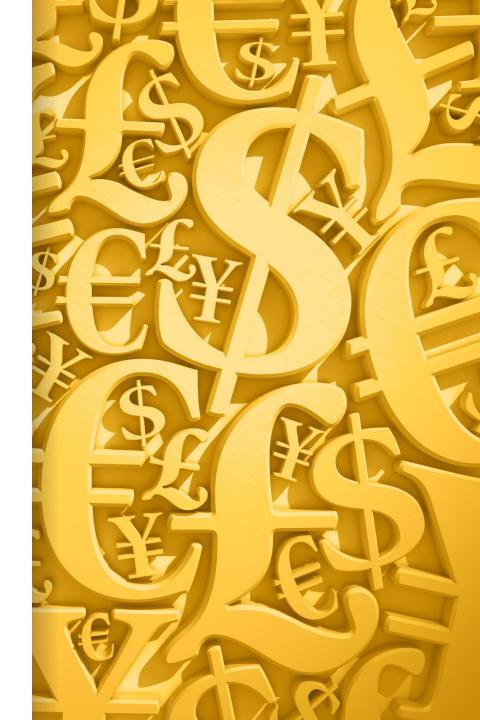
City of Warrenton

November 23, 2021 Work Session: American Rescue Plan Act



American Rescue Plan: 1.9 trillion for Coronavirus Relief and Economic Recovery

- Signed into law March 11, 2021
- Created two funds: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRS) and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF)
- 2.6 billion to State of Oregon
- 438 million to Metropolitan Cities in Oregon
- 243 million to other Oregon Cities (generally under 50,000 population)
- 818 million to Oregon counties
- 155 million for capital projects in Oregon (state)

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton

- Estimated amount to be received: \$1.274 million
- Funds will come through the State of Oregon to the City in two distributions
- First half (\$637,000) was received in August 2021 and deposited into the Grants Fund
- Second half will be at the same time in 2022
- The State cannot put additional restrictions on the funds- not a reimbursement grant. (Unlike the previous CRF Grant)
- Expenses must be incurred (obligated) between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024. (Expended by December 31, 2026.)

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton What we can't do with the funds:

- Pension Fund Deposits
- Offset a reduction in Net Tax Revenue due to a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation
- To build Financial Reserves or contribute to Rainy-Day Funds
- Non-federal match for other Federal programs
- Debt service
- Legal settlements or judgements
- General infrastructure

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton What we MAY do with the funds:

- Respond to the Public Health Emergency and its
 Economic Impacts
- Provide Premium Pay to Eligible Workers
- Recover Lost Revenue
- Invest in Water, Wastewater or Broadband Infrastructure

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton Respond to the Public Health Emergency and its Economic Impacts

Responding to Public Health Emergency:

- -PPE purchases
- -Medical expenses, testing, contact tracing, behavioral healthcare
- -Enforcement of public health orders
- -Public communication efforts
- -Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs

-Payroll and covered benefits expenses for public health, healthcare, human services, public safety and similar employees, to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response. Public Safety must be primarily dedicated to Covid-19 response American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton Respond to the Public Health Emergency and its Economic Impacts

Responding to Economic Impacts:

- -Delivering assistance to households (e.g. utility/rent assistance through CCA)
- -Support small business impacted by the pandemic through loans, grants, counseling (e.g. pass through to CEDR or similar partnership)
- -Supporting recovery in tourism, travel and hospitality sector
- -Rebuilding public sector capacity to pre-pandemic levels or build internal capacity to implement economic relief programs, technology infrastructure, etc.
- -Focus should be on hardest hit communities

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton Provide premium Pay to Eligible Workers

May provide premium pay directly, or through grants to private employers, to a broad range of essential workers who must be physically present at their jobs including, among others:

Staff at nursing homes, hospitals, and home-care settings Workers at farms, food production facilities, grocery stores, and restaurants Janitors and sanitation workers Public health and safety staff Truck drivers, transit staff, and warehouse workers Childcare workers, educators, and school staff Social service and human services staff

Priority should be given to lower income workers

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton Recover Lost Revenue

- Lost Revenue is calculated on an entity-wide basis using a specific methodology and must be used to provide government services.
- Compares revenue to the last fiscal year before the pandemic (FYE 2019)
- Applies a trend of the prior three years or 4.1% (Nat'l. average)
- Can be calculated at three points in time; December 31, 2020, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2022
- Preliminary calculations indicate the City <u>may</u> qualify for this use of the ARPA Funds

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton Invest in Water, Wastewater or Broadband Infrastructure

- Necessary improvements for water and wastewater infrastructure
- <u>Water</u> -building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines
- <u>Wastewater</u> -constructing publicly-owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly-owned treatment works
- Types of projects should align with those that can be supported by the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Investment in broadband infrastructure should be in areas that are currently unserved or underserved (min. 25Mbps download/3Mbsp upload)

American Rescue Plan: City of Warrenton Invest in Water, Wastewater or Broadband Infrastructure

• Possible projects that may be eligible for funding:

WATER

-Hammond Water Line
-SE Marlin Ave. 18" Waterline
-Ridge Road 18" Water Main
-SW 4th Street (S Main Ave-SW Alder Ct)
-Replace Raw Water Pipe Downstream
-Replace Raw Water Pipe Upstream
-Delaura Beach 18" Water Line

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• Possible projects that may be eligible for funding:

SEWER

- -Fourth (4th) SBR Basin Construction Project\$5,000,000-N Main Ave & NW 7th Place125,000
- -WWTP North Lagoon Dewatering Pump & Filter 160,000

American Rescue Plan

- Guidance continues to evolve
- Any use should be fully vetted by legal counsel
- First report due in April 2022
- Resources for more in-depth information: <u>https://home.treasury.gov/policy-</u> issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and- tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-<u>funds</u>