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To: Members of the City Council

From: ARPA Steering Committee

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The attached report outlines the committee's work process and recommendations relating to community applications for the American Rescue Plan (commonly referred to as ARPA) funds. As is noted in the report, a great many applications were received and thoroughly reviewed. All applications are available for viewing at <https://tinyurl.com/TroyNow2022>, along with an overview of Appropriations to date (Exhibit A), the fifteen community projects the committee recommends to the council (Exhibit B), and a spreadsheet of all applications received (Exhibit C).

This \$5.010 million investment in the fifteen projects throughout the city, along with past funding allocations, will bring the total investment to fund local projects and programs in the City of Troy to \$17.8 million.

In addition to the community applications the Committee discussed other priorities of the City, and recommends the following appropriations:

- Implementation of a trash barrel program throughout the city for those not currently receiving a city-issued barrel in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- EMS Surge Staffing in the amount of \$600,000.
- \$4,000,000 towards replacement of the Knickerbacker pool.
- \$1,000,000 for building demolitions within the City.
- \$2,500,000 for a Premium pay stipend for all employees eligible under federal guidelines.

Pending:

- Development of final program details,
- A review by Corporation Counsel, and
- An agreement between the city and each bargaining unit.

The Committee recommends a one-time stipend for full time eligible employees of \$150.00 per month worked (max of 20 months) plus an additional \$100.00 per month for employees earning less than \$48,000 annually (excluding this premium pay stipend).

The Committee recommends the remaining funds be held in reserve to support other projects for which the City is pursuing State and Federal funding such as One Monument Square and to address potential future city budgetary pressures due to the economic climate.

## ARPA Community Application Process

### Background

Earlier this spring the Administration held a series of workshops across the City promoting the availability of ARPA funding for community initiated projects. Concurrently a website was designed which included an application. The funding availability was promoted heavily through community meetings and social media postings as well as through more traditional means.

Applications were due no later than May 6, 2022.

A total of 84 distinct applications were received requesting in excess of \$61 million.

### General Observations on applications:

- Some proposals lacked critical details such as a budget or detailed plans or the applicant lacked the capacity to execute. We view these not so much as applications for funding but as ideas the city should contemplate. Many of these can be referred to the appropriate City department for further study in the context of other planning that is occurring.
- Some proposals were recommendations for spending on public projects, i.e., parks and other infrastructure. These too will be referred to the appropriate city department for consideration and prioritization.
- Some proposals involved subject matters that were funded in the first round of allocations and will be referred to those working groups, i.e., tourism or workforce development, etc.
- A small number of proposals are of interest, in whole or in part, to other sources of funding. The administration is working with those applicants and funders in an effort to reduce the demand on ARPA funds. (One example of this is the Little Italy application to improve the Market Place.)
- And some projects were already complete or well underway indicating that ARPA funds were not essential to their execution.

### Considerations:

Each application was considered and discussed in meetings attended by the Council President, Majority Leader, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Comptroller. In deliberations the following factors were taken into consideration:

*Has the Applicant the capacity to undertake the proposed project?*

*Will the proposed project be self-sustaining in future years?*

*Are the proposed costs realistic?*

*Will this investment have a long-term impact?*

*How well does the proposed project align with the allowable uses as defined in the Treasury guidance documents?*

*Are other funds leveraged to advance this project?*

We were also guided by the Treasury Regulations that prioritized as follows:

The broadly stated purpose of the SLFRF (we refer to it as ARPA) is to provide local governments “with resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery.”

Eligible Use Categories Include:

- Assistance to the Unemployed workers,
- Affordable housing development,
- Childcare,
- Early learning services,
- Investments in neighborhoods that promote improved health outcomes,
- Addressing vacant or abandoned properties,
- Assistance to small businesses,
- Food assistance,
- Housing insecurity,
- Job training,
- Aid to impacted industries including but not limited to: tourism, hospitality, travel,
- Addressing Educational Disparities,
- Promoting Healthy Childhood Environments.

