



## City of Gainesville Agenda Report

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**Agenda Date:** October 27, 2022

**Department:** City Manager

### **Title: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Quarterly Update 2022-676 (B)**

**Description:** The City Manager's Office will provide an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects.

**Explanation:**

Attachment A – "City of Gainesville ARPA SLFRF Project Funding Summary through September 15, 2022" provides an overview of the current appropriated and earmarked ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funded projects. GSG, the City's General ARPA consultant, has worked with Staff to determine funding eligibility under the ARPA program.

The following projects have been allocated funding by the City Commission:

1. Affordable Housing - \$8,000,000

The City Commission approved the Affordable Housing recommendation as a part of the Affordable Housing Work Plan presented to the General Policy Committee on July 28, 2022 ([Agenda # 210975](#)) to include funding to support the development of affordable housing for sale and rental housing, down payment assistance, owner occupied rehabilitation and land acquisition for affordable housing. An update on the Work Plan was provided to the General Policy Committee on October 13, 2022 ([Agenda # 2022-625](#)). The issuance of the Notice of Funding Availability is scheduled for November/December 2022; and at this time developers and neighbors can begin to request funding from the City. The funding will be used as a developer's subsidy and neighbors can apply for rehabilitation assistance and down payments assistance to purchase housing.

2. Aid to Non-Profit Organizations - \$6,981,322

As of October 17, 2022, 23 of the 36 nonprofit organizations have executed agreements with the City representing 75% of the allocation for this project (\$5.2 million). Through the same date, just under \$490,000 has been reimbursed to the nonprofit organizations.

3. General Government Services Set-Aside - \$4,216,228

The General Government Services set-aside was appropriated as part of the FY 2023 Financial and Operating Plan on September 22, 2022 ([Agenda #2022-265](#)).

4. East Side Urgent Care Center - \$2,250,000:

The following is a high level overview of the Eastside Health and Economic Development Initiative (EHEDI):

- The owners of the White Electric and Battery property accepted the City's offer to purchase the parcel. The City is undergoing the due diligence phase for this purchase which is mostly complete. Final closing is expected to occur in January 2023.
- The City Commission also authorized staff to enter into a contract with CHW to develop construction plans for the roadway for the EHEDI site at the October 6, 2022 City Commission meeting ([Agenda #2022-581](#)). This will provide access to the entire site and, specifically, the UF Clinic site as well as the RTS Transfer Site.
- The land use and zoning changes for the EHEDI site were approved by the City Commission at the October 6, 2022 and October 20, 2022 City Commission meetings ([Agenda #2022-384](#) and [#2022-385](#)).
- With the execution of the Triparty Agreement, staff is working with the University of Florida on the development and disposition plans for the property.

Next steps for this project will be to finalize the subrecipient agreement with University of Florida Health – Shands, the roadway plans, and for the University of Florida Clinic and the RTS Transfer Center to go through the site plan review process. In addition, a Community Update meeting is in process of being scheduled.

5. Energy Rehabilitation - \$1,900,000:

Since implementing changes to the LEEP<sup>plus</sup> program on May 2, 2022, staff has seen a marked uptick in applications coming in: during the first seven months of FY22, 70 applications were received versus 266 applications during the final five months. 132 LEEP projects were completed as of September 30, 2022 of which 55 met the ARPA guidelines from our go-live date of May 2, 2022 to September 30, 2022. While continuing to promote the program in the community through advertising campaigns and Community Events, staff has turned attention to increasing the number of Partnering Contractors. Adding more contractors will allow us to better meet the high demand for LEEP services in our community.

6. Vision Zero - \$1,250,000:

The ARPA funded Vision Zero projects are underway:

- NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue/6<sup>th</sup> Street Lane Re-purposing - \$250,000: design concept was finalized with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on June 30, 2022 with construction expected to begin Spring 2023. Kimley-Horn was hired to produce the construction plans and conduct the required outreach according to FDOT guidelines as part of the lane elimination permit (this section of NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is owned by FDOT);
- 10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Street One-Way Pairs - \$250,000: design process underway. Concept developed and outreach conducted; Staff is working to finalize the plans.
- NE 3<sup>rd</sup>/Waldo Road - \$350,000: design process underway and implementation requires partnership with the Public Works Department and the FDOT.
- SE 18<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk - \$300,000: not yet started, a design proposal has been requested from CHW.
- SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street - \$100,000: design complete and Staff is evaluating implementation options with the Public Works Department. Plans needed adjustment due to recent traffic patterns change at the PK Young driveway and given the limited funding allocation, the project will be implemented with stripping only.

