American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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ARPA funds overview

The City received \$5.3 million in funds from ARPA via two installments. The city was able to distribute the funds to pass-through recipients (such as other agencies, businesses, and non-profits).

While many cities can, and did, use the ARPA funds only for city projects, the

city of Newberg allowed ARPA Funds to be accessed via a competitive grant process to attempt to bolster the city's economic recovery. City-lead projects had to compete publicly with community projects.





Distributing ARPA funds in Newberg

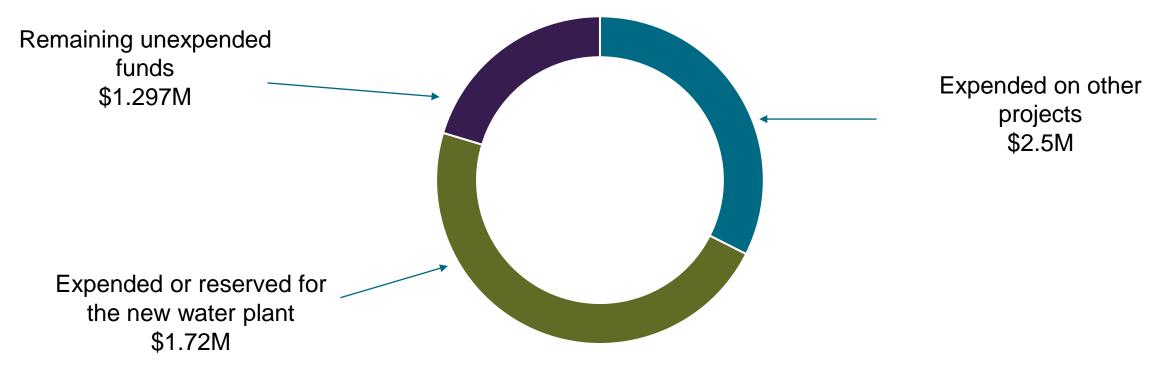
Decisions were made locally by digital voting over three meetings in early 2022. The budget committee (which included an even number of Council members) chose the winning projects based on the highest final scores at each meeting.

The ARPA project numbers refer to the project's original order of presentation at the meeting. For example, ARPA project 1.2 would be the second item presented at the first meeting.



How we have spent our funds in Newberg so far.

ARPA EXPENDITURES SNAPSHOT 4/11/2023





ARPA Funded Projects

Total city projects (not including the water plant)	7
Completed city projects	5
Incomplete city projects (more details in later slides)	2
Total community projects	19
Completed community projects	6
Ongoing community projects (more details in later slides)	11
Failed or cancelled community projects	2



City Completed Projects

ARPA CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Budget	Expended
1.3	Essential worker stimulus	\$350,367	\$349,990
1.9	City computer upgrade plan	\$176,000	\$175,275
1.10	City IT security	\$40,753	\$34,870
1.12	Blue zone units/HVAC City Hall replacement	\$289,433	\$289,387
2.9	City of Newberg: PSB bullet-resistant windows	\$60,800	\$58,780



City Incomplete Projects ARPA Code No: 1.1 – Fairfield Inn

The City has worked for more than six years to attract a new hotel. Advances were being made on this goal until the COVID-19 pandemic occurred.

To address this objective, Marriott Newberg LLC is using the ARPA funds in the amount of \$70,000 to apply to System Development Charges (SDCs) for construction of the Fairfield Inn, a 79-room hotel. The project is to pay for the required SDCs and assist Marriott Newberg LLC to construct the required public improvements (transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater) required the development.



ARPA Code No: 1.1 – Fairfield Inn

At this time the Hotel project is in the Community Development plans review phase and we are hopeful that this will move towards completion soon!

This will be to the benefit of the city general fund and also avoid visitors to Newberg having to stay in Sherwood or McMinnville for example during sporting events at GFU.

\$70,000 is reserved for this purpose but no funds have been used as yet.



City Incomplete Projects ARPA Code No: 1.4 – Finance software

The City was using finance software that was developed back in 1985. The platform that the City was using was no longer supported by the company and the company in question required a large fee of several hundred thousands of dollars to upgrade to an archaic package from 2010.

Upgrading the financial software in the City was recognized as a win for both the City and the community it serves. The City will be able to save hundreds hours of staff time monthly because the software will be more automated, interconnected and critically, more resilient to cyber attacks.



ARPA Code No: 1.4 – Finance software

\$400,000 was budgeted for this project, at this time **\$356,431.5** has been spent. The City has only two modules left to complete.