**Funding Recap and Recommendations:**

The City received a total of \$42.8M from the SLFRF program.

To date the City Council has appropriated the sum of \$22.53M covering a range of initiatives (Exhibit A), leaving an unappropriated balance of \$20.26M.

The Steering committee recommends funding those proposals in the amounts scheduled in Exhibit B. The total amount recommended for funding community applications is \$5,010,800, leaving a balance of \$15,257,060, for Council/Administration directed appropriations.



# EXHIBIT A

## Neighborhood Improvement - \$11.9 Million

Building Demolitions

City Parks

Knick Pool

Burgh Firehouse

Alamo Resource Management

South Troy Industrial Road

American Theatre

Land Bank

Youth Sports

Taylor Demolitions

Habitat for Humanity

## Technology - \$1.5 Million

Technology Infrastructure

Accounting & Timekeeping

## Operations - \$1.59 Million

Troy Fire Dept (TFD) Future Study

TFD/EMT Overtime

City Hall Present & Future

Accounting Upgrade

## Administration of ARPA - \$416K

Admin Expenses

ARPA Administration

## American Rescue Plan Funding Focus Areas \$7.17 Million

Community Center

Home/Property Investment

Food Access

Tourism Enjoy Troy

Education & Workforce Development

Lansingburgh Strong

The Uniting Line

Childcare Assistance

Economic Development

Troy Cultural Alliance

Public Art

Youth/Family Programming

Projects will be reviewed in each focus area, and where applicable committee's of subject matter experts will be established in the relevant area.

## Exhibit B

Sub. #	Submittor	Project	Total Funding	Funding Request	Approp	Note:
9	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall	HVAC Replacement	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
12	Rens County Historical Society	HVAC Replacement	\$405,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	
21	Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club	Facility upgrades	\$610,300	\$610,300	\$400,000	
27	Cameron Smith	Mt Ida Cemeteries	\$70,800	\$70,800	\$70,800	
31	Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway	Paint Burden Ironworks Bldg	\$29,650	\$29,650	\$30,000	
37	Arts Center	Public art	\$475,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	
38	Arts Center	Window repair - Core Bldg	\$578,899	\$500,000	\$150,000	
40	Girls Inc.	Collaborative w/ Arts Center	\$46,054	\$30,000	\$30,000	
43	TAP / North Central L.L.	Facility upgrades	\$340,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	
46	The Ark Inc.	Ark Inc.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	
58	Oakwood Community Center	Oakwood Community Center	\$1,190,566	\$1,190,566	\$150,000	
66	CEO	Troy Youth Alliance	\$394,914	\$343,404	\$200,000	
75	Farmers Market	Troy Atrium Redevelopment	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	
83	Tech Valley Center of Gravity	Multiple Proposals	\$1,203,000	\$804,000	\$150,000	
97	Troy Public Library	HVAC Replacement	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	
						<b>\$5,010,800</b>

