

Responding to the Coronavirus - Federal, State and Local Funding

Beginning immediately in March 2020, the Fuller Administration focused on helping people, students, businesses and non-profits during the pandemic and took advantage of a variety of funding opportunities to support those efforts.

Federal and state agencies created a wide array of programs and the rules and restrictions of each often changed. We kept track of each of them and moved quickly to take advantage of the help they offered. We kept re-thinking what we needed to do locally to support our community even as federal and state legislation and the virus itself kept evolving. We also retained detailed records of our expenditures so we could take full advantage of reimbursement opportunities. When a program expanded what expenses and how much of them could be reimbursed (e.g., the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)), we nimbly reallocated our expenses to match those opportunities.

To track these revenues and expenditures, the City of Newton established several accounts, comprised of state and federal reimbursements, grants, and taxpayer funds. The two most significant federal aid packages were the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (known as the CARES Act) and the American Rescue Plan Act (known as ARPA).

1.1 The CARES Act - \$7.8 Million

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), enacted on March 27, 2020, was a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill in further response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. The legislation provided for a one-time cash payment to certain individuals (typically \$1,200); increased unemployment benefits; created the Paycheck Protection Program that provided forgivable loans to small businesses; gave loans to corporations; and provided funding for state and local governments.

The CARES Act included funds for local governments to use to pay costs incurred in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. Under federal law, eligible uses must have met three conditions:

1. “Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to ... COVID–19.” Funds could not be used to substitute for lost revenue.
2. Expenditures not budgeted as of March 27, 2020 when the CARES Act was enacted. The funds could not supplant municipal spending.
3. Expenditures must have been incurred on or after March 1, 2020 up to December 31, 2021 (including the time extension).

The City of Newton received \$7,838,462. The Fuller Administration focused over 80 percent of our CARES funding (\$6.4 million of our \$7.8 million appropriation) on the Newton Public Schools. \$4.9 million was spent to improve the ventilation systems throughout all school buildings, almost \$1.0 million was spent on the health and safety of our educators, staff, and students through COVID-19 medical screenings and testing, and another approximately \$500K was spent on tents for outdoor learning, reconfiguration of space, and other social distancing strategies in our schools. In addition, the Fuller Administration invested CARES funds to help vulnerable residents with housing and utility costs, new COVID election related expenditures, and municipal COVID expenses such as ventilation upgrades, PPE and cleaning services. See the table below for more details.

FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDS				
CITY OF NEWTON GRANT - \$7,838,462				
	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ACTUAL	TOTAL
CARES FUNDS - CITY DEPT OPERATIONS				
2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION		\$ 125,682		\$ 125,682
CLEANING/CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES & SVCS	\$ 39,711	\$ 187,443	\$ 99,629	\$ 326,783
PUBLIC HEALTH STAFFING			\$ 19,517	\$ 19,517
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		\$ 85,120	\$ 16,983	\$ 102,103
MISC MUNICIPAL EXPENSES		\$ 38,874		\$ 38,874
TOTAL CITY DEPT OPERATIONS	\$ 39,711	\$ 437,119	\$ 136,129	\$ 612,959
CARES FUNDS - CITY INFRASTRUCTURE				
BUILDING VENTILATION/RECONFIGURATIONS		\$ 364,707		\$ 364,707
TOTAL CITY DEPT INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ -	\$ 364,707	\$ -	\$ 364,707
CARES FUNDS - NPS OPERATIONS				
REGULAR OVERTIME		\$ 151,497		\$ 151,497
CLEANING/CUSTODIAL SVS		\$ 6,739		\$ 6,739
MEDICAL SCREENINGS		\$ 909,876		\$ 909,876
MEDICAL SERVICES		\$ 23,900		\$ 23,900
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$ 56,231		\$ 56,231
BUILDING MAINT SUPPLIES		\$ 134,004		\$ 134,004
TENTS THROUGHOUT DISTRICT		\$ 247,623		\$ 247,623
TESTING SUPPLIES		\$ 27,232		\$ 27,232
CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES		\$ 13,130		\$ 13,130
PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPLIES		\$ 2,431		\$ 2,431
TOTAL NPS OPERATIONS	\$ -	\$ 1,572,663	\$ -	\$ 1,572,663
CARES FUNDS - NPS INFRASTRUCTURE				
NPS HVAC/VENTILATION/RECONFIGURATION		\$ 4,514,031	\$ 249,372	\$ 4,763,403
NPS PROJECT- PUB BLDG'S PT MGMT		\$ 106,730		\$ 106,730
TOTAL NPS INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ -	\$ 4,620,761	\$ 249,372	\$ 4,870,133
CARES FUNDS - VULNERABLE RESIDENTS				
ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS FOR HOUSING & UTILITY COSTS			\$ 418,000	\$ 418,000
CARES ASSISTANCE-VULNERABLE RESIDENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 418,000	\$ 418,000
TOTAL NEWTON CARES GRANT	\$ 39,711	\$ 6,995,250	\$ 803,501	\$ 7,838,462

1.2 The American Rescue Plan Act – (ARPA) - \$63.6 Million

By far, the largest federal pandemic package is the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021 to further respond to the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan Act provides funding for expanded unemployment benefits; \$1,400 direct payments to certain individuals; emergency paid sick leave; extension of a 15% increase in food stamps; child tax credits and other tax credit provisions; grants to small businesses; funds to reopen schools; funds for housing and rental assistance, vaccines, testing and contact tracing, health care and public health; public transit; and funds to state and local governments to bridge budget shortfalls and mitigate the fiscal impact of the pandemic.

The City of Newton has received approximately \$63.6 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, often called ARPA. Congress created specific guidelines for how these funds can be used with two key categories

being the most relevant for our City. Category (A) requires the funds be used to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts; and Category (C) allows investment of the funds to make up for the missed investments stemming from the City's "lost revenues" in the face of the pandemic.

The original legislation as passed in March 2021 outlined the requirements as follows:

REQUIREMENTS:

(1) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraph (3), a State, territory, or Tribal government shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section, or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4), to cover costs incurred by the State, territory, or Tribal government, by December 31, 2024—

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

(2) FURTHER RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or territory shall not use the funds provided under this section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such State or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax (by providing for a reduction in a rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit, or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.

(B) PENSION FUNDS.—No State or territory may use funds made available under this section for deposit into any pension fund.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury issued the "Final Rule" effective April 1, 2022 to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. It includes the following guidance:

Section (1A) - ARPA Funds - Responding to the Public Health Emergency and Negative Economic Impact

Accordingly, to assess whether a program or service is included in this category of eligible uses, a recipient should consider whether and how the use would respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Assessing whether a program or service “responds to” the COVID-19 public health emergency requires the recipient to, first, identify a need or negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and, second, identify how the program, service, or other intervention addresses the identified need or impact. While the COVID-19 public health emergency affected many aspects of American life, **eligible uses under this category must be in response to the disease itself or the harmful consequences of the economic disruptions resulting from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

Section (1C) - Reduction in Revenue due to the COVID-19 Health Emergency

Sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the Act allow **recipients facing budget shortfalls to use payments from the Fiscal Recovery Funds to avoid cuts to government services** and, thus, enable State, local, and Tribal governments to continue to provide valuable services and ensure that fiscal austerity measures do not hamper the broader economic recovery. The Interim Final Rule implements these provisions by establishing a definition of “general revenue” for purposes of calculating a loss in revenue and by providing a methodology for calculating revenue lost due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Calculation of Loss. In general, recipients will compute the extent of the reduction in revenue by comparing actual revenue to a counterfactual trend representing what could have been expected to occur in the absence of the pandemic. This approach measures losses in revenue relative to the most recent fiscal year prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency by using the most recent pre-pandemic fiscal year as the starting point for estimates of revenue growth absent the pandemic.

