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URBANA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING APPLICATIONS OPEN

The City of Urbana has allocated approximately \$10 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds to address eight goals identified by public input and the Urbana City Council. The City is seeking applications from organizations or service providers to utilize these funds in order to accomplish one or more of these goals in the City of Urbana. Potential applicants may visit ccrpc.org/urbana-arpa to access the application or to learn more about the Urbana ARPA funds and the process for determining the funding goals. The application period will be open for 60 days, from Friday, September 16, 2022, to Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Applications must address one (or more) of the following eight Urbana ARPA funding goals:

Public Health and Safety

1. Improve accessibility of public recreation space and youth programming.
2. Increase support for community violence interventions.

Adequate and Affordable Housing

3. Reduce housing costs for those who need it most.

Human Rights and Social Services

4. Increase availability and affordability of mental health services.
5. Increase availability and affordability of food.

Economic Recovery and Development

6. Increase job training and placement opportunities.
7. Provide relief and support for local businesses.

Sustainable Infrastructure

8. Invest in infrastructure to increase community health, safety, and future resilience.

Rather than households or businesses seeking individual assistance, applicants should be organizations or other service providers who will use the funds to address one (or more) of the funding goals. This means that households applying for rent assistance or businesses applying for help covering their expenses would not qualify for this funding at

this stage. However, organizations offering to administer programs for individual housing assistance or small business assistance would qualify for funding. The city has not set a minimum or maximum amount for funding applications, and funding can cover a variety of costs to meet the goals, including facility investments, personnel, direct assistance to community members, internal capacity building, and administrative costs.

After the application window closes, applications will be evaluated and presented to the Urbana City Council, with funding decisions anticipated within 60 days of the application window closing. If there are unallocated funds after this process, then the City may open another application process in the future; however, that is not guaranteed. Federal regulations state that ARPA funds must be obligated (designated to projects) by December 31, 2024, and all funds must be fully spent by December 31, 2026.

The City of Urbana has contracted with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission to administer the ARPA planning and funding process. Questions about the application process should be directed to:

J.D. McClanahan, Planner II – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
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For more information about the City of Urbana, please visit www.urbanaininois.us.

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