

TOWN *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

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AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion and action authorizing the submittal for certain ARPA funds for replacement of public revenue loss, stormwater infrastructure investments, technology backup and cyber security efforts, and partnership with Town resorts to analyze and mitigate neighborhood noise.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On October 18, 2021 the Town Council directed staff to pursue ARPA funding for the replacement of revenue loss pursuant to sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the Act and spend those funds specifically for:

- \$1,528,467.26 for Stormwater Drainage Improvement Projects; and
- \$245,000 for Technology Backup Protection/Business Continuity; and
- \$260,000 for Cyber Security; and
- \$115,000 for Town grants available for a Sound Study and implementation efforts to mitigate neighborhood noise impacts due to more frequent outdoor events.

For the remaining two projects: i) an integrated IT service model for all Town Services, and ii) the potential procurement of an electric fire engine to meet the Town's contract obligation with the City of Phoenix, Town Council directed staff to return with more data and information when gathered.

BACKGROUND:

The federal American Rescue Plan (2021) Act) ("ARPA") was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The Town's individual initial allocation is \$4,888,467.26; half of which was received in July, 2021.

These ARPA funds may only be used for: (i) supporting public health expenditures, (ii) addressing the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, (iii) replacing lost public sector revenue, and providing premium pay for essential workers, and (iv) investing in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

The Town Council on September 9, 2021 considered twelve potential projects for ARPA funding, narrowing it down to six projects that most directly address local impacts experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and further minimize the impacts of any future pandemics. A second study session was heard on October 18, 2021 with Council direction to pursue funding all but two projects that require additional information prior to Council consideration.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Town Council hereby authorizes expenditures of ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,528,467.26 for Stormwater Drainage Improvement Projects; \$245,000 for Technology Backup Protection/Business Continuity and \$260,000 for Cyber Security; and \$115,000 for Town grants available for a Sound Study and implementation efforts to mitigate neighborhood noise impacts due to more frequent outdoor events.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adopt the attached resolution to provide and document Council direction on how best to spend ARPA funds. In the event, the federal project eligibility requirements change in the coming months or year, staff will return to Council with any necessary amendments.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Staff Report
- B. Resolution