

CHAPTER 2024-72

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NO. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 2023-38, NO. 467,
ADOPTING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT BUDGET FOR
THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 6, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024,
APPROVED NOVEMBER 22, 2023

Approved December 9, 2024

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1 - The budget for January 6, 2022 - December 31, 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is adopted as follows:

SCHEDULE II

Investment in Housing

Affordable Housing Development (PRA transfer)	27,226,239
Home Repair Program	3,000,000
Affordable and Alternate Housing Programming	500,000
Emergency Housing Solutions	3,694,185.48
Expand Rapid Rehousing	1,185,793.47
Right to Counsel	1,200,000
Permanent Supportive Housing (PRA Transfer)	2,000,000
Facilities Development Program – PRA Transfer	2,600,000
TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR HOUSING	41,406,217.95

Investment in Water, Sewer, Broadband, Equipment, and Infrastructure

Cybersecurity and Information Technology Investments	1,500,000
Parks and Recreation Capital Investment	3,500,000
Downtown Open Spaces	950,320
Stormwater and Sewer Repair	3,000,000
India Point Resiliency	3,000,000
Equipment/Parking Meter Replacement	1,000,000
Merino Park/WRWC Investments	1,000,000
TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR WATER, SEWER, BROADBAND, EQUIPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE	13,950,320

Investments in Community and Social Disparities

COVID-19 Equities Program	7,066,441.98
Direct Relief to Providence Residents	496,279
Justice Reform	1,687,152
Anti – Violence Investments	1,940,870.59
Providence Talks Early Learning Intervention, Federal Hill House	283,000
Pre-K and Early Learning Infrastructure Fund	500,000
Providence Community Library	1,000,000
Food Security Infrastructure Planning	125,000
Food Security Grant Program	375,000
Elderly Service Supports	260,315
Grants to Community Centers	
Capitol City Community Center	66,667
DaVinci Center	66,667
Federal Hill House	66,667
Joslin Community Center	66,667
Mount Hope Neighborhood Association	66,667
Nickerson Community Center	66,667
Silver Lake Community Center Annex	66,667
Washington Park Community Center	66,667
West End Community Center	66,667
Elmwood Community Center	1,500,000
Batastini Recreation Center	50,000

Davey Lopes Recreation Center	50,000
John Rollins Recreation Center	50,000
Joslin Recreation Center	50,000
Kennedy Recreation Center	50,000
Neutaconkanut Recreation Center	50,000
Rogers Recreation Center	50,000
Sacket Recreation Center	50,000
Vincent Brown Recreation Center	50,000
West End Recreation Center	50,000
Zuccolo Recreation Center	50,000
Capital Investment – Recreation Centers	<u>3,000,000</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES

\$19,384,061.57

Speeding the Recovery of the Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Sectors

Arts, Culture and Special Events Support	874,327
PVDFest Producing Partner, FirstWorks	275,000
Cultural Facilities	2,500,000
Public Art to Encourage Tourism	703,807
Tourism and Marketing	700,000
Providence-Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	600,000

TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR SPEEDING THE RECOVERY OF THE TOURISM, TRAVEL & HOSPITALITY SECTORS

5,653,134

Economic Stabilization - Business

Hardest Hit Community Organization	294,870
Shared Use Infrastructure Grant Program	202,617

TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR ECONOMIC STABILIZATION -BUSINESS

497,487

Replace Lost Public Sector Revenue

Revenue Recovery	\$41,102,268.73
TOTAL LOST PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE	\$41,102,268.73

ARPA Administration

FY21 to FY26 Administrative Expenditures	2,375,000
Independent Auditor	21,836.22
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	2,396,836.22

GRAND TOTAL FUNDING 1/6/2022 - 12/31/2024

124,390,325.47

Section 2 - All funding referenced is subject to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending guidance. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in a forfeiture of funding allocation.

Section 3. – All projects funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) shall adhere to the City Charter Section 1006 (c), (d), (e), Section 1007 and Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article II.

Section 4 – All Providence Redevelopment Agency projects funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) must exhaust all other available financing options.

Section 5 – The \$3,000,000 for the Home Repair Program shall be a five-year forgivable loan in amounts ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000, to be placed in the Providence Revolving Fund located with the City of Providence department of Inspection and Standards, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §45-24.3-19. Eligible properties must:

- a. Be located in the City of Providence;
- b. Have an existing code violation as of the passage of this ordinance;
- c. Household income must be at or below 100% current area median family Income Limits for Low – and Moderate-Income Households;

d. Homeowners must demonstrate that they have exhausted all funding options to make the repairs to resolve the code violation.