Accounts payable and payroll part one are complete. The courts system will be complete by the end of July 2023 and the replacement for Track-it (our permitting system) will come last at the end of 2023. As a point of reference, the City of Tigard took three years to complete its first module...



ARPA CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Budget	Expended
2.1	Small Business Marketing (app and training)	\$36,352	\$36,352
3.10	Chamber Visitor center facelift	\$5,370	\$5,370
3.11	Nurture Newberg civility project	\$5,000	\$5,000
3.13	El Tala Mini Market upgrades	\$63,244	\$63,244*
3.19	Chehalem Valley Brewing water system upgrade	\$44,402	\$43,282.01
3.21	Coffee Cat upgrade	\$20,000	\$20,000*

* These projects came in slightly over budget and the owners added some extra funds to finish them.



ARPA Project No: 1.5 – Yamhill Community Action Partnership

During the COVID pandemic, it became clear that the safety and exposure of homeless populations was a critical public health concern and providing a managed shelter for the homeless population was a strategic component of public health management.

In addition to providing food resources and other needed items, YCAP's request was aimed to addresses services to folks experiencing homelessness with housing support, and other housing assistance. One form that this will take is the creation of a navigation center in Newberg.



ARPA Project No: 1.5 – Yamhill Community Action Partnership

This project was to assist the operation of the "navigation center" originally understood to be connected mainly to facilities in McMinnville, but we now know that it will help with the operation of a shelter in Newberg that is under renovation right now. The project was also to pay for non-congregate motel shelter beds.

\$350,000 was transferred to the subrecipient for these purposes and to date \$116,018 has been expended based upon the latest reporting.

The bulk of this was expended on motel fees with the rest expended on maintenance, building plans and other miscellaneous line items.



ARPA Project No: 1.11 – Berg Bucks

With the pandemic came lockdowns and unpredictable restrictions on businesses and individuals. Spending shifted dramatically to online and out of our local community.

A Newberg downtown gift card project was funded to ensure that spending will stay in Newberg to help foster a return to shop local spending habits. The proponents of this project pointed out that a 2018 study by American Express and the Shop Small project, found that 67 cents out of every \$1 spent locally, stays local.

The project was aimed to keep our money circulating in our community.



ARPA Project No: 1.11 – Berg Bucks

The gift card system is currently operational, and the project is just waiting for final close out information to be deemed complete!

I will be asking our business partners soon for more marketing and visibility for the system and other updates.

\$24,343 of ARPA funds were expended on this almost finished project.



ARPA Project No: 2.2 – Chehalem Cultural Center: Community Performing Arts Wing

Chehalem Cultural Center (CCC) is the local venue to experience live theatre, dance, and music and for many community members, CCC is the entry point to the arts. By renovating the building's original 250-seat theatre and building a movement studio adjacent to the existing second-floor classrooms, the project is aimed to stimulate local economic development by growing our educational offerings and increasing access to an expanded wealth of cultural offerings for more people, community members and guests in our community alike.



ARPA Project No: 2.2 – Chehalem Cultural Center: Community Performing Arts Wing

This project was designed for the ARPA funds to be expended first on planning and demolition work. This is to guard against the potential that the project might run outside the time window for ARPA completion (the end of 2024).

For this reason, \$250,000 has been disbursed. At this time the project is currently in the planning approval review phase with a debate occurring around the loading of the building and its impact on local parking.

City staff are seeking clarification on how local parking will not be overloaded if the ballroom and the new theatre are loaded at the same time.



ARPA Project No: 2.3 – Newberg Downtown Coalition: Sculpture Landing Pads

The Public Arts Sculpture Program will create the framework/infrastructure necessary to host a variety of sculptures. The project proposed a small, one-time investment that will be used for ongoing installments in current and future years. The recovery-fund dollars are intended to have a lasting impact on the local art scene for years to come.

The investment dollars will be the seed money needed to launch the public art sculpture program based on art pads as seen in other communities.



ARPA Project No: 2.3 – Newberg Downtown Coalition: Sculpture Landing Pads

This was a joint project of the Newberg Public Art Council and the Newberg Downtown Coalition.

Having been delayed by leadership changes, the project received planning approval in April 2023, and the sites for the art pads have been identified.

A disbursement of \$14,500 has just been approved through our finance system, and we hope to see the art popping up this summer!



ARPA Project No: 2.5 – Lutheran Community Services: A Family Place Expansion

The project goal is to house LCSNW's comprehensive array of services in two existing, connected modular buildings owned by the school district, and located on the Newberg School District property. As a demonstration of their long-term commitment to this partnership, the school district has leased this space to LCSNW for 20 years at no cost.

