

Information Item

Date: October 10, 2022

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
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Subject: Overview of applications for ARPA funding requesting housing and homelessness assistance

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Housing Assistance Programs

Strategic Plan Action Item: Yes

Key Work Item: Yes



On August 23, 2021, in a Special Meeting of the City Council, City staff presented a framework for spending the City's \$51.7 million allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF). City staff recommended a phased approach for spending the funds. The guiding principles for spending the City's CLFRF funds include process transparency, economic restoration, community transformation, fiscal soundness, and equitable outcomes.

The Mayor and City Council approved the transformational grant program in February 2022. With this program, the City of Winston-Salem sought 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. In addition, on March 28, 2022, the Mayor and City Council approved use of the U.S. Treasury revenue loss calculation allowed by the ARPA CLFRF Final Rule to set aside funding in the general fund for specific purposes, one of which was a commitment to affordable housing. Of the City's \$51.7 million, \$20 million was appropriated (along with an additional \$10 million from the State) for housing investments and support.

Applications for this program were made available to the community in late March 2022 and remained open through early May. The City received 89 completed applications totaling \$50.7 million in requests for capital and operational funding. Staff reviewed and scored all applications, 9 of which were for housing and homelessness support.

The attached Exhibit 1 provides a synopsis of the housing and homelessness support applications.

The attached Exhibit 2 provides an overview of remaining funds are housing-related projects. Some project funding is subject to federal and local restrictions.