For purposes of measuring revenue growth in the counterfactual trend, **recipients may use a growth adjustment of either 5.2 percent per year¹ or the recipient’s average annual revenue growth over the three full fiscal years prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency, whichever is higher.**

Recipients should calculate the extent of the reduction in revenue as of four points in time: December 31, 2020; December 31, 2021; December 31, 2022; and December 31, 2023.

Upon receiving Fiscal Recovery Fund payments, recipients may immediately calculate revenue loss for the period ending December 31, 2020.

1.2.1 Lost Revenue Calculation for the City of Newton

Calculating the lost revenue for the City of Newton using the formula provided by the Department of Treasury begins with the City of Newton’s most recent fiscal year prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency which was Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019). FY2019 covered the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. FY2019 total City of Newton Revenue from all sources was \$656 million, while net revenue after adjustments for federal funds, bond sale proceeds, interfund transfers and other miscellaneous revenues totaled just over \$486 million. This net FY2019 Revenue amount of \$486 million is used as the most recent pre-pandemic fiscal year and will be the starting point for estimates of revenue growth absent the pandemic.

The City must next determine whether the growth adjustment of 5.2 percent per year (see Footnote 16 below) or

¹ Originally, the Department of Treasury’s *Interim Final Rule* allowed a counterfactual revenue growth rate of 4.1%. However, the Department of Treasury’s *Final Rule* adjusted the allowable growth rate to 5.2%. This change in growth rate benefits the City of Newton, in that now all of our expenditure of ARPA funds can qualify for the *Section (1C) - Reduction in Revenue due to the COVID-19 Health Emergency*.

the City’s average annual revenue growth over the three full fiscal years prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency is higher. We have done these calculations; we have determined that the City’s average annual revenue growth over the three full fiscal years prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency is not higher than 5.2%. Therefore, we will use the U.S. Treasury guideline of 5.2% for all calculations for the growth adjustment for the counterfactual trend.

The Administration has now calculated the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 and 2021 Counterfactual Revenue as well as CY 2020 and 2021 Actual Revenue. This new calculation (based on 5.2%) has yielded a CY 2020 Lost Revenue factor of just under \$38.4 million and a CY 2021 Lost Revenue factor of just under \$30 million. Simply put, this means that to date, the City is able to use the guidelines of “the provision of government services” for the full amount of ARPA funds that have been allocated to the City of Newton. While the Lost Revenue expenditures in Category (C) are less restrictive than those in Category (A), we are mindful of the importance of using the ARPA funds to respond to the negative impacts of the pandemic. We will continue to measure our “lost revenue” as of Dec. 31, 2022, and Dec. 31, 2023, so as to determine exactly which guidelines we will follow for our ARPA expenditures.

The *Final Rule* also includes the guideline that in Category (C) which allows ARPA funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenues from COVID-19 that the definition of government services is broad, including infrastructure, health services, education and public safety. Specifically, the guideline states: *Government services can include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.*

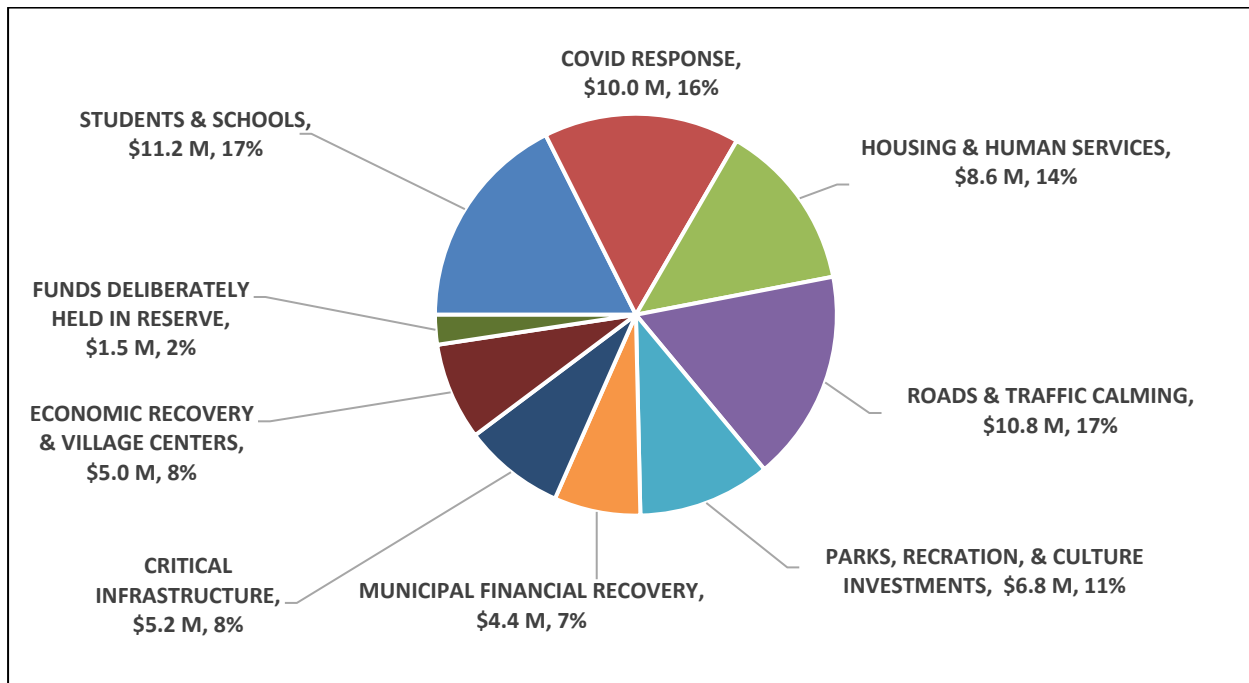
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA - \$63.6 MILLION	
CALCULATION OF LOST REVENUE	
MOST RECENT FULL FISCAL YEAR PRE-PANDEMIC - FY2019	
FISCAL YEAR NET REVENUE	\$ 486,267,673
COUNTERFACTUAL GROWTH RATE	5.20%
ALLOWABLE REVENUE CALENDAR YEAR 2020	\$ 524,685,435
CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ACTUAL REVENUE	\$ 485,795,813
REVENUE LOSS CALENDAR YEAR 2020	\$ 38,889,622
ALLOWABLE REVENUE CALENDAR YEAR 2021	\$ 551,969,077
CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ACTUAL REVENUE	\$ 521,679,721
REVENUE LOSS CALENDAR YEAR 2021	\$ 30,289,356
TOTAL REVENUE LOSS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$ 69,178,978

1.2.2 Investing ARPA Funds to Recover and to Build a Better Future

With the unprecedented one-time federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, the City of Newton is supporting those most impacted by the pandemic, investing in the operations of the Newton Public Schools and the City, and seeding initiatives that will help Newtonians and our City not just stabilize and recover but permanently become more resilient, livable, vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable. We are investing these funds with the lens of equity, ensuring all geographic areas of Newton, all ages, and all people are supported while we help those disproportionately hurt by COVID-19.

All of Newton has come together to craft this plan. Through community meetings and listening sessions, an ARPAinput@newtonma.gov email address, and with open office hours, calls, emails and letters, our City Councilors, School Committee members, community groups, residents, businesspeople and non-profit leaders have weighed in to help guide our investments. I am grateful for this guidance and it shaped our decisions.

We have invested heavily in our students and schools, our COVID response, and in affordable housing and human services. We moved forward with one-time infrastructure investments – from roads and traffic calming to village centers and commercial corridors, and police facilities to multiple elementary school building. We supported the recovery of small businesses, restauranters and artists. We helped the youngest users of our Library and the oldest residents of our City. We improved our parks, athletic fields, playgrounds and recreation facilities as well as added more trees. The pie chart below shows our strategic intent.



