

Information Item

Date: August 14, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Tiffany Oliva, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

Subject:

Update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-Enabled Framework and Transformational Grants Program

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The City of Winston-Salem received a total of \$51.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding. In January 2023, the City Council approved taking the Treasury allowed “Revenue Replacement” method, which was calculated to be about \$49 million. Doing so, enabled the City to more effectively partner with non-profit agencies and City departments without as heavy of federal compliance burden in the administration of critical and transformational programs.

The ARPA-enabled Transformational Grants program awarded \$10.5 million to fifteen non-profit agencies to move the needle on key components of the City’s Strategic Plan and trigger a profound, ripple effect of positive, multidimensional change. Further, the City sought to place equity at the forefront of the application to transform historically significant and deeply disinvested low-income communities.

This presentation overviews the most recent ARPA-enabled framework, and more thoroughly provides Transformational Grant updates.