7. Community Resource Paramedicine (CRP) Program - \$1,000,000:

The CRP program in conjunction with the Department of Financial Services' Procurement Division has begun purchasing equipment that allows for the expansion and enhancement of services. These enhancements enable the program to increase the capacity of those served in the Individualized Care, Population Resilience, Community Engagement, and Preventative Health Programs.

- The Department of Transportation's Fleet Division has ordered two ambulances with an expected delivery date of May 2023.
- Contracts for the Zoll cardiac monitors and Stryker Power Loaders have been fully executed and GFR is awaiting delivery.
- The Advanced Life Support (ALS) bags have arrived and ALS medications will be ordered to coincide with the arrival of ambulances to avoid the medicine going out of date prior to service.

- All Power Stretchers, I-Stat machines, radios, CF33s, office equipment, and cell phones have been received and placed into service.
- GFR and the Procurement Division has been receiving oral presentations from vendors for the Electronic Health Record/Mobile Integrated Health System. Three bids have been received for the RT-Lamp.
- Solicitations are being completed for the remaining items funded by this program.

8. Community Land Trust - \$1,000,000:

Staff is working with the selected vendor to finalize the agreement and plans to bring this contract to the City Commission for their approval at the November 17, 2022 City Commission meeting.

9. National League of Cities One Nation/One Project - \$648,176:

The City of Gainesville is one of nine cities selected to participate in the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families City Cohort Initiative: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts in partnership with the One Nation/One Project (ONOP) initiative. The goal of the program is to connect arts and health to create jobs and improve well-being and community conditions in cities to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 by uniting municipal leaders, community health centers, artists, and community members to spur local arts initiatives that improve social cohesion, economic resilience and health outcomes. Each participating city will be supported to use local resources to organize and carry out their own specific arts project that is inspired by the prompt: "There is no place like home". This initiative seeks a broad range of creative ideas for projects including, but not limited to, performances, installations, festivals, events featuring any performing, literary, visual, digital, or other art form, or combination of art forms. Projects that include broad public participation from ideation to implementation are encouraged.

In January of 2022, the City Commission recognized youth gun violence as a local issue that has worsened in the aftermath of the pandemic, and agreed to participate in the ONOP initiative as it could have a positive impact on the emotional wellness of our community. This project is being led by the Office of Government Affairs and Community Relations and internal partners for this project include the following departments: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Juvenile Justice and Community Support Programs, Gainesville Fire Rescue, and Gainesville Police. External partners include local neighbors, University of Florida, Santa Fe College, Alachua County Public Schools, Alachua County Health Department, National League of Cities, One Nation/One Project, Milken Institute School of Public Health, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and the World Health Organization.

Preliminary planning for the delivery of this project by the City includes the following phases.

- Phase 1 (September 2022 – July 2023): form a steering committee, hire youth steering committee cultivators, host engagement and listening sessions with the community. In addition, a request for qualifications was issued and responses are expected back by October 27, 2022 for an Artistic Director.
- Phase 2 (February 2023 – April 2023): the City will use community feedback to write a Call to Artists that invites local artists and arts organizations to propose projects that fit the needs and desires that the community has expressed in Phase 1 of ONOP's engagement process.
- Phase 3 (April 2023 – July 2024): the City's participation in ONOP will wrap up two summer events (in 2023 and 2024) and develop a sustainability plan.

The following events have been held to date:

- September 24, 2022: community introduction to ONOP at Howard Bishop Middle School.
- October 18, 2022: Hosted first steering committee meeting.
- October 19, 2022: community introduction to ONOP during City Government Day at City Hall.

