



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

LOUIS A. DePASQUALE
City Manager

July 5, 2022

Councillors,

I am pleased to share with you that approximately \$19.6 million of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been distributed. This distribution was based on the robust discussions during Finance Committee meetings, discussions with Co-Chairs Carlone and Nolan, and an evaluation of project proposals submitted by the public. On Saturday, notifications were sent to applicants receiving an allocation (see attached spreadsheet). Given that the last Finance Committee meeting recessed before completing its discussion, I have left \$2.1 million in ARPA funds for future allocation. Additionally, as discussed at the last Finance Committee meeting, the new City Manager may also make recommendations for funding ARPA projects from free cash after it is certified in the fall (assuming they are legally permissible from City funds).

As a part of this \$19.6 million allocation, \$6 million, or 30% of the total, is going to the Cambridge Non-Profit Coalition, which the City has been working with closely during this process. An additional \$3.4 million of this allocation is going to other non-profits. I am proud that approximately 50% of this \$19.6 million is being distributed to non-profits, which are important community partners with the City. This \$9.4 million in funding for non-profits is in addition to the roughly \$19 million dollars already allocated to this sector in the previous rounds of ARPA funding. Additionally, sustainability and open space projects totaling \$3.2 million have been funded, primarily to support the work of the Climate Crisis Working Group. \$2.0 million has been allocated to support transit recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force. Approximately \$5 million has been allocated to support requests made in the areas of small business, homeless support, food insecurity, mental health, public health, arts, and job training.

I want to thank the members of the public for submitting thoughtful project ideas for consideration and for their participation in this process.

The projects receiving funding will help address critical needs in our community. With the awarding of this round of allocations, organizations can begin to utilize these funds for the intended purposes without delay. I appreciate the leadership demonstrated by the current and former Finance Co-Chairs to create an inclusive public process that has informed our allocation decisions. I would like to thank the City staff, especially the Finance team, who are overseeing the evaluation of project requests and managing the administration and distribution of our ARPA funds. Funds will be released once applicants have completed the required project profile, and demonstrated their ability to meet compliance, reporting, and grant agreement requirements.



As you know, the City received ARPA project requests totaling approximately \$285 million dollars. These requests far exceed the \$88.1 million available for distribution. I believe that the priorities the City Council outlined early in the process have been addressed in the ARPA allocations to date.

By working collaboratively, the City Council and the City Administration have created a distribution framework that will help maximize the positive impacts these ARPA funds will have on our community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Louis A. DePasquale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Louis A. DePasquale
City Manager