Altogether, the investment of the ARPA funds will be transformative for all Newtonians:

- We are helping residents facing hardships and people disproportionately impacted by the pandemic – too often people of color – with both short-term emergency housing support and longer-term economic stability and mobility initiatives.
- Four homes were bought to add to our stock of affordable housing.
- Rapid antigen tests were purchased.
- Ventilation systems were improved.
- Chromebooks were provided to students.
- We supported our little ones as they emerged from the isolation of the pandemic with a much larger, fully renovated Children’s Room at the Newton Free Library.

- A new community garden is fast taking shape on the north side of the City.
- Trails were improved and trails and playgrounds became more accessible.
- Athletic fields were improved with lighting.
- More trees were cared for, something that proved particularly timely with the extreme drought we've been through this summer.
- Our employees received stipends for their extraordinary service during the pandemic.
- Roads were repaired.
- Artists were supported.
- A new Senior Center was designed and additional green space for the users and the Newtonville community was acquired.
- We moved forward with architects to rebuild, renovate or improve four elementary schools – Countryside, Lincoln-Eliot, Horace-Mann and Franklin.

While we received many great suggestions for worthy investments, the dollar value of the suggestions far outstripped the amount of funding. That said, the spirit of almost all the recommendations have been honored. The values and goals embodied in the requests will continue to inform our deployment of our capital and operating investments.

As we take these significant steps to move Newton forward, I'm conscious of how much challenging work we still have in front of us; how much of our aging infrastructure still needs updating; how much more we need to do for the most vulnerable among us and for our children, our students, and our older residents; how much more we must do to confront the climate crisis. We are a tremendous community of engaged, caring, passionate people – I'm honored to answer the future's challenges alongside you.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT				
CITY OF NEWTON GRANT - \$63.6 MILLION				
	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
STUDENTS & SCHOOLS				
NPS OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,485,968	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 5,185,968
COUNTRYSIDE FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$ 1,250,000			\$ 1,250,000
LINCOLN ELIOT DESIGN	\$ 350,000			\$ 350,000
HORACE MANN DESIGN	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
FRANKLIN FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
HORACE MANN PLAYGROUND	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000
HIGH SCHOOL FIELD LIGHTS	\$ 1,400,000			\$ 1,400,000
WARD AND UNDERWOOD STUDY			\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
NPS ELEMENTARY READING CURRICULUM			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
UNDERWOOD ELEMENTARY ROOF REPAIRS			\$ 41,120	\$ 41,120
NPS SUMMER MAINTENANCE			\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000
	\$ 5,935,968	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 3,631,120	\$ 11,187,088
COVID RESPONSE				
COVID ANTIGEN TESTS	\$ 76,100			\$ 76,100
PUBLIC BUILDING R-M	\$ 746,847			\$ 746,847
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 57,847			\$ 57,847
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 10,754			\$ 10,754
REIMBURSEMENT - REMAINING COVID EXPENSE	\$ 1,090,000			\$ 1,090,000
SUMMER PROJECTS - VENTILATION, ETC	\$ 410,000			\$ 410,000
NPS TECHNOLOGY		\$ 1,050,000		\$ 1,050,000
BUILDING VENTILATION (NPS, CITY HALL, FIRE, POLICE)		\$ 2,200,000		\$ 2,200,000
CITY STAFF RECOGNITION	\$ 1,095,942			\$ 1,095,942
NPS STAFF RECOGNITION	\$ 3,293,650			\$ 3,293,650
	\$ 6,781,140	\$ 3,250,000	\$ -	\$ 10,031,140

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT
CITY OF NEWTON GRANT - \$63.6 MILLION**

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT	\$ 41,500			\$ 41,500
ECONOMIC STABILITY AND MOBILITY	\$ 2,006,300			\$ 2,006,300
EMERGENCY HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM	\$ 575,700			\$ 575,700
ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS		\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
AUBURNDALE FAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING & WILLIAMS SCHOOL		\$ 2,450,000		\$ 2,450,000
AFFORDABLE HOUSING & CLIMATE RESILIENCY			\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
NEWMO TRANSITIONAL OPERATIONS			\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	\$ 2,623,500	\$ 2,950,000	\$ 3,075,000	\$ 8,648,500
<u>ROADS & TRAFFIC CALMING</u>				
ACCELERATED NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD REPAIR & PAVING	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 8,500,000
ACCELERATED TRAFFIC CALMING		\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN	\$ 80,000			\$ 80,000
CARRIAGEWAY EASEMENTS			\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000
	\$ 2,580,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 2,230,000	\$ 10,810,000
<u>PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURE INVESTMENTS</u>				
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS & GARDENS	\$ 300,000			\$ 300,000
PARKS & CONSERVATION TRAIL ACCESS	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000
STREET TREE INVESTMENT	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000
FEASIBILITY NEWTON CENTRE PAVILLION	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000
ATHLETIC FIELDS/PARK/BEACH/GATH POOL		\$ 2,500,000		\$ 2,500,000
JACKSON HOMESTEAD & MUSEUM EXHIBITS		\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000
NNHS SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD AT ALBEMARLE			\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000
NSHS SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD			\$ 332,000	\$ 332,000
TENNIS COURT RESURFACING			\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
NAHANTON PARK SURVEY FOR CONSERVATION RESTRICTION			\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
CONTINGENCY FOR STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS (FARLOW, CHAFFIN, PELLEGRINI)			\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 3,342,000	\$ 6,792,000
<u>MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RECOVERY</u>				
CITY OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,117,677	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 920,000	\$ 4,417,677
	\$ 2,117,677	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 920,000	\$ 4,417,677
<u>CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE</u>				
CHILDREN'S ROOM - LIBRARY	\$ 1,558,583			\$ 1,558,583
NEWCAL DESIGN	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000
ACQUISITION OF 47 WALNUT PLACE		\$ 1,485,000		\$ 1,485,000
POLICE HQ IMPROVEMENTS FEASIBILITY STUDY		\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
CHEESECAKE BROOK BIKE/PED BRIDGE			\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000
ALBEMARLE FIELD HOUSE EXTERIOR			\$ 49,650	\$ 49,650
NEWTON CENTRE FIELDHOUSE EXTERIOR			\$ 97,971	\$ 97,971
CRYSTAL LAKE BATHHOUSE AND PARKING LOT			\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
LIBRARY PLAZA REPAIRS			\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
FIRE DEPT VEHICLES REPLACEMENT			\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
	\$ 2,058,583	\$ 1,985,000	\$ 1,147,621	\$ 5,191,204
<u>ECONOMIC RECOVERY & VILLAGE CENTERS</u>				
HELP FOR RESTAURANTS	\$ 15,330			\$ 15,330
NEWTON HIRES	\$ 28,600			\$ 28,600
REVITALIZE CREATIVE NEWTON	\$ 75,000			\$ 75,000
NEWTON HIGHLANDS VILLAGE CENTER	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000		\$ 1,000,000
PETTEE SQUARE/CHESTNUT-OAK INTERSECTION		\$ 1,100,000		\$ 1,100,000
WASHINGTON STREET PILOT & DESIGN		\$ 2,770,000		\$ 2,770,000
	\$ 368,930	\$ 4,620,000	\$ -	\$ 4,988,930
<u>FUNDS DELIBERATELY HELD IN RESERVE</u>				
REMAINING UNASSIGNED FUNDS			\$ 1,522,967	\$ 1,522,967
			\$ 1,522,967	\$ 1,522,967
TOTAL NEWTON ARPA COMMITMENTS	\$ 23,215,797	\$ 24,505,000	\$ 15,868,708	\$ 63,589,505

ARPA FUNDS – Students & Schools

FY22-FY24 NPS Financial Recovery - \$5,185,968

The partial shutdown of the economy continues to have a negative impact on many of the City's revenue sources with lower revenues expected to continue from sources such as Rooms & Meals Taxes, Parking Meter Receipts, Payments of Parking Violations, and more, approximating \$7 million in FY2022. Therefore, for the FY22 budget the Mayor committed \$4.6 million in ARPA funds to supplement the overall City Operating Budget, with another \$3 million in FY23, and \$2 million in FY24. As the NPS budget is approximately 54% of the City's overall operating budget, they received \$5,185,968 from FY22-FY24 in ARPA funding to supplement their budget. The utilization of these funds to augment our projected revenues enabled the School Department to have additional funds to continue supporting the teaching and learning of our students.

