



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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DATE:	8/9/2022	REFERENCE NO.:	**M&C 22-0476	LOG NAME:	80ARPA_COMO HH AND ZOO
CODE:	G	TYPE:	CONSENT	PUBLIC HEARING:	NO
SUBJECT:	(CD 8 and 9) Approve Allocation of \$4,000,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Capital Improvements at Cobb Park, Highland Hills Park, and the Fort Worth Zoo; Adopt Appropriation Ordinances, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan				

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the allocation of \$4,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds, Subtitle M (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) for a transfer to capital for capital improvements at Cobb Park, Highland Hills Park and the Fort Worth Zoo;
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Projects Federal Fund, transferred from the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of (1) \$1,500,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Cobb Park Road and Parking Reconstruction Project; (2) \$1,000,000.00 for the Highland Hills and Parking Reconstruction project, and (3) \$1,500,000.00 for the Fort Worth Zoo ARPA project; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget and Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to approve the allocation of \$4,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Subtitle M (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) for a transfer to capital for Cobb Park road and parking reconstruction, Highland Hills Park road and parking reconstruction, and improvements at the Fort Worth Zoo which include bridge, erosion, and road improvements and the installation of broadband.

ALLOCATION OF ARPA SUBTITLE M FUNDING

In March 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act, providing aid and relief to various sectors of the United States economy. The City of Fort Worth's allocation from these funds totals \$173,745,090.00, of which a first tranche (50%), in the amount of \$86,872,545.00, was received on May 19, 2021.

Subsequently, M&C 21-0445 was adopted on June 22, 2021, establishing a framework for the use of ARPA funding. That M&C identified categories of projects intended to assist in the on-going recovery effort to strengthen the physical and economic health of the community, including Majority Minority Area (MMA) Infrastructure Projects and Park Development. The PARD projects are Cobb Park road and parking reconstruction and Highland Hills Park road and parking reconstruction, both of which enhance access to parks in MMA areas, which is an allowed use under ARPA guidance as MMAs were generally harder hit by the pandemic.

Staff is also recommending projects at the Fort Worth Zoo that include road and bridge improvements, erosion control, and broadband improvements. The projects would be considered to be funded out of the revenue-replacement portion of the City's ARPA dollars under Subsection 603(c)(1)(C) of Title VI of the Social Security Act (added by ARPA) although they might arguably also qualify as expenses toward recover of the COVID-impacted tourism economy under 603(c)(1)(A)..

The ARPA funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. Staff foresees no issues with these projects meeting that timeline.

The following chart reflects the current status for allocation of the City's ARPA funding under Subtitle M, including all M&Cs on the June 28, 2022 Council Agenda:

Total CFW ARPA Subtitle M Funding	\$ 173,745,090.00	21-0445 362021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
Allocations Approved To-Date	1,000,000.00	21-0805 13ARPA-ADMINISTRATION
Allocations Approved To-Date	4,245,533.42	21-0810 17ARPA ALLOCATIONS EVANS & ROSEDALE REDEVELOPMENT
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,000,000.00	21-0809 17ARPA ALLOCATION CDFI FRIENDLY AMERICA
Allocations Approved To-Date	2,400,000.00	21-0811 17ARPA ALLOCATIONS TO UNTHSC TECHSTARS
Allocations Approved To-Date	10,100,000.00	21-0814 19ARPA ALLOCATIONS TO HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES PROJECTS
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,000,000.00	22-0268 19ARPA CENTER FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES
Allocations Approved To-Date	5,000,000.00	22-0270 19ARPA ALLOCATION FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
Allocations Approved To-Date	52,000,000.00	21-0934 21ARPA-FWCC EXPANSION FUNDING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Allocations Approved To-Date	6,400,000.00	21-0935 21ARPA AND PEG FUNDING - FUTURE CITY HALL
Allocations Approved To-Date	8,000,000.00	21-0908 23ARPA-VACCINATIONS AND TESTING
Allocations Approved To-Date	300,000.00	21-0820 25ARPA-WRMC MURAL PLAQUES
Allocations Approved To-Date	6,000,000.00	21-0794 25ARPA-VFW-TDG
Allocations Approved To-Date	4,560,000.00	21-0913 25ARPA-PED\ _CAPITAL\ _RESTORE
Allocations Approved To-Date	7,091,047.00	22-0638 04ARPA NEIGHBORHOOD WIFI SUPPORT PROGRAM
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,595,000.00	22-0637 04ARPA ITS CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM
Allocations Approved To-Date	3,675,000.00	22-0636 04ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
Pending Allocation	126,915.51	25ARPA \ _UNEMPLOYMENT
Pending Allocation (This M&C)	4,000,000.00	80ARPA\ _COMO HH AND ZOO
Remaining Unallocated Balance	\$ 49,251,594.07	

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program. The action in this M&C will amend the FY2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 25073-09-2021.

Cobb Park and Highland Hills Park are located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8. The Fort Worth Zoo is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 and is classified as a Special-Use Facility that serves on a City-wide and regional basis.

FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund. The Park & Recreation Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the transfer of funds. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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ATTACHMENTS

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