



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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Department: City Manager

Title: 2023-523 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Quarterly Update (B)

Department: Office of the City Manager

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

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. Through September 30, 2023, \$10.9 million, or 33.8% of the total ARPA grant, has been spent.

Explanation:

U.S. Treasury Reporting: The City submitted the latest required quarterly report to the U.S. Treasury on October 31, 2023. The report covered activity through September 30, 2023.

Phase 1 Audit Update: Staff has implemented a project manual effective April 18, 2023. Staff is continuously updating the manual with the latest information or processes. The current Program Manual is attached to this agenda item as Attachment A.

Project Updates: Attachment B – "City of Gainesville ARPA SLFRF Project Budget vs. Actual through September 30, 2023" provides an overview of the financial activity of the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funded projects through September 30, 2023.

Affordable Housing

Status: In progress

At the June 15th City Commission meeting, the Commission awarded \$6,350,000 to three developers (Oakview Apartment Phase 2, Jessie’s Village and Woodland Park Phase 2) to produce 203 new affordable rental units and \$850,000 to two developers (Creekside Commons and NHDC) to produce 17 new affordable homeownership units. Staff is currently working to finalize the subrecipient agreements with the developers.

Budget: \$8,165,397.60

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$15,000 (0.2%)

Aid to Nonprofit Organizations

Status: **In progress**

35 of the 36 nonprofit organizations have executed agreements with the City representing 99.7% of the allocation for this project (\$6.96 million). Through September 30, 2023, \$3,044,009 has been reimbursed to nonprofit organizations, with an additional 8 invoices totaling \$116,023 currently under review.

Budget: \$6,961,322.19

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$3,044,009 (43.6%)

General Government Services Set-Aside

Status: **Complete**

Staff along with GSG has identified the provision of public safety services as an eligible expense for this category, specifically those associated with the Combined Communications Center. All invoices have been processed for FY23.

Budget: \$4,216,227.92

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$4,216,227.92 (100%)

East Side Urgent Care Center

Status: **In progress**

The project is permitted and under construction with an estimated completion date of summer 2024. On a related project, the Thursday, November 16th City Commission agenda includes a request to award the construction contract for the Eastside Health and Economic Development Initiative (EHEDI) roadway network. Part of this network will connect the Urgent Care Center to Hawthorne Road and, ultimately, to S.E. 8th Avenue.

Budget: \$2,250,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$0 (0%)

Energy Rehabilitation

Status: In progress

The LEEPplus program has successfully utilized ARPA funding since May 2, 2022. During FY22, 57 ARPA funded homes were completed totaling \$393,952.60. Administrative expenses for this same period totaled \$1,742.32.

During FY23, 195 ARPA homes were completed totaling \$1,438,758.30. Administrative expenses for this same period totaled \$17,570.61. To date, 252 homes have been completed. GRU is in the process of finalizing records for expenditures incurred in FY23 third and fourth quarters. Once the records are verified, General Government will reimburse the remaining funds to GRU.

The remaining funding (\$47,976.17) has been vouchered for FY24 for the remaining six homes that are approved.

Budget: \$1,900,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$1,183,019.22 (62.3%)

Vision Zero

Status: In progress

The ARPA funded Vision Zero projects are underway:

- NW 8th Avenue/6th Street Lane Re-purposing - \$350,000: Plans finalized and permits received in September 2023. Procurement documents are in development and construction is expected to commence in summer 2024.
- NE 3rd Avenue/Waldo Road - \$350,000: 90% plans are completed and have been reviewed by FDOT and City staff; final plans are due from the design consultant December 2023. FDOT public meeting is required for median closure. Construction phase is not funded.
- 10th/12th Street One-Way Pairs - \$250,000: 90% plans under review; implementation will be phased as funding allows; Phase I includes the segment between NW 3rd Avenue and NW 8th Avenue.
- SE 18th Street Sidewalk - \$300,000: 100% plans in progress.

Budget: \$1,250,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$165,227.25 (13.2%)

Administrative - General Consultant - GSG

Status: In progress

GSG continues to provide support services for the administration of the ARPA program, including: reporting, compliance with U.S. Treasury and Final Rule

requirements, review of invoices and supporting documentation, and development of policies and procedures in line with best practices for grant management.

