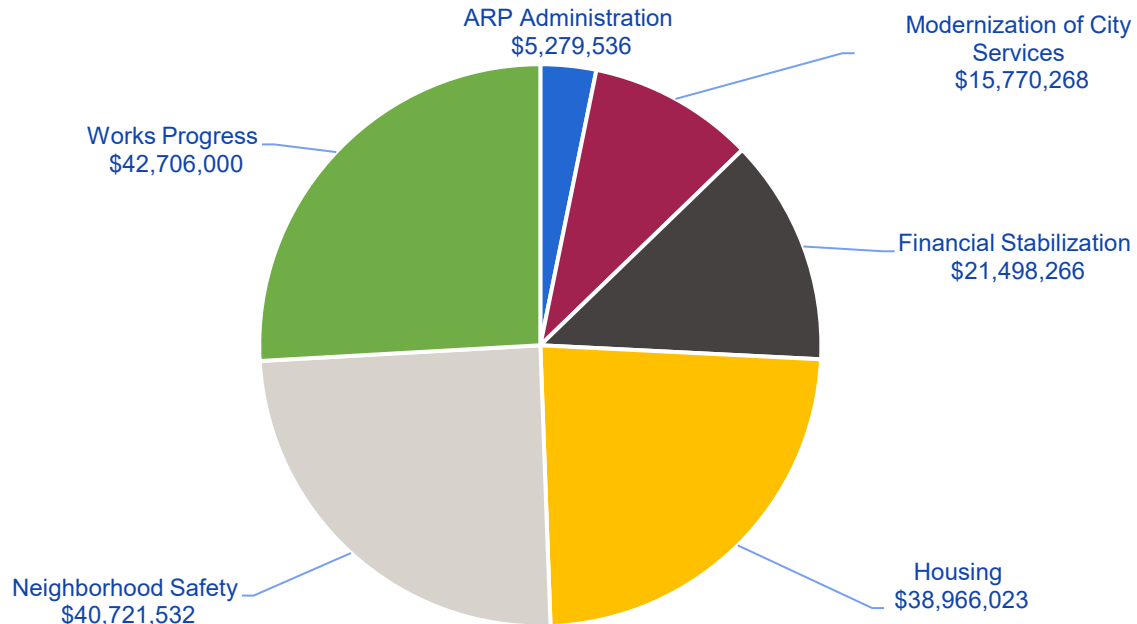


## ARP Team updates

- No findings in 2021 Audit process
- 52 ARP-funded projects currently reported to Treasury
- Development of robust processes to protect City



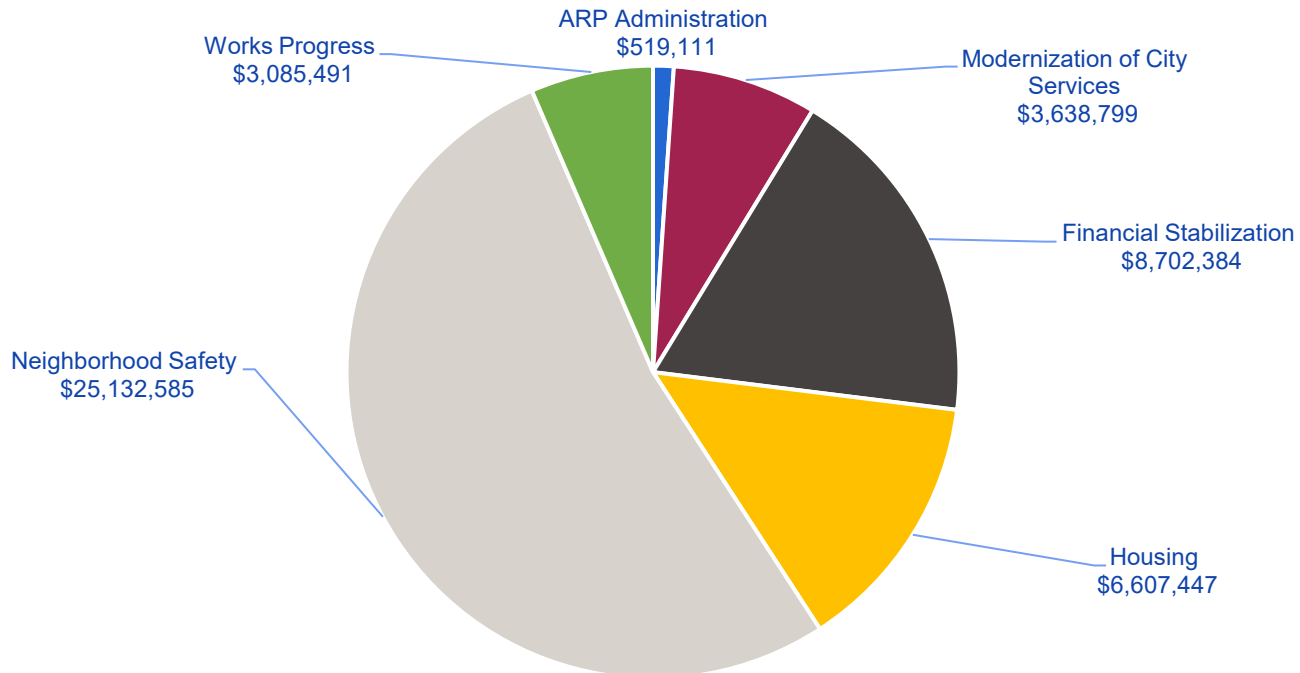
# ARP Funds Budgeted by City Priority Area



