

**City of Cambridge, Massachusetts**

***Federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funding – Community Project Idea Submittal Form***

Please submit your proposed initiative idea by responding to the below questions and sending to [ARPA@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ARPA@cambridgema.gov). Please use the subject line: “Cambridge American Rescue Plan Community Project Idea”.

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**A. Project Idea Information**

**Name & Contact Information of Submitter**

**May the City contact you for more information?**      Yes      No

**Project Idea Description**

(250 words or less and please also specify how the proposed project or program idea would address negative community impacts from the pandemic):



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4. Can performance metrics be developed for the proposed initiative to measure progress in meeting intended goals and community benefits? If so, please provide examples.

5. Please provide the Funding Amount Requested.

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Background Information about the Program

In March 2021 as part of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Congress appropriated \$350 billion in funding to the U.S. Treasury for distribution among every State, County, City, and other communities in the nation. This funding, known as State & Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funding (SLFRF), is intended to provide additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

The City of Cambridge has received \$88.1 million in American Rescue Fund/SLFRF funding, including \$64.9 million directly from U.S. Treasury and another \$23.2 million from the Commonwealth as part of Middlesex County's SLFRF allocation. The City has until December 31, 2024 to obligate its allocation in full to eligible projects and programs and must spend its total allocation by December 31, 2026.

As the City considers projects and programs to be implemented using its allocation, the City wants to ensure that planned uses of the funding incorporate input and feedback from constituents, community-based organizations, and other community stakeholders. As such, you are invited to submit initiative ideas for City consideration using the below form. The form is tailored so that submitted ideas are consistent with the minimum range of funding use options as established by ARPA and U.S. Treasury regulations.

The City intends to reference submitted ideas as it continues to decide upon and shape initiatives that both address community pandemic recovery needs, while being consistent with applicable federal rules for the use of the funding.

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