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How cities are using ARPA funds to improve their communities

In 2021, Washington cities received more than $1.1 billion in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The injection of federal dollars during the pandemic helped city leaders develop plans and programs to respond to the unique needs of their communities. As of the end of September 2022, Washington cities have spent or obligated $795 million in ARPA funds.

ARPA-Funded Project & Program Highlights:

City of Dayton
Population 2,445 | 5th District
Project: Broadband Infrastructure

Dayton partnered with the Port of Columbia to use **$335,000** of the city's ARPA funds to secure a $2 million state grant to build out local broadband infrastructure. Because of the city's investment, over 1,100 households and 140 businesses will have access to 1 Gbps speeds.

City of SeaTac
Population 31,910 | 9th District
Project: Local Business Support

SeaTac worked with a local economic development group to develop a three-pronged **$3.5 million** program for local businesses. The program provides funding for childcare startups, trains local businesses how to transfer businesses online, and creates capital access programs for new businesses.

City of Gig Harbor
Population 12,540 | 6th District
Project: Regional Food Bank Investment

Gig Harbor contributed **$500,000** to the Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank to help build a new facility. The food bank was a critical resource during the pandemic serving 11 zip codes across the Key Peninsula. Because of the significant ARPA investment, the food bank opened its new facility to the public in July 2022.

City of Pasco
Population 80,180 | 4th District
Project: Utility Assistance Program

Pasco established a **$1.2 million** utility assistance program for residents to pay off their past due account balance or to receive credit towards future bills. Drawing on previous experience running a similar program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, city leaders and staff increased their promotion of the program and streamlined the application process.

City of Port Angeles
Population 20,200 | 6th District
Project: Local Business Support

Port Angeles provided **$500,000** in operational support to a private ferry company that connects the city to Canada. Pre-pandemic, the ferry shuttled 120,000 vehicles and nearly 500,000 people between the US and Canada annually resulting in a $64 million economic impact on the city. The city's support helped the company retain 75 full-time staff employed during the pandemic.

City of Sultan
Population 6,250 | 8th District
Project: Downtown Revitalization

Sultan saw a meteoric rise in population during the pandemic – In just two years the population grew by 25%. The city is investing hundreds of thousands of ARPA dollars to revitalize the city's downtown area as well as support local businesses as the city adjusts to its new population growth.

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City of Lakewood
Population 63,800 | 10th District
City of Tacoma
Population 220,800 | 6th, 9th & 10th District

Project: Enhanced Homeless Shelter

The cities of Lakewood and Tacoma partnered with Pierce County to invest **$8.8 million** to purchase and transform a 94-room hotel into a 120-person enhanced shelter. After two years, the hotel will shift from being an enhanced shelter to providing permanent supportive housing.

City of Mabton
Population 1,975 | 4th District
Project: Infrastructure Investments

Mabton is investing **$634,000** in local infrastructure to improve water quality for residents, allow for projected new growth within the jurisdiction, and revitalize older city parks to allow for community events.

City of Kenmore
Population 24,090 | 1st District
Project: Direct Household Assistance

Kenmore distributed **$1 million** in direct cash assistance to households with an income at or below 50% of the area median income (AMI). In partnership with the Northshore Schools Foundation, the city collected and approved applications from September 2021 and March 20222. Eligible households received $2,000 plus $250 per additional person in the household.

City of Grandview
Population 11,020 | 4th District
Project: Downtown Revitalization

Grandview is investing 25% of their ARPA award to revitalize their downtown. A part of their plan includes providing five $10,000 grants to small, local, independent businesses to relocate to the city's downtown. In 2022, the city distributed $385,000 in funding to dozens of existing local businesses.

Washington Cities Spending Categories

As of September 2022, Washington cities have spent or obligated $795,480,244 in federal ARPA Funds. However, this number does not capture the additional work and expenditures that many smaller cities have done since March 2022 as reporting for this period is not due until April 2023.

Reviewing Treasury reporting data, Washington cities have obligated or spent ARPA funds in the following expenditure categories:

- **Expenditure Category 1 – Public Health:**
   - Obligated: $12,439,598
   - Expended: $11,630,345

- **Expenditure Category 2 – Negative Economic Impacts:**
   - Obligated: $123,437,469
   - Expended: $59,673,166

- **Expenditure Category 3 – Public Sector Capacity:**
   - Obligated: $6,648,937
   - Expended: $4,776,669

- **Expenditure Category 4 – Premium Pay:**
   - Obligated: $3,290,325
   - Expended: $3,288,055

- **Expenditure Category 5 – Infrastructure:**
   - Obligated: $22,808,528
   - Expended: $4,702,970

- **Expenditure Category 6 – Revenue Replacement:**
   - Obligated: $348,683,393
   - Expended: $191,354,253

- **Expenditure Category 7 – Administrative:**
   - Obligated: $1,571,633
   - Expended: $1,174,903

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