Budget: \$1,215,330

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$336,120.75 (27.7%)

Community Resource Paramedicine Program

Status: **In progress**

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 updated delivery date of June 2024.
- 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.
- Contracts for the Stryker Power Loaders have been fully executed and will be delivered to the ambulance manufacturer for installation.
- RFP specifications have been completed for the final outstanding item, the ePCR, and is moving through the procurement process with an estimated completion date of December 2023.

Budget: \$1,000,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$335,228.62 (33.5%)

Community Land Trust

Status: **In progress**

Bright Community Trust recently completed the solicitation process to select a Contractor that will build the 10 affordable housing units. The City has transferred four lots from the City's surplus inventory to Bright Community and is working to identify additional lots which may be suitable for affordable housing. Bright Community has begun the predevelopment work including site plan development, architectural review, zoning verification, etc.

An update from Bright Community Trust is scheduled before the City Commission on November 16, 2023.

Budget: \$1,000,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$0 (0%)

City Administrative Costs - Estimated

Status: In progress

Staff continues to track costs and record appropriate expenditures to this project. This includes staff time on ARPA project management and communication, administrative, and event expenses.

Budget: \$912,587

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$167,202.45 (18.3%)

National League of Cities – One Nation / One Project

Status: In progress

The project is underway and will be delivered in three phases:

- Phase 1 (Spring – Summer 2023):
 - Youth Steering Committee: comprised of nine youth, meet monthly to discuss gun violence, arts, and review proposals. Supplemented with community organizations as subject matter experts.
 - Phase 1 Community Listening Projects:
 - 20 projects were funded up to \$5,000 and implemented in the Summer of 2023
 - Funding came from a generous donation to the National ONOP program that was distributed to the City of Gainesville project in the amount of \$100,000
 - Community listening data was collected from over 300 youth
 - Phase 1 events/City of Gainesville Community Listening Sessions:
 - Never Had a Friend Play – May 2023
 - Mirror Image Leadership Academy – Youth Gun Violence in Schools Project – June 2023
 - Mirror Image Scholar Showcase – August 2023
 - Summer 2023 Culminating Event
 - Produced by Artistic Director Mr. Marion Caffey
 - Hosted in Depot Park with Phase 1 recipients invited to table
 - Over 250 community members came to enjoy the performance of local and national artists
 - Phase 2 (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)
 - Phase 2 Information Sessions:
 - Held in August – 1 virtual, 1 in person
 - Call for Projects:
 - Launched September 5th and closed October 2nd
 - 12 applications received – nine of which were eligible for review
 - Application Review
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- Diverse community stakeholder panel conducted an independent review of the nine eligible projects
 - On November 1st, a Q & A session was held for the six top scoring proposals with the review panel
 - Project Selection and Implementation:
 - Selected projects will be announced November 15th
 - Contracting will occur through the end of the year
 - Project implementation will be January 1st through August 15th of 2024
- Phase 3
 - Large community culminating event will be held on July 27th, 2024.

Budget: \$648,176.08

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$116,831.59 (18.0%)

Violence Intervention

Status: **In progress**

GPD created a focused deterrence group named the Gainesville Violence Initiative. This group is comprised of a combination of 11 sworn police officers and detectives whose main focus is deterring violent crime. Their activity includes proactive stops, locating wanted subjects, and enforcement in our high crime areas. These areas have been identified through crime data and information led policing. During the first 60 days of the Gun Violence Initiative, there was a 40% decrease for the number of confirmed shots fired incidents.

The Brasstrax machine has been delivered to GPD and is scheduled to be installed on November 14th, 2023. There will be subsequent training for the Brasstrax machine and its software. All the forensic equipment and the forensic truck have been purchased and deployed for combatting violent crime.

The City of Gainesville's Gun Violence Prevention Summit drew an estimated 400 people to the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center on August 6 and 7, 2023. This event convened stakeholders from all areas of community and government to engage in focused discussions around the topic of gun violence. It provided a call to action for the community, and closed with a recommendation to review the event at the next Joint Meeting of the Gainesville City Commission and Alachua County Commission with future gatherings to examine data and share information. The Gun Violence Summit expenditures totaled \$58,238 and were covered by this ARPA program and leveraged a \$10,000 grant received by the Children's Trust of Alachua County.