Upcoming engagements include:

- November 5, 2022: Bailey Learning & Arts + Peaceful Paths + GNV "Writing to Heal: Our Stories of Survival" at the Santa Fe College CIED Center
- November through April (dates TBD): ONOP, SPARC352 Arts engagement opportunities
- January 2023: Youth Steering Committee commences

#### 10. Violence Intervention- \$621,483:

In the community oriented details, GPD is currently executing over-time details (four Officers, every Friday/Saturday) that will be oriented to focus on the violent crime problems. The Officers will work from 10 pm – 4 am. The goal is to maintain high visibility, conduct business and citizen contacts, and conduct violent crime suppression by conducting pro-active patrols and enforcement. In addition, a gun buy-back event is being planned for the month of December 2022 and the location will be at a local church in District 2. The position of the Public Safety Coordinator (Police Athletic League Coordinator) is moving forward and we are creating a temporary FTE for the position.

#### 11. Homeless Outreach - \$400,000:

The agreement for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (aka GRACE Marketplace) was executed on October 11, 2022. The organization is able to submit requests for reimbursement when ready.

12. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - \$300,000:

Initial orders for COVID test kits, hand sanitizer, surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, Tyvek suits, nitrile gloves, hydrogen peroxide, and Aeroclave solvent have arrived. City departments have been updated on the strategic reserve and departments may pull from the reserve and replace items from department budgets to ensure stock rotation. Work specifications are being completed for the remaining item, surveillance kiosks. Once prices for surveillance kiosks are finalized then the second wave of PPE orders will begin.

13. Utility Debt Forgiveness - \$250,000:

To date, a total of \$94,255 has been distributed to settle past due accounts for 169 customers. GRU continues to survey customers for negative COVID related impact on past due accounts.

14. Human Rights Coalition – Community ID - \$87,712.50:

The Human Rights Coalition grant award agreement is in process of being fully executed.

15. Nonprofit Capacity Building - \$18,678:

As a follow up to the City of Gainesville's ARPA Aid to Nonprofit Organizations Program, the Community Foundation of North Central Florida (Foundation) will provide capacity building and training opportunities focused on infrastructure, nonprofit governance, and grant writing principles as applicable. For those organizations that applied for the program and did not receive more than \$20,000, the Foundation has organized those from a capacity building needs perspective with specified recommendations based on those needs. To date, 9 out of 23 organizations have participated in at least one training provided by the Foundation.

16. Language Access / GINI - \$300,000

City staff has advanced multiple processes forward to support GINI. Below is a summary of what has been accomplished to date:

- The Office of Equity and Inclusion is actively recruiting for the City's first Immigrant Affairs Manager, a full-time staff member that will work this office.
- A multi-service language translation provider has been selected and is under contract for in-person and phone translation.

- Citywide document and sign translation is underway and will focus on the most commonly used forms and publicly facing signage.
- Initial training for staff on how to use the language translation services has been designed and has started.

Attachment B – memorandum titled “Update on GINI” from the Office of Equity and Inclusion dated October 10, 2022 provides additional information on this project.

17. Gainesville For All - \$350,000

Gainesville For All is in process of finalizing their subrecipient agreement with the City and anticipates a Fall 2023 opening of the Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center.

18. Central Receiving Facility - \$250,000

Meridian Behavioral Health is moving forward with authorizing the construction of the joint Central Receiving Facility. Meridian Behavioral Health has gone through the required process to retain a contractor and were ready to move forward. The subrecipient agreement is expected to be finalized by the end of the month.

19. Feasibility studies for the Cultural Arts Center and Sportsplex/8th and Waldo - \$197,287.50

- The contract with AMS Planning and Research was fully executed on October 7, 2022 and Staff is in the beginning stages of planning for this project.
- Staff plans to present an update on the Sportsplex/8<sup>th</sup> and Waldo at the November 17, 2022 City Commission meeting.

**Strategic Connection:**

Goal 1: Equitable Community  
 Goal 2: Sustainable Community  
 Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience  
 Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy  
 Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Fiscal Note:**

Project and administrative expenses are funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated to the City of Gainesville by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The City received its first half of the \$32.4 million allocation (\$16.2 million) on June 14, 2021 and the second tranche on June 16, 2022.

**Recommendation:**

The General Policy Committee to hear an update on the ARPA program implementation.