Countryside Elementary School Renovation/Replacement Feasibility Study - \$1,250,000

The City of Newton and the Newton Public Schools continue to plan for the renovation and renewal of our school buildings. As part of this process, we often look for financial help to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). In June 2021, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) voted to "invite" the City to participate in its "Feasibility Phase" for the Countryside Elementary School. The City has appropriated \$1,250,000 of ARPA funds to pay the costs of professional services for the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design and for the Site Plans needed for the approval of the Countryside Elementary School renovation or replacement.

Lincoln Eliot Elementary School - Schematic Design - \$350,000

The City of Newton and the Newton Public Schools continue to plan for the renovation and renewal of our school buildings. As part of this program, we are investing \$350,000 of ARPA funds to allow us to continue the schematic design phase for a wonderful facility, new playgrounds, fields, and so much more at 150 Jackson Road, the future home of the Lincoln Eliot community.

Horace Mann Elementary School – Feasibility Study - \$100,000

In addition to \$250,000 of ARPA funds for a new playground at Horace Mann, \$100,000 of ARPA funds will be invested to allow us to further the design efforts that began before COVID for much needed additional space at the new home of the Horace Mann Elementary School.

Franklin Elementary School – Feasibility Study - \$100,000

The City of Newton and the Newton Public Schools continue to plan for the renovation and renewal of our school buildings. As part of this program, we are investing \$100,000 of ARPA funds to allow us to begin the feasibility phase for a renovation/addition or new building as well as new playgrounds and fields for the Franklin School and neighborhood.

Horace Mann Elementary School Playground Equipment - \$250,000

When the Horace Mann Elementary School community moved in September 2019 to a recently renovated former elementary school, they were not able to bring their large playground structure with them. We will invest \$250,000 of ARPA funds to provide new playground equipment that will allow for the physical and social growth of the Kindergarten through 5th grade students.

High School Field Lights - \$1,400,000

Throughout the pandemic, it became clear that outdoor recreational space was critical. That fact, coupled with the change to a later high school start time and the limited number of playing fields in the City, highlighted the need for high-quality lighting systems to allow for late afternoon/evening playing time at our two unlit artificial turf fields (one at Newton South High School known as the Brandeis Field and the other at Newton North High School's

stadium on the Lowell Avenue side). The Mayor has committed \$1,400,000 of ARPA funds for this purpose. Of note, the Newton North Boosters will mount a fundraising campaign to reimburse some of this funding.

Ward and Underwood - \$100,000

School Committee members and Newton Public Schools staff began to work with the Ward and Underwood Task Force just before the Covid-19 pandemic began. The Ward and Underwood communities have been patiently waiting for this process to restart after the pandemic forced us to put the work on hold. We are now poised to tackle the facility and enrollment challenges that exist at both schools, and to determine how best to address them. Last fall, Mayor Fuller announced the City was reserving ARPA funds to make sure that Newton Public Schools and the Ward and Underwood Task Force have resources to move this important initiative forward. It is now time to make that funding available. The City is allocating \$100,000 in ARPA funding to support the Newton Public Schools and the Ward and Underwood school communities. These funds will help NPS provide professional services to evaluate the facilities, analyze enrollments and educational models, and clarify the challenges and opportunities to help with the decision making.

Newton Public Schools Elementary Reading Curriculum - \$2,000,000

The Newton Public Schools have had a terrific committee of elementary teachers and administrators reviewing materials for a new reading curriculum for grades K-5. Our current reading units were written between 2002-2012 and developed in-house by multiple teachers and literacy specialists. The work on finding the best curriculum for Newton began in 2019 (before the pandemic) and continued last year. The team reviewed a wide range of elementary reading programs, visited schools using different curricula, and piloted materials at various grade levels to find the best one for Newton — comprehensive, engaging, high-quality, cohesive, culturally responsive, standards-aligned and research-based. While NPS is currently in the process of selecting a reading curriculum, I am setting aside \$2 million to fund this critical one-time investment to equip our students and teachers with the materials they need across our 15 elementary schools. Strong literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening and language) in the elementary years are foundational to student success and supporting these efforts in the wake of the pandemic is an excellent investment of Newton's one-time ARPA funds.

Underwood Elementary School Roof Repair - \$41,120

Immediate roof repairs at the 99-year old Underwood Elementary School are a top priority of Newton Public Schools. These repairs, while not a complete replacement of the roof, will extend the life of the roof for many years.

Newton Public Schools Summer Maintenance - \$410,000

As part of the FY24 NPS budget process the School Committee reduced the Superintendent's proposed budget for "Charter Maintenance" funds by \$410,000, in order to restore some teaching positions. This funding will fill the gap for expected FY24 summer maintenance in elementary, middle, and high schools.

ARPA FUNDS – COVID Response

COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits - \$76,100

Testing plays a key role in our efforts to contain and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic by identifying infected individuals to help prevent further person-to-person transmission of the virus. Therefore, the City has utilized \$76,100 of ARPA funds to secure 7,560 over the counter at-home rapid antigen test kits to be distributed to our financially disadvantaged and/or our vulnerable residents in order to provide another tool to combat the spread of COVID-19.

NPS Covid Expenditures - \$2,330,000

The COVID-19 pandemic created significant costs for the Newton Public Schools along with revenue losses, both somewhat offset by direct state and federal grants to NPS. The City of Newton, separate from NPS, has also faced

new costs and revenue losses and also received state and federal grants. My goal since the pandemic began has been to provide the Newton Public Schools with financial support to help teaching and learning in these difficult times. We have been “all in” on using CARES and ARPA funds to cover their COVID-19 related costs.

As State and Federal grants directly to NPS have only partially made up for pandemic costs and revenue losses, the City has invested significant portions of its state/federal grants to assist the students. In addition to previously allocated support, we are providing NPS with \$820,000 in ARPA funds to cover important COVID-19 related expenditures. These include classroom air quality monitoring devices, air purifiers, medical supplies, and Wi-Fi hotspots. We are also providing \$1.51 million in ARPA funds to cover additional COVID-19 related projects that the NPS financial team found in April, 2022 and a number of summer projects involving ventilation and new space for specialized programs.

NPS Technology - \$1,050,000

Prior to the pandemic, the Newton Public Schools had invested heavily in technology and various types of computers for both students and educators. During the pandemic, NPS expanded the program so all students from Kindergarten on had an age-appropriate computer/laptop loaded with educational software. Learning could be done remotely, homework would be facilitated, communicating between teachers and students improved, and in-class pedagogy and individualized learning supported. During 2021-2022-2023, Newton Public Schools continues to update their Chromebook program for students and classrooms and make several one-time technology infrastructure improvements, including improving their complex network. In addition, NPS made hotspots available to students to allow better internet access from home, facilitating remote learning and communication.

COVID-19 Building Adaptations – Police, Fire and City Hall - \$2,200,000

Police Headquarters: These ARPA funds will allow us to replace the rooftop air handling units, chillers, controls, and also make improvements to the insulation and efficiency of the various equipment. These systems will all be fully electric with no use of fossil fuels onsite. This work will be coordinated with the installation of new emergency communication /equipment and computer upgrades.

