

# American Rescue Plan Act ('ARPA')

## Presentation to the Lowell City Council

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# ARPA Program Background

## KEY FACTS

- Signed into law March 11, 2021
- **RECEIVED TO DATE:** \$65.2 Million
- **SPENT TO DATE:** \$9.02 Million
- **ENCUMBERED:** \$4.2 Million
  
- **AVAILABLE:** \$62.7 Million

## TIMELINE

- Deadline for Obligations: Dec. 31, 2024
- **Spending Deadline: Dec. 31, 2026**

ALLOCATION TYPE	AMOUNT
MUNICIPAL	\$54,450,130
COUNTY	\$21,527,184
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,977,314</b>

# ARPA Program Background

- **Eligible Categories of Expenditure**



#### **Support Public Health Response**

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



#### **Address Negative Economic Impacts**

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



#### **Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss**

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



#### **Premium Pay for Essential Workers**

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



#### **Water and Sewer Infrastructure**

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



#### **Broadband Infrastructure**

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

- **Ineligible Costs, Treasury Guidelines, & Reporting**

# ARPA Public Input Sessions

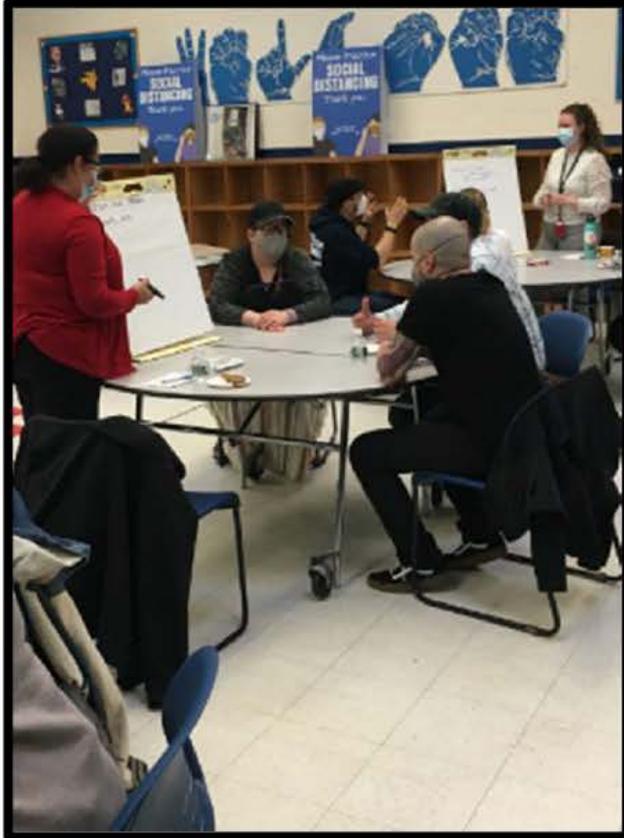


## Session #1

- Date: May 11, 2022
- Location: Lowell YMCA



# ARPA Public Input Sessions



## Session #2

- Date: May 19, 2022
- Location: Boys & Girls Club



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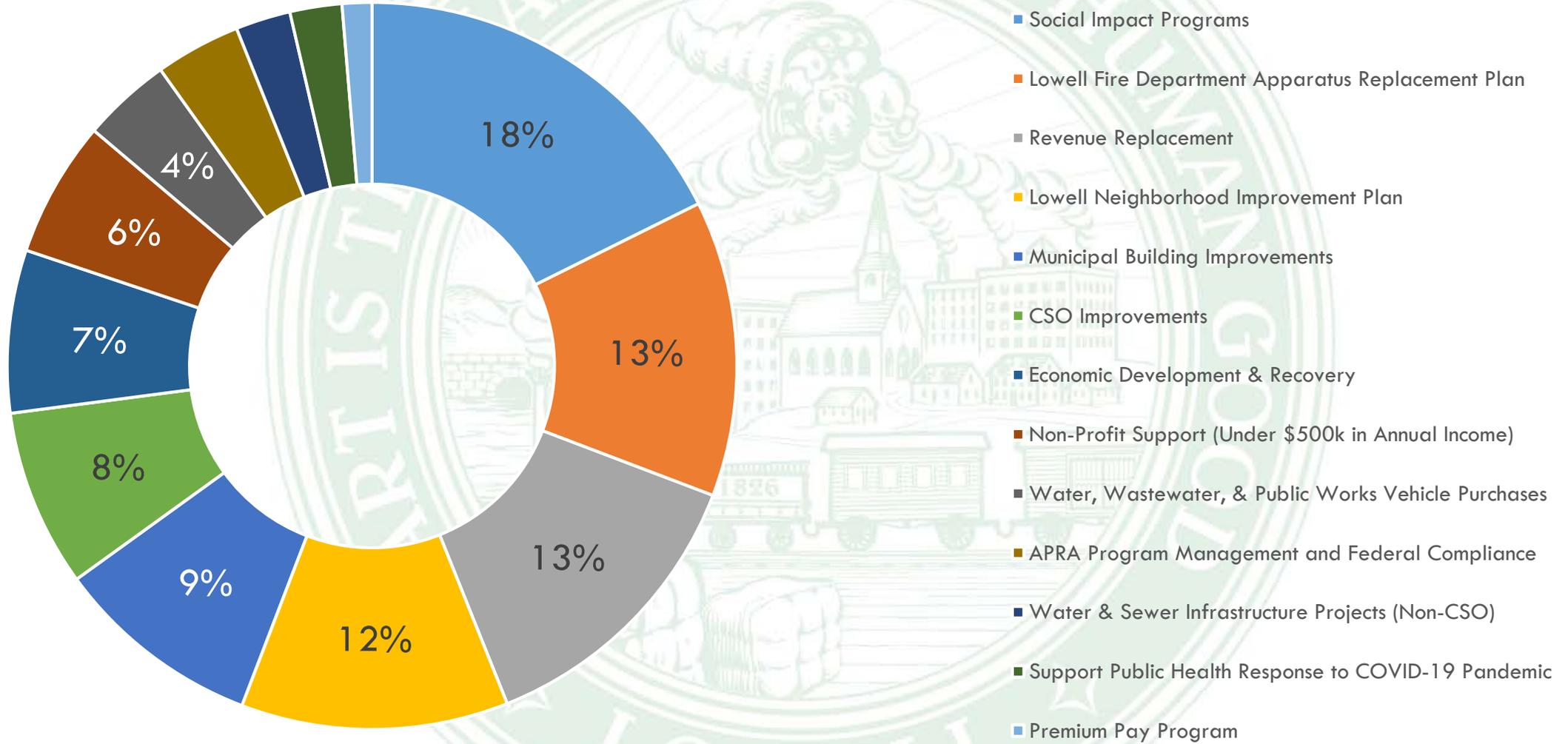


## Session #3

- Date: May 25, 2022
- Location: Senior Center



# ARPA Funding By Category



# Social Impact Programs

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$13.4 million**