Budget: \$621,483

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$356,846.92 (57.4%)

GRACE Marketplace – Homeless Outreach

Status: **In progress**

The subrecipient agreement for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (aka GRACE Marketplace) was executed on October 11, 2022. Since then, the City has processed and reimbursed ten invoices. Originally due to expire on September 30, 2023, the contract has been extended through December 31, 2023 to allow the organization to spend down the remaining funds.

Budget: \$400,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$291,095.73 (72.8%)

Gainesville For All

Status: **In progress**

The Gainesville For All agreement is fully executed and the Gainesville For All Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center opened in the fall of 2023. To date, one invoice has been processed.

Budget: \$350,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$94,383.83 (27.0%)

Personal Protective Equipment

Status: **Complete**

All materials and equipment have been received.

Budget: \$134,602.40

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$100,122.38 (74.4%)

Language Access / GINI

Status: **In progress**

The Office of Equity & Inclusion has appointed the City's first Immigrant Affairs Manager. Additional language access training opportunities are coming up for front line workers. Phone, document, and signage translation services are in place and currently being utilized.

Budget: \$300,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$12,401.96 (4.1%)

GRACE Marketplace – Security Improvements

Status: **In progress**

The subrecipient agreement is fully executed and the City has processed one invoice to date.

Budget: \$260,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$122,150.39 (47.0%)

Utility Debt Forgiveness

Status: **Complete**

The project is now completed and has assisted 534 customer accounts.

Budget: \$250,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$250,000 (100.0%)

Central Receiving Facility

Status: **In progress**

The subrecipient agreement between the City and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. has been fully executed. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. plans to complete construction of the Central Receiving Facility by June, 2024.

Budget: \$250,000

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$0 (0%)

Feasibility Study – Cultural Arts Center

Status: **In progress**

Consultants from AMS visited Gainesville on March 27th and 28th. They conducted interviews with key stakeholders that included city leaders, key members of the cultural community and others that expressed interest in participating in the process. The interview information will be used to gain an understanding of contextual issues, existing and potential partnerships, and level of support for the proposed project, renovation of the Duval Early Learning Academy, or new construction, and other opportunities.

On April 27th AMS returned to Gainesville with a cultural venue expert, an architect and lead consultant. They toured all identified possible sites where a cultural arts center might be suited. They also toured several city venues and private locations to gain an understanding of the cultural inventory within Gainesville. With this information, AMS will develop an inventory of performing arts, cultural assets, facilities and programs in the East Gainesville market area and within a 300-mile radius.

Information from the interviews with key stakeholders was used to develop a Potential Users Survey that was distributed on May 10th to gain more public feedback. This survey was available through July 2023 and AMS compiled the data from the surveys. A community workshop was held on May 31st. The workshop gave potential users, including arts organizations, an opportunity to express their opinion, gain feedback and collect community data about the cultural arts center project. A follow up meeting was scheduled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center for the neighbors in the Eastside areas to provide their input, feedback, and desires for a cultural arts center. A second survey was developed and distributed by the City in early August and data was provided to AMS to include in their assessment and report. A Visioning workshop with City staff was facilitated by AMS at City hall in late September. As a follow-up to their locational analysis, AMS met with the School Board in mid-October to discuss the Duval Early Learning Center facility and reviewed the floor plans.

AMS is now on the final stage of completing the report and final presentation which will be presented in February of 2024 to the City Commission.

Budget: \$197,287.50

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$72,604.03 (36.8%)

Human Rights Coalition – Community ID

Status: Closed

This project is closed due to legislation recently passed by the State legislature ([SB 1718](#)).

Budget: \$87,712.50

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$55,781.02 (63.6%)

Nonprofit Capacity Building

Status: In progress

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.

The Community Foundation of North Central Florida contract has been executed and nonprofits have begun receiving services.

Budget: \$18,677.81

Expenditures through September 30, 2023: \$14,100 (75.5%)

Strategic Connection:

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

Recommendation: The City Commission hear an update from staff on project progress.