Fire Stations 1 & 2: Upgrades at two fire stations will allow for a significant increase in the passive and active ventilation rates and fresh air introduction which are both pillars of the layered prevention strategy recommended by CDC and DPH. The work will include:

- Replacement of all windows at Station #2 with operable units to compliment the restoration of the central ventilation system in the attic completed in 2020, and
- Installation of central and localized ventilation systems at Station #1 to compliment the window replacement project completed in 2020.

City Hall: The ventilation system at the War Memorial auditorium in City Hall will receive upgrades to allow us to once again use this incredible asset for community events, public meetings, cultural programs, and staff meetings. Additionally, we will improve the basement spaces at City Hall, including operable windows to allow for increased fresh air flow and better ventilation.

City Employee Public Health & Public Service Stipend - \$1,100,000

In recognition of the commitment of our municipal employees to public service and public health, we have provided a one-time stipend to every permanent employee in the unions that signed agreements with the City as well as our permanent non-union employees. Those who worked through the most challenging months of the pandemic have received a stipend of \$1,500. Employees who joined our team more recently received \$500. In all cases, these amounts were pro-rated for part-time employees.

School Employee Public Health, Public Service & Public Education Stipend - \$3,293,650

The Mayor has allocated \$3.3 million in ARPA funds to NPS so they provide stipends to NPS employees in recognition of their commitment to public service, public health and public education. Like City employees, those NPS employees who worked through the most challenging months of the pandemic will received a stipend of \$1,500 or \$500, depending on when they joined the team. In all cases, these amounts were pro-rated for part-time employees.

ARPA FUNDS – Housing & Human Services

Community Needs Assessment - \$41,500

The community needs assessment focused specifically on hearing from our low-income residents regarding their needs and how we could best develop responsive strategies for promoting economic stability. The Center for Governmental Research consulting group delivered the assessment report in February 2022. They found that the most pressing challenges faced by lower-resourced Newton households included the ability to pay bills, finding a job or sufficient hours, meeting mental and physical health needs, finding stable housing, securing affordable childcare and having food security. Our team is working on responsive programs that we look forward to implementing during the calendar year 2022 and beyond.

Economic Stability & Economic Mobility - \$2,006,300

We are using ARPA funding to assist those Newtonians who suffered disproportionately as a result of the pandemic. ARPA investments complement funding previously deployed, including \$418,000 in CARES funds, \$2.7 million of CPA funds, \$1.7 million in Community Development funds, and \$1.1 million in Emergency Solutions Grants. All of these dollars have supported pandemic relief, housing and rental assistance, and health and human services.

More is needed. I, along with our social services and housing staff, are acutely aware that the human impact of the pandemic is still being felt. A few days ago, I announced that our Annual Action Plan uses an additional \$3.5 million in Federal funds to support affordable housing, rental assistance, human services, and architectural access here in Newton in Fiscal Year 2023.

I am proud to announce that we will dedicate another \$2 million in ARPA funds to support lowincome residents and residents impacted by the pandemic, both of which are disproportionately people of color. This allocation of funds comes after the completion of the Community Needs Assessment in February 2022, which includes a series of short-term and long-term recommended actions. We will make \$250,000 available for low-barrier emergency expenses such as rent and utility assistance to address immediate hardships and \$1.75 million for long-term economic mobility and self-sufficiency initiatives that address systemic barriers. This funding again complements the approximately \$2 million in ARPA funds that we have already committed to rent and utility relief and affordable housing.

One of our important goals is to make a permanent impact on affordable housing availability and stability. These ARPA investments, coupled with the development of the West Newton Armory and our support of the good work of partners such as 2LifeCommunities, the Newton Housing Authority, the Newton Community Development Foundation, and MetroWest, reinforces our forward momentum.

Emergency Housing Relief Program - \$575,700

We have committed \$575,700 of ARPA funds to our Emergency Housing and Utility Relief Program to provide eligible households with up to two months of rental or mortgage assistance, with possible extensions, and up to \$700 of utility assistance. The program covered 70% of a household's monthly rent or mortgage payment, with a maximum monthly assistance amount of \$2,500 per household. Eligible recipients must currently live in Newton,

have had a negative economic impact caused by COVID-19, and have a total household income at or below 80% of the area median income.

Accessibility Projects (Intersections, Playgrounds) - \$500,000

We have been laser focused while improving many of our buildings, roads, sidewalks, parks, programs and services to consistently use universal design to provide accessibility. With the leadership of our Commission On Disability, the insights and wholehearted collaboration of our ADA Coordinator Jini Fairley, and our staffs from our Departments of Public Works, Public Buildings and Parks, Recreation and Culture, we continue to act vigorously to make our built environment one that all of our residents, businesspeople, employees and visitors are able to access and enjoy. This, in turn, helps make us an all-age friendly community. I am allocating \$500,000 in ARPA funds to accelerate the critical work of making our community more accessible. This funding will accelerate the construction of a significant number of accessible curb ramps and playground surfaces that the Commission On Disability recently prioritized, including:

- Newton Centre Curb Ramps: 12 new accessible curb ramps at the Beacon Street – Sumner Street – Langley Road intersections.
- Beacon Street Curb Ramps in Waban: Construction of accessible curb ramps along Beacon Street from Washington Street to Angier School
- Walnut Street/Dexter Road Accessibility in Newtonville: Construction of 3 new accessible curb ramps and new bump outs on both sides of Dexter Road.
- Accessible Playground Mats: Installation of playground matting at three playgrounds: in Auburndale Cove, at Davis Playground in West Newton, and at Williams Elementary School in Auburndale.

Auburndale Family Affordable Housing & Williams Elementary School Expansion - \$2,450,000

We invested ARPA funds in the amount of \$2,450,000 to acquire land and buildings located in the village of Auburndale directly adjacent to the Williams Elementary School and its playground and ballfield. The land will help us to expand the playground, have flexibility for future school renovations, while also allowing us to preserve four existing homes for permanently affordable family-sized homes next to an elementary school and playground, in walking distance to three forms of mass transit, and nestled into a residential neighborhood. We are attributing half of the purchase price to helping the Williams Elementary School.

Affordable Housing & Affordable Housing Climate Resiliency- \$3,500,000

I am allocating \$3,500,000 (1) to advance the creation of affordable housing and (2) to assist our already deed-restricted affordable housing properties in the City undertake important energy and electrification retrofits in a timely manner.

In the City of Newton, we are deeply committed to working together to ensure we have more permanently affordable homes and apartments so that our next generation can live here, our older residents have a place to downsize to so they can stay here, and people of all incomes can live here and be our neighbors. Our new Affordable Housing Trust is up and running and our Planning team is working closely with them to invest in affordable housing.

Simultaneously, the City's Sustainability team is actively seeking to help property owners shift away from fossil fuels to electricity to heat/cool their homes, heat their water, cook, and keep on their lights. These actions are essential to meeting the urgency of the climate crisis by reducing greenhouse gas emissions as we can make the electric grid cleaner and greener with renewable energy sources, especially solar and wind.

The City of Newton Planning and Sustainability teams will partner together to develop the Affordable Housing Climate Resiliency Grant Program. The City of Newton has over 2,000 deed restricted affordable housing units, many of which need deep energy retrofits. These energy retrofits will have the dual effect of reducing the property's

overall present and future operating costs for energy with efficiency measures, and of aligning with our Climate goals to get to zero carbon emissions through electrification of HVAC systems and conversion to heat pump-based technology. In other words, this funding will help residents “Use Less and Green the Rest,” the City of Newton Climate Action Plan’s motto. A first round of grants will be awarded next year.

As we convert [City-owned buildings](#) to non fossil-fuel systems and actively promote homeowners to do likewise with the [4ourFuture Program](#), the City is working with larger commercial building owners and with non-profit affordable housing managers. The City of Newton’s program will be designed to complement State funding opportunities which are also available for deep energy retrofits to affordable housing properties.

