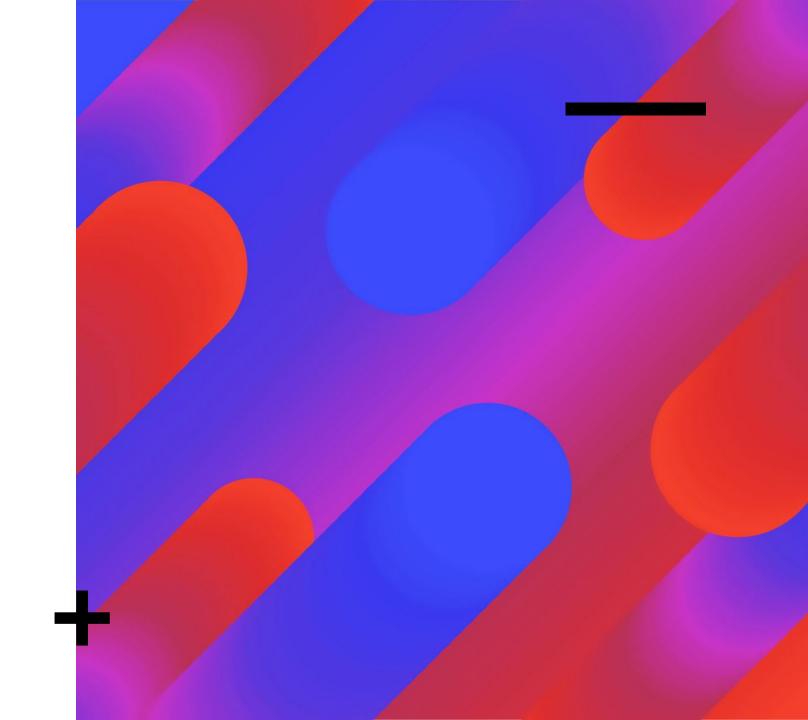
How Equity
Officers Can Be
Engaged with
ARPA



## Background

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed in March of 2021.
- Provided \$1.2 billion in direct funding to Washington cities.
- Cities received their first half of funds last year. Will receive their second half of funds this summer.
- Cities have until 2024 to obligate and 2026 to spend funds.
- Final Rule was published in January 2022.



## How cities can spend ARPA funds

- Public health efforts
- Support residents as well as local businesses and nonprofits (direct cash assistance, grants, loans)
- Replace lost public sector revenues
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure



## How you can help

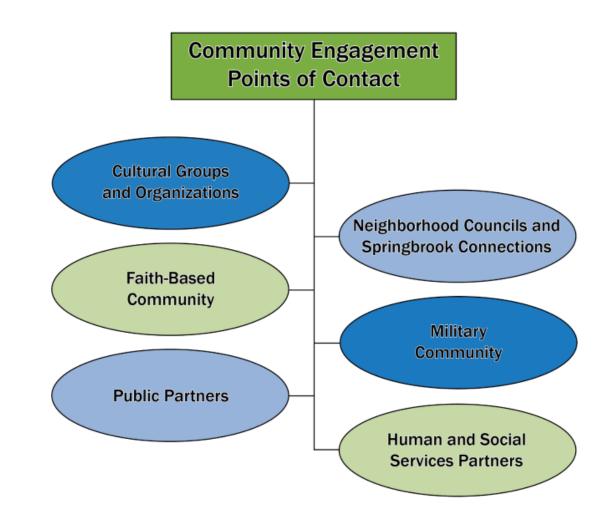
- Community Engagement
- Finding economic disparities
- Identified underserved communities



### Community Engagement

- City of Lakewood began outreach efforts during the Summer of 2021
- Developed an internal plan to engage with community groups.
- Conducted community survey as well as stakeholder meetings and one-onone interviews.
- Feedback guiding city's decision on how funds should be spent.

#### **Lakewood ARPA Community Engagement Efforts**





# Finding economic disparities

- City of Kenmore launched "Kenmore Cares" to address urgent local needs.
- Partnered with local school district foundation.
- Providing direct cash assistance to qualifying local residents.
- Using this program and other engagement opportunities to direct future ARPA spending.





The City of Kenmore is prioritizing households that have been negatively affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and in partnership with the Northshore Schools Foundation, will provide one-time cash assistance to help meet the basic needs of Kenmore residents experiencing financial hardship.

Individuals and households that reside in the city of Kenmore, who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic, and who meet income requirements are encouraged to apply for this direct cash funding support. To meet income qualifications, households must make 50% or less of area median income (AMI). See FAQ's for AMI chart.

Funding is currently available to households that make 50% or less of area median income. Applicants who do not qualify at this time may be contacted in the event that the eligibility criteria changes.

The application process will require proof of residency, proof of income, and an attestation acknowledging adverse impact by the pandemic. Once eligibility has been determined and the application has been approved, the household can expect to receive payment in about 2 weeks. Cash assistance is planned to be given at \$2000 per



# Underserved Communities

- City of Walla Walla is investing in local infrastructure to improve access to local service providers.
- Senior Center served as a lifeline for residents during the early stages of the pandemic.
- Resurfacing the parking lot will improve ADA access and allow for pandemic support activities to continue.

#### 2022 Senior Center Parking Lot ARPA Project

Updated December 7, 2021



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#### **Design Engineer**

MacKay Sposito

#### Contractor

To be determined

#### **Project Update**

Design is currently at 60%.

#### What is this project going to accomplish?

The project will completely replace the parking lot at the Senior Center at Jefferson Park. Parking lot improvements will include the section of parking lot that services the Park.

#### **Project Schedule**

Design began in the fall of 2021 and will be completed in January of 2022. Construction will start in the spring of 2022 and will be completed in the summer of 2022.



## Questions?

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