*Through ARPA, the City will invest in various Social Impact Programs to make commitments and investments into key areas; specifically, education/training; public health; social/economic equity; and growing generational wealth.*

<u>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/ APPLICANT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF SERVICES/ PROGRAM/ CONTRACT</u>	<u>FUNDING ALLOCATION</u>	<u>PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP</u>
Social Impact Programs	MASSHIRE & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Addressing Equity in Lowell: Education Training Programs for Underserved Populations	\$ 2,200,000	X
Social Impact Programs	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Addressing Equity in Lowell: Public Health Programs in Underserved Populations	\$ 1,000,000	
Social Impact Programs	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Addressing Equity in Lowell: Social & Economic Equity	\$ 1,000,000	
Social Impact Programs	DPD & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Addressing Equity in Lowell: Growing Generational Wealth & Affordable Housing	\$ 4,000,000	X
Social Impact Programs	POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Bookmobile & Mobile Library Programming	\$ 300,000	
Social Impact Programs	HHS & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Support to Victims of Domestic Violence	\$ 2,000,000	X
Social Impact Programs	EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Weatherization & Fuel Efficiency Assistance for Lowell Residents	\$ 1,000,000	X
Social Impact Programs	CITY MANAGER & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Translation Services & Communication Improvements to Municipal Operations	\$ 1,000,000	X
Social Impact Programs	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Expanded Co-Op Team Services	\$ 900,000	