We will simultaneously continue to be actively supporting opportunities for the creation of affordable housing, an ongoing effort of our Planning and Development staff.

[NewMo Transitional Operations - \\$75,000](#)

NewMo has been a highly successful shared ride service that makes getting around easier, faster and more sustainable. State grants have been the bulk of the funding source over the past several years but are now beginning to phase out. In September 2023 the City made a major change to the program to restrict use to seniors, low-income individuals and people with disabilities. The City also decided to put out a bid for a new ride service contract with a particular focus on seniors. The ARPA funds help supplement City budget funding to pay NewMo bills during the transition from a full program to the new program.

[ARPA FUNDS – Roads & Traffic Calming](#)

[Accelerated Neighborhood Road Paving - \\$8,500,000](#)

In the City of Newton’s FY2021 Budget, developed in the early months of the pandemic in May 2022 when the economy shut down, we cut \$4 million dollars of spending out of our DPW paving budget. In May 2021, I used \$2.5 million of ARPA funds to restore partially the road repair and paving investments as our streets need so much work.

I am designating an additional \$4 million in ARPA funds to supplement the City’s accelerated road repair program. The funds will allow us to repave those roads in our neighborhoods which are in the poorest condition along their full length.

The City’s Pavement Condition Index (PCI) program rates all roadways in Newton on a 0-100 scoring system (0 being a poor roadway, 100 being a new one). The scores are based on data obtained from a sophisticated truck-based road radar system conducted City-wide every other year; the scores determine the prioritization of the street repairs. We expect this funding to allow us to repair the full length of those neighborhood roads which currently stand under a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 50 in the next two years. (We also have segments of roads that fall below a PCI of 50; we expect to make a lot of progress on these in the next few years as well.) Please know that following our protocols, the decisions on timing may be influenced by underground utility infrastructure improvements.

We have approximately 80 neighborhood roads spread across the City that meet the under 50 PCI classification. Some require a maintenance overlay while others need more substantial rehabilitation. The repairs will be conducted over the next two construction seasons in 2023 and 2024. The first group of roads (approximately 40) will be identified late this winter for the 2023 paving season. Examples of roads that will be fully repaired or repaved include:

	<u>Ward</u>	<u>PCI</u>
Barnes Road	1	42.8
Vineyard Road	2	47.8
Maynard Street	3	47.2
Evergreen Ter	4	28.8
Harrison Street	5	46.8
Wenham Road	6	29.8
Alderwood Road	7	44.5
Arnold Road	8	39.7

The repairs on these roads and segments will create a good riding surface and extend the useful life of the roadways for 10+ years. Roadways will be resurfaced with 1.5"-2" of new asphalt pavement. Utility structures in the roadway will be brought flush to the new pavement surface and driveway aprons will be blended. These repairs will allow users to traverse the roads by vehicle, bicycle or other means of transportation without having to worry about bumps and potholes. Some roads will also require sidewalk repairs or replacement and this work will be included.

This second phase will provide \$2 million to begin addressing streets with PCIs in the 50-55 range, which are also in poor condition. These efforts are focused on elevating the overall pavement condition index to help us transition from reactive to preventative maintenance. The Department of Public Works has begun to plan how this phase 2 will be accomplished during the 2023-2024 period.

This focus on smaller neighborhood roads compliments the City's larger road repair program that is addressing the major thoroughfares. This year portions of Walnut, Lowell, Wheeler, Waltham, Homer and the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway are being paved.

[Accelerated Traffic Calming Top Priorities - \\$2,000,000](#)

Beginning with our first budget in FY2019, the Fuller Administration included a first-ever budget line for traffic calming projects, initially at \$150,000. While that budget allocation has since more than doubled to \$350,000, we continue to have quite a few traffic calming needs across the 300+ miles of roads and 2,500 intersections in the City.

Newton's Department of Public Works has developed a multi-factor prioritization system to evaluate the hundreds of traffic calming requests that come in from residents and City Councilors concerned about traffic volumes, speeds and safety. This data-driven evaluation process prioritizes the traffic calming requests and is updated annually.

I am designating \$2 million in ARPA funding to accelerate the City's efforts to address the next set of high priority traffic calming projects identified by DPW's prioritization system. The investments include:

- Chestnut Street, between Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street: Intersection traffic calming at Chestnut Street and Fuller Street.
- Webster Street, between Cherry Street and Rowe Street: New crosswalks and Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to meet pedestrian needs.
- Brookline Street, between Dudley Road and Oak Hill Street: Construction of a raised table intersection at the Brookline Street/Spaulding Lane/Hartman Road intersection near the Memorial-Spaulding Elementary School.
- Lexington Street, between River Street and Auburndale Avenue: Sidewalk bump-outs at the two existing crosswalk locations with RRFBs.

- Waverley Avenue, between Kenrick Street and Church Street: Construction of a raised table intersection at Waverley Avenue and Franklin Street.
- Installation of an additional 15 Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons at 15 existing crosswalk locations based on the RRFB prioritization evaluation. RRFBs allow people using a crosswalk to press a button which turns on solar powered flashing yellow lights to help drivers see people in the crosswalks sooner, thereby making crossing streets safer.

DPW will continue to move forward with additional traffic calming projects. These traffic calming projects use a variety of techniques, including intersection improvements, flex posts, pavement markings, signage, speed feedback displays, increased enforcement, speed cushions (currently being piloted on Grant Avenue), and RRFB installations at crosswalks.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan - \$80,000

ARPA funds are being used to enable the administration to develop a comprehensive, long-term bicycle and pedestrian master plan to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase public health, and support community and economic development. The goal is to support safe, smart, accessible, livable and sustainable multi-modal transportation.

Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway Easements - \$230,000

The City of Newton Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Economic Development, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division (MassDOT) are working together to redesign Commonwealth Avenue and the Carriage Way from Lyons Field (approximately Higgins Road) to the Newton Marriott Hotel (approximately Auburn Street). This project will improve safety and access for all users, create new green space and create a continuous shared walking and bicycle path along the Carriage Way as well as improving transit access in the area by upgrading bus stops.

As part of the reconstruction project, the city is required to take temporary construction easements from abutting properties along their frontage to the construction zone. A temporary easement plan has been prepared by A Plus Construction Services, as a subconsultant to Howard Stein Hudson. The easement plan shows all temporary easements for the project on one plan, and the plan, once approved, will be filed at the Registry of Deeds.

The city is also required to offer financial compensation to the abutters for the taking of these temporary easements. This requirement is due to the Federal and State funding for this project.

Our consulting engineer, Howard Stein Hudson, and their appraisal subconsultant, A.M. Appraisal Associates, has prepared land appraisals (offers of financial compensation) for each of the temporary easements for each abutter. Law Department has verified the owners of the properties. Land appraisals are based on use of the temporary easements for up to three years (3 construction seasons), per Mass DOT requirements.

The total cost of the three year temporary easements along the entire project area is approximately \$229,000. The City's design work on the project, as well as the construction easements, leverages over \$6 million in state construction funding.

ARPA FUNDS – PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE INVESTMENTS

Investing in Neighborhood Parks & Gardens - \$300,000

Funds have been allocated for our Parks, Recreation and Culture staff (PRC) and residents to explore the possibility of a community garden at Spears Park, a small quarter acre green space, and to supplement neighborhood-funded park projects in village centers and pocket parks, as well as within traffic islands. These funds will be used toward smaller-scale park improvements as well as bike racks, benches, waste receptacles, and signage.

Parks, Conservation Trails, Accessible Improvements - \$150,000

We will use ARPA funds to upgrade our conservation trails and create accessible pathways to provide greater opportunities improved physical, mental and emotional health. By investing \$150,000 of ARPA funds into our trails and accessible pathways, more residents will be able to enjoy the natural beauty of our wonderful city.