\*\*Data as of 2022 Q4 Quarterly Expenditure Report



# ARP Funds Expended by City Priority Area



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## Project Highlight

Project: 30% AMI Affordable Housing

- Budget: \$37.5 million
- Ramsey County also allocated \$37 million of its ARP funding to support deeply affordable housing investments
- Goal to create housing units affordable at 30% area median income





# 30% AMI ARPA - Solicitation #1

Request for Proposals open March 31, 2022 to April 21, 2022

**Goal:** Facilitate the production of affordable multifamily rental housing with 30% AMI units closing in 2022.

**Funding:** Funds must be used for production of 30% AMI units

## **Eligible Projects:**

- Anticipated closing date by end of 2022.
- New construction, multi-family rental projects with 4 units or more.
- At least 10% of the units at 30% AMI or below.
- At least 40% of the units at 60% AMI or below.
- Affordability term of at least 30 years.

**Selection Outcome:** 5 projects selected to move forward



## 30% AMI ARPA - Solicitation #2

Request for Proposals open October 27, 2022 to November 30, 2022

**Goal:** Increase supply of 30% AMI housing, with a focus on permanent supportive housing

**Funding:** Funds must be used for production of 30% AMI units.

### **Eligible Projects:**

- Anticipated closing date no later than the end of 2024
- Rental housing and/or permanent supportive housing, minimum of 4 units
- Project creates new 30% AMI units (new construction or adaptive reuse)
- Minimum of 10% of the units in the project at 30% AMI level
- Affordability term of at least 30 years

**Selection Outcome:** 6 projects selected to move forward



## RFP and Selection Process

11 projects recommended  
to move forward with final  
underwriting

2 projects approved and  
construction underway

Remaining projects to be  
brought to City Council  
for funding approval  
individually, at later date



# Twelve22

- Developer: JB Vang
- Location: 1222 University Avenue
- Project Description: Adaptive reuse of the former Casket Company building
- 55 rental units
  - 15 units at 30% Ami
  - 40 units at 60 % AMI





# Project Soul

- Developer: Schafer Richardson
- Location: 176 Robert Street
- Project Description: Mixed use redevelopment with affordable housing and commercial space
- 9,250-square-feet of commercial
- 178 rental units total
  - 35 units at 30% AMI
  - 143 units at 60 % AMI





## Project Highlight

Project: Right Track

- Budget: \$2,075,000
- Expand existing Right Track program
  - Expand age range of youth served
  - Extend internships beyond the typical summer season
  - Provide career advancement and high wage opportunities





# Project Highlight

## Project: Right Track

- Expand existing Right Track program
  - 18-24 year old specific opportunities
    - EMS Academy – 14 participants
    - UX Academy –
    - Pharmacy Tech Academy - 7 participants
    - Lifeguard Training – 22 participants
    - Right Track Plus – 212 participants
  - School Year Opportunities
    - Career Exploration Field Trips
    - Saint Paul Public Schools Internships
  - Summer Training Components
    - Added 6 Week training for all YJ1 participants
    - 57 Academic Credits Earned
    - 559 Financial Education Certificates Earned





## Project Highlight

Project: Parks and Recreation Expansion

- Budget: \$1.5 million
- Expansion of several Parks and Recreation initiatives
  - expansion of recreation center hours
  - subsidies for athletic fees within low or moderate income neighborhoods
  - Summer Swarm technology truck
  - Replacement climbing wall
  - Recreation in Motion program
  - City's tech lab program







# Project Highlight

## Project: Parks and Recreation Expansion

- Expansion of several Parks and Recreation initiatives
  - Added Saturday hours to 5 sites
    - El Rio Vista, Hazel Park, Hayden Heights, MLK, & McDonough
  - Free Sports for ages 9 and up
    - Basketball 68% increase over 2021-22
    - Futsal increase 71% increase over 2022
    - Volleyball increase of 88% increase over 2022
  - Equipment Purchases
    - Summer Swarm technology truck
    - Replacement climbing wall
    - Recreation in Motion program – truck purchased
  - Realigning tech lab program





## Project Highlight

Project: Lead Service Line Replacement

- Budget: \$14.5 million
- Addresses the need to replace lead service lines throughout the City's water distribution system
- Goal to replace 1,090 private lead service lines and 150 public lead service lines