



# An ARPA Pathway – Supporting Urbandale’s Response & Recovery to COVID-19

March 29, 2022



# Step 1 – ARPA Final Rule

- Maintains the 4 eligible use categories
  1. COVID-19 public health and economic impacts
  2. Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work
  3. **Replace lost public sector revenue**
  4. **Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure**
- Recommendation to report and use in Category 3
  - Urbandale must file its first Project and Expenditure Report by April 30, 2022
- Decision deadline – July 1, 2022



## Step 2 – Idea Generation

- Mayor & Council and City Staff polling
- Over 65 ideas have been generated so far



## Step 3 – Project Categories

- Categories created to facilitate further discussion and include:
  - City facilities & services
  - Community contributions
  - Enterprise infrastructure
  - Roadway & mobility improvements
  - Social & environmental programs
  - Quality of life amenities



# Step 3 – Project Categories

ARPA Pathway Category	Suggestion
City Facilities/Services	Fire Safety/Storm House trailer. This is a trailer that can be pulled to schools, day cares, parks, etc. where we can teach community risk reduction including fire safety, industrial fire safety, fire extinguisher training, the use of 911, severe storm warning actions, etc. ( <a href="https://youtu.be/bnJ0aSvp574">https://youtu.be/bnJ0aSvp574</a> ) \$200K
City Facilities/Services	Repurpose of Parks Maintenance Facility (bay area and shop)
Community Contributions	Partner with an organization to support physical improvements in Downtown Urbandale, leveraging private funds as possible (acquisition, demolition, building improvements, grease interceptors, etc.)
Community Contributions	Polk County - Housing Initiatives
Enterprise Infrastructure	Stormwater projects
Quality of Life Amenities	New amenities in outside areas of Parks Maintenance Facility
Quality of Life Amenities	Splash Pads at WCRP and Timberline Parks
Roadway & Mobility Improvements	Improvement to pedestrian access through or near 86 <sup>th</sup> Street Interchange with I-35/80
Roadway & Mobility Improvements	Purchase Parkland for key trail connection
Social & Environmental Programs	Partner with Neighborhood Finance Authority (NFC) on its new Home Efficiency program that will be rolling out in summer 2022
Social & Environmental Programs	\$67,500- Virtual training simulator for training officers to respond to a variety of situation to include mental illness, implicit bias, de-escalation, use of force, etc.
Social & Environmental Programs	Ash Tree removal and new tree plantings



## Step 4 – Prioritize Project Categories

- Recommendation is for Council to prioritize categories
  - 1 = most important
  - 6 = least important
- Determine a prioritized and weighted percentage of funds in each category



## Step 5 – Discuss Each Category

- Recommendation is to discuss each category during a public meeting (a scheduled Council meeting) – April 5<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>
- The collected ideas would be presented for review
- Public comment would be allowed, and the list of ideas updated
- Council would rank that category's ideas



## Step 6 – ARPA Projects Approved

- June 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting
- Projects ranked by project Category presented for final review
- Final discussion and Council approval





## Steps 7 – Post Funding Approval

- Each category's approved projects are assigned a department and staff lead
- Council provided quarterly updates
- City required to report to U.S. Treasury annual (each April)



# ARPA Pathway Summary