Street Trees and Tree Canopy Program - \$250,000

We know trees provide beauty and make Newton more livable, improve air quality, help stormwater runoff, and reduce temperatures in hot weather. We will use ARPA funds to help revitalize our tree canopy through strategic planting and care of young trees, identification and removal of dangerous trees, and stump removal and grinding. Funds will also be used to purchase a new watering truck that will be designed and built specific to the tasks of tree planting, watering, tree mulching, and young tree care.

Newton Centre Outdoor Pavilion Architecture & Engineering (A&E) Feasibility Study - \$50,000

Mayor Fuller has authorized the use of \$50,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to conduct a feasibility study for an outdoor pavilion in the Newton Centre bowl. An outdoor performance venue in Newton Centre could be a wonderful new community resource and gathering spot, while also creating economic benefits. The ideas of our artists, performers, non-profits, businesses, residents, and City Councilors will shape our decisions during the feasibility study.

Athletic Fields/Parks/Beach/Gath Pool - \$2,500,000

The pandemic dramatically reminded us that getting outside, interacting with nature, playing and exercising is good for the body, the mind, and the soul. In the most challenging time of our generation, Newton's parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and recreation facilities were there for us – to nurture and to comfort, and to host safe and happy gatherings and sports outings.

Our team of professionals in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department (PRC), Public Buildings Department, and Planning and Conservation Department have been working together with members of our community – the Parks and Recreation Commissioners, the Community Preservation Committee members, City Councilors and residents – to identify and bring forward improvements across our city to support active and passive recreation and community engagement in our parks and open/green spaces.

We have worked with residents, community groups and boards and commissions to develop plans to improve our fields, to upgrade our recreation facilities, and to care for our parks.

I am allocating an additional \$2.5 million dollars to accelerate the reinvestment in our parks and recreation areas, including Gath Pool, Crystal Lake, playgrounds, playing fields and open spaces. These additional ARPA funds will supplement the \$300,000 of ARPA funding going towards a new community garden at Spears Park in Nonantum and to support neighborhood pocket parks and traffic islands as well as the \$150,000 of ARPA funds being invested to improve our trails and paths in conservation areas and parks.

The additional infusion of \$2.5 million will be used to accomplish work in a number of areas:

- Gath Pool: Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) is working with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to move forward with the design and construction of a new pool, pool deck area and splash pad at Albemarle Park. Construction is slated to start a year from now in Fall 2023. ARPA funds will be used to supplement substantial CPC investments in the new Gath Pool facilities.
- Athletic Fields: PRC is working with the CPC on the design/engineering and then construction of major athletic field projects at Albemarle/Halloran Sports Complex, Burr School fields, McGrath Park fields, Forte

Park and Oak Hill/Brown fields. These projects will transform tired playing fields for many athletes and a variety of sports teams and leagues into high quality surfaces that will support heightened athletic use with the City's substantially upgraded maintenance program.

- Crystal Lake Beach and Park Improvements: PRC is working with the community to design renovations to the park and the "Left Beach" at Crystal Lake. These improvements will protect the shoreline, improve accessibility, improve resiliency to impacts from climate change, and enable more fun and exercise.
- Park Improvements: This funding will accelerate needed investments at PRC facilities, including courts, playgrounds, pathways and open spaces.

[Jackson Homestead & Museum Exhibits - \\$200,000](#)

I am allocating \$200,000 to jumpstart the updates to the permanent exhibits at Newton's Jackson Homestead and Museum. In this City-owned historic building run by a public/private partnership between the Newton Historical Society and the City of Newton, the museum has extraordinary rotating and permanent exhibits that bring alive the history of Newton, Massachusetts as well as the Underground Railroad.

The federal-style house built in 1809 sits at the corner of Washington Street and Jackson Road. It has operated as the City's official museum since 1950 with exhibitions for adults and children that range from the history of farming, and family life to slavery and anti-slavery. The current Newton history permanent exhibits were created in the 1980s and after 40 years no longer represent the full diversity of our heritage.

The Historic Newton staff is excited to document a more comprehensive history of the immigration of a wide variety of cultural groups, to lift up the extensive Black and Indigenous history in Newton, and to fill in gaps of the later 20th century. Historic Newton is planning to request CPA funds and to launch a special fundraising campaign by the Newton Historical Society to contribute to the funding for the new exhibits.

[Newton North Synthetic Turf Field at Albemarle - \\$2,200,000](#)

The Newton North High School campus has only one synthetic turf field that can provide the high-traffic recreational playing surface that is necessary for the wide range of athletic team sports at a modern high school of its size. Newton South has two fields, which are both being replaced this summer as they are at end-of-life conditions. The Newton North campus does not have space for a second synthetic turf that wouldn't overlap with other playing areas such as baseball and softball fields. The main full-sized rectangular field at Albemarle, up against Craft Street, is currently grass but has not been able to withstand the heavy demand for field sports by both schools and leagues. With the remainder of the north end of the sports complex getting a \$7.4 million remake using CPA funds, this is the best time to convert this field to synthetic turf using the new and improved surfaces and infill that will be installed this summer at Newton South.

The new field surface at Albemarle will be used by Newton North for football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, ultimate frisbee, and other teams that can't be sufficiently accommodated on campus. Synthetic turf provides a consistent surface that allows for uninterrupted practice and game time. In addition to being a critical asset to the organized sports activities, this field will be a tremendous amenity for the entire community, particularly youth sports, and it will help alleviate the usage pressure and impacts on our other natural grass fields. Coupled with the improved field house and brand-new field light systems, Albemarle Park will serve a satellite sport complex for NNHS student athletes.

[Newton South Synthetic Turf Field Replacement, Supplemental Funding - \\$332,000](#)

Based on early project cost estimates, the City Council approved the Mayor's request for \$3,240,000 in Free Cash funding to replace the two aging synthetic turf fields at Newton South as well as repair the track surface. The last

few years have been very challenging times for project estimators given price escalations, supply chain problems and labor availability. The bid results for the South project came in \$332,000 high than the amount approved by the Council and we have decided to use ARPA to quickly fully-fund this project so the contract can be awarded and scheduled for summer installation. The turf fields and track are critically important in supporting the incredible school athletic programs and are also used heavily by the entire community.

[Tennis Court Resurfacing and Crack Repair - \\$100,000](#)

Many of PRC's sixty-four tennis courts were constructed 20-30 years ago and are in need of either complete resurfacing or crack repairs to maintain a playable surface. PRC will target four high-need courts with these funds.

[Nahanton Park Survey Needed for Completing Conservation Restriction - \\$60,000](#)

In 2013 the City temporary moved Fire Station 10 to a portion of Nahanton Park while a new station was under construction. As part of that temporary use of the park, the City worked with the Parks & Recreation Commission, Newton Conservators and Friends of Nahanton Park to set an agreement that would provide site remediation and the placement of a permanent conservation restriction (CR) on the entire park. In order to complete the CR process the City needs to complete a boundary survey of the park, which is estimated to cost \$60,000. Once completed, the Law Department can final the CR process and obtain City Council approval.

[Contingency for State-Funded Projects - \\$650,000](#)

Three city facilities may receive state FY24 budget amendment funding – Farlow Park pond improvements, Newton Corner former library (Chaffin House), building exterior work, and Pellegrini Park Fieldhouse (Nonantum) exterior work. \$650,000 will be put aside in case this state funding either falls through or is not sufficient to complete these projects. If the funds are not needed they will be repurposed to the other listed projects or new ones.

ARPA FUNDS – Municipal Financial Recovery

[FY22-FY24 Municipal Revenue Replacement - \\$4,417,677](#)

The partial shutdown of the economy had a negative impact on many of the City's revenue sources with lower revenues expected to continue from sources such as Rooms & Meals Taxes, Parking Meter Receipts, Payments of Parking Violations, and more, approximating \$7 million in FY2022. Therefore, for the FY22 budget the Mayor committed \$4.6 million in ARPA funds to supplement the overall City Operating Budget, with another \$3 million in FY23, and \$2 million in FY24. As the Municipal budget is approximately 46% of the City's overall operating budget, they received \$4,417,677 from FY22-FY24 in ARPA funding to supplement the budget.