Exhibit C

Sub. #	Submittor	Project	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
1		Mural Walk	\$2,000	\$2,000
2	Katie Diduch	City Technology / ADA Compliance	\$250,000	\$250,000
3	Karin Thurber	Paint house	\$1,500	\$1,500
4	Troy Tennis Association	Prospect Park Tennis Facility	\$30,000	\$30,000
5	Organ Colossal	Street Pianos	\$5,225	\$3,000
6	Hudsonview River Cruises	Solar boat purchase	\$150,000	\$75,000
7	Mark Speedy	Barker Park restrooms		
8	Test Submission	Test Submission	\$0	\$0
9	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall	HVAC Replacement	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000
10	Kyle Plante	Website Links		
11	Andrew Costello	Pedestrian access - Frear Park		
12	Rens County Historical Society	HVAC Replacement	\$405,000	\$300,000
13	Tap Inc.	Little Italy Project	\$860,750	\$853,250
14	Beth Tephilah Synagogue	Kosher Meals on Wheels	\$200,000	\$100,000
15	Bacchanalia Productions	Arts & Music Festival	\$500,000	\$350,000
16	Albany Pro Musica	2022-23 Season	\$779,250	\$25,000
17	Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club	LBGC Upgrades	\$527,200	\$527,200
18	Fun Stuff Design	Local business improvement grants	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
19	Richard Herrick	Soliders & Sailors Monument	\$50,000	\$50,000
20	Unity House	Organization programming	\$2,472,514	\$450,000
21	Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club	Facility upgrades	\$610,300	\$610,300
22	Sasha Dubodel	Access to Prospect Park & Riverfront		
23	Kidz R Us Childcare LLC	Childcare	\$300,000	\$300,000
24	Amanda Ziter	Business assistance	\$35,000	\$35,000
25	Mark Tulchinsky	Barcade	\$250,000	\$200,000
26	The Friends of Prospect Park	Prospect Park Improvements	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
27	Cameron Smith	Mt Ida Cemeteries	\$70,800	\$70,800
28	Unity House	Ambassador Project	\$366,000	\$366,000
29	Robert Myerson	Troy Indoor Tennis	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
30	Free Modification Services	Foreclosure Assistance	\$170,631	\$170,631
31	Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway	Paint Burden Ironworks Bldg	\$29,650	\$29,650
32	Hoosick St Skate Park Committee	Skate Park	\$500,000	\$625,000
33	Friends of the Poestenkill Gorge Park	Poestenkill Gorge Pedestrian Access	\$728,200	\$728,200
34	The American Labor studies Center/Kate Mullany National Historic Site	Kate Mullany National Historic Site	\$30,000	\$20,000
35	Test Submission	Test Submission	\$0	\$0
36	Rensselaer Land Trust	Connecting neighborhoods with Wynantskill Bridge	\$196,000	\$196,000
37	Arts Center	Public art	\$475,000	\$150,000
38	Arts Center	Window repair - Core Bldg	\$578,899	\$500,000
39	Future of Small Cities Institute	Focus Lab	\$140,000	\$50,000
40	Girls Inc.	Collaborative w/ Arts Center	\$46,054	\$30,000
41	Capital Roots	Tree Planting	\$91,500	\$91,500
42	TAP, Inc.	Little Italy Project	\$878,250	\$500,000
43	TAP / North Central L.L.	Facility upgrades	\$340,000	\$300,000
44	Boys & Girls Club	Workforce Incubator	\$2,350,000	\$1,800,000
45	Collar City Mushrooms	Phase III Assistance	\$454,141	\$399,936
46	The Ark Inc.	Ark Inc.	\$30,000	\$30,000
47	Uncle Sam Garages LLC	Uncle Sam Garage	\$20,000,000	\$500,000
48	The American Labor studies Center/Kate Mullany National Historic Site	Kate Mullany National Historic Site	\$35,000	\$30,000
49	Sam n Saba LLC	Sam n Saba LLC	\$80,000	\$80,000
50	TAP Inc.	Hillside North Outdoor Classroom	\$28,650	\$19,100
51	Kate Mullany Historical Site	Kate Mullany Historical Site	\$40,000	\$30,000
52	Test Submission	Test Submission	\$0	\$0
53	International Center of Capital Region	Young Diplomats Program	\$100,000	\$100,000
54	156 Fourth & Ferry	Façade and Sidewalks	\$28,000	\$28,000
55	International Center of Capital Region	Everybody Eats - Cultural Restaurant Guide	\$49,500	\$49,500
56	Andrea Williams	Riverfront Park Soundwalk	\$6,700	\$6,700

