



Agenda Item: Budget Amendment

Title: Resolution 2022-47, Budget Amendment - Amendment Pertaining to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2022-47, amending appropriations totaling \$2,254,409 for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget of the City of Laramie, WY, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To provide ARPA funding to assist in investment of water and sewer infrastructure.

Background:

The State received \$524 million in ARPA funds to date, with another \$534 million anticipated during 2022. The Governor’s focus on funding criteria: Long term impact or rate of return, support stimulus over relief, where possible leverage dollars through matching or buy-in programs, benefit a wide group of citizens.

Treasury Guidance is limited on how the City can spend the funding. The basic guidelines for ARPA are as follows:

- 1) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- 2) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency.
- 3) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency.
- 4) *To make the necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

The State of Wyoming legislature has allocated \$50 million for cities and towns to fund water and sewer projects and the State Land and Investment Board has now open applications to receive this funding.

The City had initially budgeted for critical infrastructure projects with assumptions those projects would receive ARPA funding from the State. This budget amendment is required so applications to the State reflect current cost. Public Works projects have had significant cost increases on projects that have been out to bid. Many of these projects have been scoped down, tabled or prioritized over other projects.

The projects being submitted for ARPA funding at the State had updated engineering estimates which now require a budget amendment to the original 2023 adopted budget and require additional match monies based on the evaluation criteria.

Budget amendments for the Wastewater Fund in the amount of one million, four hundred ninety-nine thousand, eight hundred four dollars (\$1,499,804) and the Water Fund in the amount of seven hundred fifty-four thousand, two hundred forty-five dollars (\$754,245) are recommended for adjustment into the City’s 2021-2022 budget funded by ARPA monies and some Enterprise Fund match reserves dollars.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Approve to amend budget per W.S. 16-4-112. 16-4-113

**BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:
REVENUE**

GRANTS	1,814,000	ARPA fundin
Enterprise Match funds	\$ 440,049	WT 144,245, WW \$295,804
Total FY 2020 Sources	\$ 2,254,049	
Other WT Match	40,000	

EXPENSE

Budgeted Expenditure (approved and adopted by Council)

Amendment FY 2022	\$ 1,499,804	Capital Project C-Line Sewer
	\$ 754,245	Capital Project Wellhead Buildings

Responsible Staff:

Malea Brown, Chief Operating Officer
Brooks Webb, Public Works Directions

Attachments:

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