This facility, will have the capacity to provide critical wrap-around child abuse prevention services to over 300 children and their families. In this new location, LCSNW will focus on mitigating stressors directly linked with child abuse and domestic violence in vulnerable families with pre-k, elementary and middle school youth.



ARPA Project No: 2.5 – Lutheran Community Services: A Family Place Expansion

This project has gotten off to a very slow start and only **\$83,590** of \$400,000 has been disburse so far for preliminary work. The project took a very extended period to enter the MOU stage. In general, the reporting from this project has been very slow.

The city is awaiting receipts for items from the project list that have already occurred before disbursing the remaining funds. This mean the elements from the original \$1.01M budget document. We hope receipts will be forthcoming soon for front-end items like the design work.



ARPA Project No: 2.8 – Social Goods: Social Goods Street Seating

Social Goods proposed to build street seating on the corner of Howard and First Street, on the westside against the Vino Oregon building.

At this time \$13,669 of the total \$34,500 award amount has been disbursed for planning and design work after the initial deliverables were received. It is hoped that this project will enter phase two in mid-June 2023, this will be the planning/ permitting phase.



ARPA Project No: 2.8 – Social Goods: Social Goods Street Seating

I have communicated with the owners that I have been surprised with the slow progress of this project (this should have been a very simple operation).

The ball is in their court and no further funds will be released without planning permission approval.



ARPA Project No: 2.12 – Community Wellness Collective

Newberg Emergency Shelter formally joined Community Wellness Collective as a housing support subcommittee in January 2021 in an effort to provide additional financial and resourcing support for our community members struggling with housing placement.

In January 2021, YCAP, Community Wellness Collective and the Newberg Emergency Shelter created a formal partnership and contract to repurpose YCAP Harvest House at 615 N College St, to act as a shelter, welcome to any community member.



ARPA Project No: 2.12 – Community Wellness Collective

At this time \$196,520.60 has been disbursed of the original \$350,000 award mostly for staffing as well as medicine and a vehicle to support the service.

The project is therefore 56% complete and on track with solid reporting and deliverables.



ARPA Project No: 3.6 – Old Town Bar & Grill

Old Town Bar & Grill received an award to develop a patio area for open air dining in the vacant lot on the south side of Old Town Bar & Grill.

A long-term lease secures the lot next to Old Town Bar & Grill. The dining area will be open year-round, and Old Town Bar & Grill is open seven-days a week, providing maximum availability to customers.

After providing initial deliverables the project has received its full allocation of \$75,000. Currently the firm is in planning approval negotiations with the City.



ARPA Project No: 3.16 – Ruddick/Wood

This was an exceptionally complex project composed of no less than five phases designed to update patio tables and chairs; replace or refinish patio benches, planter boxes, flooring, and other worn surfaces; lightly remodel the dining room to allow more light, faster service and more comfort; replace indoor chairs; update point-of-sale system, replace broken or out-of-date iPads, and update and expand Wi-Fi coverage; replace or repair worn and outdated kitchen equipment, and expand the food preparation area; update the water heater; and provide for 12 months of marketing expenses, and purchase of merchandise for retail sale.



ARPA Project No: 3.16 – Ruddick/Wood

The proposal stated that all these improvements are necessary to stay functional and relevant as the business ages, and guest trends change in a post-COVID world.

At this time the first three phases are complete to include a marketing campaign, the furniture re-modeling, the new electronics and Wi-Fi system. \$67,331 has been distributed of the \$120,000 total.

The fourth phase is underway, and it is anticipated that this phase will complete soon.



ARPA Project No: 3.18 – North Valley Friends/Providence

North Valley Friends Church (NVFC) and supported by Providence Newberg, are partnering to meet transitional housing and wrap-around service needs for people in Newberg.

Peace Trail Village will consist of eight tiny homes, each with connection to water, sewer, electricity, and access to shared facilities. The plan proposed that Providence will provide wrap-around case management for guests in benefit navigation, medical/behavioral health services, and transitioning to permanent housing.

As the project was clearly composed of two sub-projects, one for construction and one for wrap-around services two separate MOUs were created.



ARPA Project No: 3.18 – North Valley Friends/Providence

At this time planning approval has been granted and \$71,480 from the first installment of \$250,000 has been disbursed.

The second disbursement of \$150,000 would occur after construction is complete and a separate set of deliverables are obtained.



Final points and general questions

At this time, I am glad to take any general questions, but if you want more detail on any of the projects currently underway, I can email council members or other community members the MOUs, spreadsheets and other connected documents on request.