Exhibit C

Sub. #	Submittor	Project	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
57	New York Press Service	Enjoy Troy Now - Marketing	\$750,000	\$750,000
58	Oakwood Community Center	Oakwood Community Center	\$1,190,566	\$1,190,566
59	Children's Museum at Saratoga	Children Education - THA Sites	\$22,424	\$22,424
60	Troy Local Development Corporation – in collaboration with the City of Troy and Hoboken Brownstone	Monument Square Esplanade and Riverwalk		\$3,000,000
61	Paine Castle Inc	Paine Castle Restoration Project	\$3,000,000	\$600,000
62	Troy Rehabilitation & Improvement Program	Troy Strong	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
63	Will Kempe's Players Cooperative	Prospect Park Pool Feasibility and Rehabilitation Study	\$1,010,000	\$1,010,000
64	Will Kempe's Player Co-op	Propsect Pool Rehab Study	\$1,010,000	\$1,010,000
65	Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (TRIP)	Lansingburgh Strong	\$500,000	\$500,000
66	CEO	Troy Youth Alliance	\$394,914	\$343,404
67	BID	Branding / Identity Improvement	\$50,000	\$50,000
68	BID	Franklin Alley Arts Programming	\$35,000	\$35,000
69	BID	Rembursement Grant Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000
70	BID	Window Reimbursement Grant Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000
71	Capital Roots	Healthy Food Access	\$895,000	\$350,000
72	Wyandot of Anderdon Nation	Café Momentum	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
73	YMCA	Troy YMCA Improvements	\$9,000,000	\$7,000,000
74	Media Alliance LLC	The Sanctuary Eco-Art Trail	\$270,000	\$90,000
75	Farmers Market	Troy Atrium Redevelopment	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
76	Andrea Cunliffe	Prospect Park Arts Pavilian - Adaptive Reuse of an Historic Site	\$10,000	\$10,000
77	Tech Valley Center of Gravity	Proposal 1: TVCOG Facilities Upgrades To Increase Utilization as a Technology Education Center	\$199,980	\$199,980
78	TAP Inc.	TAP Roofs	\$650,000	\$650,000
79	Farmers Market	Regional Promotion	\$100,000	\$100,000
80	Tech Valley Center of Gravity	Project 3 : ThinQubator Education Program & Mobile Makerspace (Proposal 3 of 3)	\$572,000	\$439,000
81	The Arc of Rensselaer County	Project 625 Moving Forward	\$6,204,500	\$1,500,000
82	Andrea Cunliffe	Propsect Park Arts Pavilian	\$10,000	\$10,000
83	Tech Center Valley of Gravity	Multiple Proposals	\$1,203,000	\$804,000
84	Farmers Market	Art at the Market	\$50,000	\$50,000
85	FlowActive, Inc.	Water Waste, Costs and Environmental Impact	\$796,845	\$601,173
86	Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County	Teaching English / Math for Employment Success		\$145,000
87	County Chamber of Commerce	Victorian Stroll	\$65,000	\$20,000
88	County Chamber of Commerce	City of Troy Map	\$30,000	\$30,000
89	TAP Inc.	DECO Prefab / CREATE Jobs	\$6,000,000	\$2,000,000
90	Hope & Community Center	Sustaining Hope 7's Future	\$422,279	\$100,000
91	TAP	Little Italy Project	\$878,250	\$500,000
92	TAP	Hillside North Outdoor Classroom	\$28,650	\$19,100
93	TAP	Poesten Kill Greenway	\$1,746,030	\$1,746,030
94	Café Deli-icious	Business assistance	\$8,400	\$8,400
95	Contemporary Circus and Immersive Arts Center, Inc.	Circus in the park - Tent	\$105,000	\$105,000
96	Mavin Real Estate Services	Refining Old Sixth Ave	\$22,000,000	\$11,500,000
97	Troy Public Library	HVAC Replacement	\$650,000	\$650,000
98	Harry Tutunjian	Tibbits Ave Water Tank Painting	\$500,000	\$500,000
99	Sent via email	Small Business Loan Fund for Restaurants		\$5,000,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$113,179,552</b>	<b>\$64,252,344</b>