The terms of the loan will be as follows:

- a. No origination fee;
- b. No payment is required as long as the borrower/ homeowner is still residing in the home for 5 years
- c. Construction management is required on all forgivable loans.
- d. Loan will forgive after five years if the property stays eligible. If the borrower sells the property, rents the property to an unrelated party, or has the mortgage foreclosed, the principal balance will be due in full.
- e. Loan will be recorded with a lien on the property, discharged upon maturity.

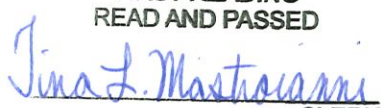
Section 6 – The property purchased and rehabilitated through the Facilities Development Program, when sold shall pay any net proceeds to the Providence City Council created Affordable Housing Trust.

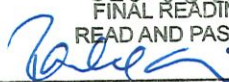

Section 7 – Quarterly audit reports from the independent auditor shall be submitted to the Providence City Council within 30 days of the close of the quarter.

Section 8 – By December 15, 2024, any ARPA funds not under contract will be re-obligated to revenue recovery.

Section 9 – If by March 31, 2026, any ARPA funds not spent as outlined in Sections 1-5, the City will reserve the right to re-obligate those funds to revenue recovery. The Committee on Finance will receive a report on unspent funds if applicable.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

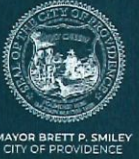
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RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 12/9/24



2024 ARPA Update and Proposal

11/26/24



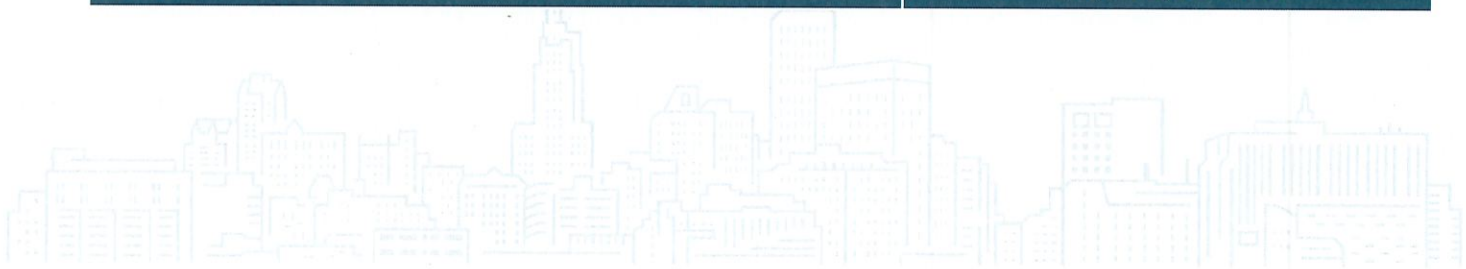
Process Overview

- 1 Reviewed all ordinance lines (including ordinance lines from COVID-19 Equities Program ordinance) to determine status of funds and potential for additional allocations or areas of reinvestment.
- 2 Held meetings with all departmental leads and project leads to discuss EOY Treasury obligation deadline and discuss plans for contracting and spending funds.
- 3 Identified 11 ordinance lines with the potential for allocation and reinvestment, either in full or partial.
- 4 Identified 63 ordinance lines that are either fully spent or on track to be spent.
- 5 Proposed reinvestment of ARPA dollars to revenue recovery.

Proposal for Reinvestment Across All Funds

The below proposal recommends allocation for reinvestment:

Ordinance Line	New Allocation
Revenue Recovery	\$4,405,830.73
Total	\$4,405,830.73





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Proposal for Reinvestment

- Total of 10 lines short-listed for reinvestment, sum of \$1,472,272.71.

Ordinance Line	Original Allocation	Notes	Potential for Reinvestment
Anti-Violence Investments	\$2,000,000	Remaining balance after successful Youth Mentorships and Summer Jobs. Created jobs for 418 students across 13 organizations across the city.	\$59,129.41
Cranston Street Armory	\$1,000,000	No path to program, recommended reinvestment given timeline.	\$1,000,000.00
Direct Relief to Providence Residents	\$500,000	Program successfully completed. Confirmed remaining balance.	\$3,721.00
Emergency Housing Solutions	\$3,774,410	Program successfully completed. Remaining balance from cost savings or funds forfeited by community partners.	\$80,224.52
Expand Rapid Rehousing	\$1,225,590	Program successfully completed. Remaining balance from cost savings or funds forfeited by community partners.	\$39,796.53
Hardest Hit Community Organization	\$300,000	Program successfully completed. Confirmed remaining balance.	\$5,130.00
Homelessness Intervention	\$500,000	Program successfully completed. Confirmed remaining balance.	\$710.00
Independent Auditor	\$300,000	Per conversation with CLA (auditor), they view their work as complete with the city given new revenue recovery designation.	\$278,163.78
Summer Jobs for Providence Youth	\$1,000,000	Program successfully completed. Confirmed remaining balance.	\$3,527.65
Year-round Youth Jobs	\$1,000,000	Program successfully completed. Confirmed remaining balance.	\$1,869.82
Total			\$1,472,272.71



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COVID-19 Equities Program

- Separately, after review, we are reinvesting \$2,933,558.02 within the COVID-19 Program Equities ordinance to revenue recovery to offset the increased allocation PPSD and K-12 education, a key priority from the Commission's [report](#).
- With respect to the rest of the program funds, \$6,123,540.08 is already under contract, with about 930K already BOCS awarded or soon to be awarded.

