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Beloit City Council Holding 1st Public Meeting on ARPA Funding

Sept. 15, 2021 - The City of Beloit has been allocated approximately \$15.2 million from the U.S. Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan Act's Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA). These funds are being provided to state and local governments to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be distributed in two equal installments, the first was received in July 2021 and the second will be received in July 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

City of Beloit staff is reviewing the federal guidance on how these dollars can be spent. A careful, thoughtful and transparent process will be employed in order to determine the best use of these funds. The public will have multiple opportunities to provide feedback prior to adoption by the Beloit City Council. Once the thorough review process is complete, the City of Beloit will announce the intended use of these funds.

The first public meeting and input opportunity will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, September 27, 2021, at Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, in the City Council first floor forum. Face coverings are required in all city buildings.

The meeting will include a brief presentation explaining how funding may be used based on current eligibility guidance stated in the Interim Final Rule (IFR) prior to opening up the floor for public comment. No action will be taken at this meeting.

According to the U.S. Treasury, [ARPA's Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) can be used for the following:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic

- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

Within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.

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