# Lowell Fire Department Apparatus Replacement Plan

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$10 million**

*The Lowell Fire Department maintains a fleet of 43 vehicles. This includes a large array of equipment used for everything from fire response to training and staff functions. With an average age of 15-16 years, the current fleet situation is problematic. The APRA funding will allow the City to make a nearly complete replacement of the oldest pieces of apparatus.*

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Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Engine 1 (Pumper) - Age: 24 years	\$ 650,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Ladder 1 (Ladder) - Age: 23 years	\$ 1,250,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Engine 4 (Pumper) - Age: 22 years	\$ 650,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Engine 10 (Pumper) - Age: 18 years	\$ 650,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Engine 3 (Pumper) - Age: 17 years	\$ 650,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Ladder 3 (Ladder) - Age: 17 years	\$ 1,250,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Current Spare Ladder (Ladder) - Age: 28 years	\$ 1,250,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Current Spare Engine 2 - Age: 27 years	\$ 650,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Current Spare Engine 7 - Age: 26 years	\$ 650,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Replace Current Spare Rescue - Age: 25 years	\$ 350,000	
Emergency Responders - Fire Equipment Capital Replacement	LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire Apparatus Contingency & Fire Equipment Replacement	\$ 2,000,000	

# Lowell Neighborhood Improvement Plan

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$9 million**

*The ARPA Neighborhood Improvement Plan will include directed funding for eligible parks projects, water & sewer infrastructure projects, and neighborhood business district improvements across Lowell's neighborhoods, with a focus on Qualified Census Tracts ('QCT')*



# Municipal Building Improvements

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$7 million**

*Targeted funding in School Facilities, as well as other municipal buildings for eligible improvements (HVAC improvements, ADA improvements, etc.)*

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Municipal Building Improvements	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	HVAC, ADA, and other Eligible Improvements within Municipal Buildings & Schools	\$ 7,000,000	

*This ARPA funding will supplement other, existing appropriations by the City Council to make an unprecedented investment in the City's buildings. Including the following:*

1. FY2023 Capital Budget for School Improvements: **\$2.3 million;**
2. The Governor's latest round of School HVAC Improvements (from state ARPA funds): **\$4.2 million;**
3. Current MSBA funded projects managed by the City of Lowell at the Robinson, Wang, Shaughnessy, and McAuliffe schools for roof, boiler, and window replacements. The exact cost will be known at the end of the feasibility study stage and the City will seek approximately 80% funding by the MSBA.

# Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$10.6 million**

*The City will accelerate its efforts to complete sewer separation projects in the Humphrey's Brook/ Billings Brook subarea, Tilden Street subarea, and other identified locations to reduce CSOs. Investments will also be made in water infrastructure and to purchase heavy machinery to better maintain the water & sewer systems.*

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Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY	Combined Sewer Outflow (CSO)/ Sewer Separation Projects	\$ 6,000,000	
Water, Wastewater, & Public Works Vehicle Purchases	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Inspection Vehicle	\$ 350,000	
Water, Wastewater, & Public Works Vehicle Purchases	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	Vactor Sewer Cleaning Machine (2)	\$ 1,175,000	
Water, Wastewater, & Public Works Vehicle Purchases	WATER DEPARTMENT	Hydro Excavation Machine	\$ 500,000	
Water, Wastewater, & Public Works Vehicle Purchases	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	Street Sweepers (2)	\$ 700,000	
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WATER UTILITY	Backflow Preventer Program	\$ 500,000	
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WATER UTILITY	Intake Valve Project - Vertical Turbine/ Raw Water Pumps	\$ 190,155	
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WATER UTILITY	Various Water Main Replacement & Infrastructure Upgrades	\$ 500,000	
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WATER UTILITY	Fire Hydrant Upgrade Program	\$ 100,000	
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WATER UTILITY	Water Treatment Storage Tank (Sodium Hypochlorite Tank)	\$ 19,780	
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	LOWELL REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY	Sewer Drain Line Capital Improvements	\$ 540,065	