Ordinance Line	Original Allocation	Proposed New Allocation	Change	Notes
Homeownership & Financial Literacy	\$1,000,000.00	-	(\$1,000,000)	RFP released but city received only one bid, which was not sufficient.
Earn & Learn Workforce Training	\$1,000,000.00	\$997,294.70	(\$2,705.30)	Program successfully completed. Confirmed remaining balance.
Small Business Acceleration	\$1,500,000	\$699,136	(\$800,864)	Partially programmed and spent with remaining balance. Programs funded and planned to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Small Business Assn. in Smith Hill (\$60,000)- ESL certification for CNA and truck driving (\$100,000)- Contractor to help recruit and support expansion of minority certification (\$150,000)- Disparity study for women-owned and minority-owned enterprise (\$379,236)
Invest In Media Firms	\$250,000.00	-	(\$250,000)	RFP released twice. Only one bid received which was not sufficient.
Expand Operational Capacity	\$1,000,000.00	\$170,011.28	(\$829,988.72)	Two projects awarded with RIBBA and inspiring minds.
Funding To Establish History School	\$50,000.00	\$0	(\$50,000)	Challenging to program with level of funding.

On Track for Full Spend from ARPA

- 63 lines are fully spent down, fully obligated, or dept. lead has shared clear plan for funds and plan to obligate and contract. (28 fully spent down in green.)
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| ❖ Administrative Expenses | ❖ Permanent Supportive Housing (PRA Transfer) |
| ❖ Affordable and Alternate Housing Programming | ❖ Pre-K and Early Learning Infrastructure Fund |
| ❖ Affordable Housing Development (PRA transfer) | ❖ Providence Center |
| ❖ Arts, Culture and Special Events Support | ❖ Providence Community Libraries |
| ❖ Batastini Recreation Center | ❖ Providence Public Library |
| ❖ Capital City Community Center | ❖ Providence Talks Early Learning Intervention, Federal Hill House |
| ❖ Capital Investment – Recreation Centers | ❖ Providence-Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| ❖ Cultural Facilities | ❖ Public Art to Encourage Tourism |
| ❖ Cybersecurity and Information Technology Investments | ❖ PVDfest Producing Partner, FirstWorks |
| ❖ Davey Lopes Recreation Center | ❖ Revenue Recovery |
| ❖ DaVinci Center | ❖ Right to Counsel |
| ❖ Downtown Open Spaces | ❖ Roger Williams Park Gateway |
| ❖ Elderly Service Supports | ❖ Rogers Recreation Center |
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| ❖ Equipment/Parking Meter Replacement | ❖ Shared Use Infrastructure Grant Program |
| ❖ Facilities Development Program – PRA Transfer | ❖ Silver Lake Community Center Annex |
| ❖ Federal Hill House | ❖ Small Business Support |
| ❖ Food Security Grant Program | ❖ Stormwater and Sewer Repair |
| ❖ Food Security Infrastructure Planning | ❖ Street Sweeping & Sewer Repair |
| ❖ Home Repair Program | ❖ Summer Camp for Providence Residents |
| ❖ India Point Resiliency Investments | ❖ Tourism and Marketing |
| ❖ John Rollins Recreation Center | ❖ Vincent Brown Recreation Center |
| ❖ Joslin Recreation Center | ❖ Vincent Igliozi Recreation Center |
| ❖ Kennedy Recreation Center | ❖ Washington Park Community Center |
| ❖ Mentoring Program | ❖ Waterfire, Inc. |
| ❖ Merino Park/WRWC Investments | ❖ West End Community Center |
| ❖ Mount Hope Neighborhood Association | ❖ West End Recreation Center |
| ❖ Nickerson Community Center | ❖ Youth and Family Broadband |
| ❖ Non-violence training | ❖ Zuccolo Recreation Center |
| ❖ Parks and Recreation Capital Investment | |

Catch-All Language in Ordinance

- “Funding not contracted by December 15, 2024, will be allocated to revenue recovery.”
- “The City reserves the right to obligate remaining funds to revenue recovery if unspent by March 15, 2026.”



