



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: David Lakefield, Finance Director

DATE: August 2, 2021

SUBJECT: **American Rescue Plan Act Funding Application**

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommendation is to approve the application for the ARPA funding and authorize the Finance Director to sign the necessary paperwork.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

David Lakefield 701-857-4774

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, provides for the distribution of federal fiscal recovery funding to states, tribal governments, metropolitan cities, counties, and nonentitlement units (NEUs) of local governments, which generally have populations below 50,000. Funding allocations for states, tribal governments, metropolitan cities, and counties are received direct from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The funding allocation for NEUs, such as cities in North Dakota, is provided from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to the state, and the state must then allocate that funding to the eligible NEUs (cities) based on their population.

B. Proposed Project

The estimated allocation for the City of Minot is \$7,439,371.75 and the use of the funds is limited to specific infrastructure projects or to offset revenue losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The City needs to complete the necessary application and paperwork to receive funding. The recommendation is to approve the application for the ARPA funding and authorize the Finance Director to sign the necessary paperwork.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The preliminary plan for this funding is to use it to fund a much needed storm sewer project in SW Minot that extends out of the City limits and is unable to be special assessed.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

This funding can be used to fund infrastructure projects or to offset revenue losses due to Covid-19. The City will have until December 31, 2024 to obligate the funds and until December 31, 2026 to expend the funds.

C. Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this project was allocated in two separate tranches in 2021 and 2022. Once the determination is made on how the funds will be obligated, a budget amendment will be brought to Council to appropriate the funds to the project.

V. ALTERNATIVES

If the City does not submit the paperwork, it will not receive the funding.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

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VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. NEU Award Terms and Conditions
2. ARPA-Certification Form
3. Assurances of compliance with Title VI
4. FAQ document specific to distributions to non-entitlement units