# Economic Development & Recovery

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$5.8 million**

*These ARPA investments will support small businesses, helping them to address financial challenges caused by the pandemic and to make investments in COVID-19 prevention and mitigation tactics, as well as to provide technical assistance. The City will employ a broad array of grant, in-kind assistance, and counseling programs to enable small businesses to rebound from the downturn. A priority will be placed on speeding the recovery of the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors, supporting industries that were particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 emergency and are just now beginning to mend.*

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Economic Development & Recovery	PARKS DEPARTMENT	Compact Sidewalk Cleaning Machine (2)	\$ 275,000	
Economic Development & Recovery	CULTRUAL AFFAIRS & SPECIAL EVENTS (CASE)	City Marketing Campaign to Aid in the Recovery of Tourism, Arts, & Cultural Industries	\$ 1,500,000	
Economic Development & Recovery	CASE & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	City Support to Arts, Culture, & Events Programming	\$ 1,500,000	X
Economic Development & Recovery	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	Improved "Wayfinding, Tourist Destination, and Cultural Interest Signage" for the City	\$ 500,000	
Economic Development & Recovery	DPD & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Downtown Business Revitalization - Sign and Façade Program	\$ 500,000	X
Economic Development & Recovery	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	Downtown Revitalization (Power Washing, Sidewalk Repairs, Beautification, etc.)	\$ 500,000	
Economic Development & Recovery	DPD & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Neighborhood Business District Revitalization - Grants for Small Businesses	\$ 1,000,000	X

# Non-Profit Support

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$4.6 million**

*Working in partnership with Lowell's vibrant network of non-profit agencies; the City will make investments in sustainable programs to aid in the recovery of Lowell's underserved populations.*

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Lowell Non-profit Support	DPD & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS	Funding for Mental Health, Substance Use, Homelessness, Diversion, Food Security, and other Human Service Programming in Lowell	\$ 4,600,000	X

*This ARPA Funding will supplement other, existing federal dollars received each year by the City of Lowell further advance the City Council's goals for an equitable recovery. Including the following:*

1. Annual Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Public Service Funding = **\$1.02 million** (\$340,000 x 3 years);
2. Annual CDBG Non-Public Service Funding = **\$4.92 million** (\$1.64 million x 3 years);
3. Annual Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") = **\$733,500** (\$244,500 x 3 years);
4. Annual HOME program funding = **\$4.3 million** (\$1,430,600 x 3 years).

# Public Health Efforts, Premium Pay, & Compliance

**FUNDING TOTAL = \$5.6 million**

*The City will continue to address COVID-19 and any other public health issues, as well as mitigate its impact and administer all program funding areas utilizing the balance of the federal allocation. Premium pay will be paid to eligible municipal employees who worked in public-facing positions during the pandemic.*

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Support Public Health Response	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts	\$ 525,500	
Support Public Health Response	DPD - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	Public Health Inspectors (Sanitation, Rodent Prevention, Other Public Health Code Compliance - 3 yr.)	\$ 660,482	
Support Public Health Response	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	School Nurses Health Software (Public Health Tracking in Public Schools)	\$ 242,295	
Support Public Health Response	LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT	Lowell Police Department Emergency Response Equipment Upgrades	\$ 321,723	
Premium Pay	VARIOUS ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	Premium Pay for Eligible City Employees who worked in Public-Facing Positions During the Pandemic	\$ 1,000,000	
Program Management & Federal Compliance	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	Program Staff (Grant Funded - City of Lowell Employees)	\$ 1,234,000	
Program Management & Federal Compliance	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	Program Hardware & Software	\$ 500,000	
Program Management & Federal Compliance	EXTERNAL: CONSULTANTS & CONTRACTS	Professional Services, Consultants (Architects, Engineering, other)	\$ 400,000	
Program Management & Federal Compliance	EXTERNAL: CONSULTANTS & CONTRACTS	Owner's Project Manager ("OPM") for Capital Projects	\$ 400,000	
Program Management & Federal Compliance	EXTERNAL: CONSULTANTS & CONTRACTS	Accounting (CPA), Legal, and Regulatory Compliance Professional Services	\$ 300,000	
Program Management & Federal Compliance	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	Misc. Supplies, Reimbursements, Eligible Costs	\$ 43,314	

# QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS?