ARPA FUNDS – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

[Library Children's Room Expansion - \\$1,558,583](#)

The Library Children's Room Expansion Project is a transformative investment that will align the inefficient space with the incredible demand of our families with young children for our collections, services and programs. The project will increase the size of the Children's Room, allow for expanded program space, and will provide ventilation system upgrades that will sustain a high-quality indoor environment.

[Newton Center for Active Living \(NewCAL\) Design Funds - \\$500,000](#)

Prior to the pandemic, we were scheduled to break ground on a new senior center in the summer of 2023 with a planned opening in the summer of 2025. To support this project, we are investing ARPA funds to move from the feasibility phase into the beginning of schematic design. This will include a schematic structural design, architectural site and building design, building renderings, floor plans and the detailed cost estimate for construction. We continue to hold community meetings where we work with all stakeholders to refine the design and site plan.

Acquisition of 47 Walnut Place - \$1,500,000

The City used \$1.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the acquisition of a property located adjacent to the site of the current Senior Center. The acquisition of this property will create open space to support and benefit the Newton Center for Active Living (NewCAL).

Police Headquarters Improvements Feasibility Study - \$500,000

The Newton Police Department Headquarters buildings have needed significant work for decades to support the department's goals of 21st Century community policing, training, outreach, positive police interactions and officer wellbeing. The CIP has included a series of investments on the interior and exterior to support the work of NPD and its interactions with the public over the next five years.

As we embarked on the HVAC and communications work at Police HQ, it became clear that the next phases of reconfiguring interior spaces, developing an on-site well configured training space, reimagining the future of the Dispatch Center, upgrading the bathrooms, offices and locker rooms, improving site security and the condition of the parking lot, repairing the roof, installing a new back-up generator, and updating the evidence room could be done more effectively and efficiently if we looked comprehensively at the building's needs.

We will use \$500,000 of ARPA funds to fund the master design needed to address our Police HQ in West Newton Square. We will be working with the entire Police Department and a firm with deep experience with police facilities, Kaestel Boos Associates, to perform a comprehensive needs assessment and feasibility study to begin the process of a strategic renovation of the Police facilities. This will ensure that we are providing the physical resources needed in a high-quality working environment which is used 24/7, 365 days a year. The needs assessment and feasibility studies will define the project. That said, we know and expect that we will make investments in technology, building systems, the building envelope, security systems, the configuration of spaces, finishes, and much more. This project will also include Dispatch. This project will complement the \$1.4M project currently in process to replace and upgrade the HVAC, communications, and data systems at Police Headquarters.

This new consolidated project is the combination of six projects previously listed in the CIP, including: - Police Training Facility and Space Upgrades, Police Site Security, Parking Lot, Accessibility, Police Headquarters – Roof, Police Headquarters – Interior, Police Headquarters – Plumbing and Finishes, Police Headquarters – Emergency Electrical.

Cheesecake Brook Bike/Ped Bridge at Albemarle Playground - \$700,000

With the new Gath Memorial Pool set for construction later this year, and new athletic fields and facilities planned on the north end of the Albemarle park complex, there is a need for better access to the north end of the park from the west side of Cheesecake Brook. Currently there is one footbridge at the southern end which provides a route over the brook for students and park users from Watertown Street, the Warwick/Wildwood neighborhood passage, and parking spots along this southbound section of Albemarle Road. The new bridge, located halfway between Craft Street and the current bridge, will allow for better access to the pool, fields, courts, and Day Middle School pathway route from parking locations along a large portion of the southbound lane of Albemarle Road near the Fessenden fields. The City is exploring investigating the possibility of coordinated parking improvements with the private school in this area. The second bridge will also help crowds navigate the area during the annual 4th of July celebration and fireworks, and the major sporting events. This project will include minor modifications to the existing bridge to make it fully accessible for people using wheelchairs and for little ones in strollers and wagons. When complete this project will ensure there are two fully-accessible means of crossing Cheesecake Brook for the tens of thousands of bicyclists, walkers, runners, and the residents and visitors who come to enjoy one of our premier destinations.

[Albemarle Fieldhouse Exterior Improvements - \\$50,000](#)

The Albemarle Fieldhouse, built in 1956, is located next to Gath Pool and allows the Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) Department to provide summer camps, senior programs, and bathroom facilities for this large recreational complex. The building is located at a critical entrance area to the complex; the building exterior needs attention. It has dutifully served as a workhorse for park guests. Improving the integrity and appearance of this building is important and will be coordinated with the larger pool and park improvement projects slated for construction during 2023 and 2024.

[The Newton Centre Fieldhouse \(aka “The Hut”\) Exterior Improvements - \\$100,000](#)

This 1892 building located on Tyler Terrace in Newton Centre Playground provides gym, program, and bathroom facilities for the Mason Rice after-school program, rentals, and summer programs. The exterior of the building is in tough shape, in need of paint, spot repairs and some security improvements to maintain the integrity of the building. This area is also now the home to a summer concert series in “The Bowl”, which provides natural stadium seating created by the hill off Tyler Terrace.

[Crystal Lake Bathhouse and Parking Lot Improvements - \\$40,000](#)

The beach, park and bathhouse at Crystal Lake receive a tremendous amount of welcome day-time traffic through the swim season, as well as some unwelcome activities at night and off-season. Security improvements, including cameras, are needed to deter the unwanted activities and protect the facility. In addition, there are several minor projects at the bathhouse that will improve the user experience and help improve the general building condition. Striping improvements are also needed in the parking lot to better accommodate visitors using accessible parking spots. This package of improvements will improve the 2023 swim season.

[Library Plaza Repairs - \\$100,000](#)

Newton Free Library was opened in 1991 with an extensive front plaza featuring brick surfacing. While these bricks matched the library exterior they have not weathered well over 32 years of winter snow removals and salting. This effort will convert the plaza surface to an attractive stamped concrete that will be fully accessible, safe for all users, welcoming, and will hold up over time.

[Replacement of Fire Department Vehicles - \\$160,000](#)

The Fire Department has two high-use aging Ford Taurus vehicles in the Fire Prevention unit that need replacement. The department will purchase two hybrid Ford Explorers, starting their conversion of passenger vehicles to hybrid/electrics.

ARPA FUNDS – ECONOMIC RECOVERY & VILLAGE CENTERS

[Restaurant On-Street Dining - \\$12,830](#)

Over the last two years we expedited licensing and permitting of outdoor dining throughout the City, created brightly decorated communal picnic areas near village restaurants, and created on-street dining with free jersey barriers painted by Newton artists. ARPA funds have been used for one-time payments to restaurants to assist with breakdown, storage and reassembly of their on-street dining equipment (platforms, lighting, heaters, planters, tables, chairs, etc.) during the winter of 2021-2022. While we set aside \$50,000 originally for this program, only \$12,830 was utilized.

[Newton Hires - \\$28,600](#)

The Newton Hires program offered cash incentives of up to \$1,000 to unemployed or underemployed individuals who registered with MassHire, secured employment of up to 20 hours per week or more with a qualifying Newton employer, and remained employed with the business/non-profit for at least four weeks for an initial \$500 cash award and an additional \$500 cash award for individuals who stayed as employees with the same employer for at

least an additional four weeks. While the City had set aside \$200,000 for this program, ultimately only \$28,600 was utilized.

Non-Profit Arts & Culture Grants- \$75,000

I am allocating \$75,000 in ARPA funding for Revitalize Creative Newton, a grant program for the arts and culture sector of Newton to cover expenses related to reopening and resuming cultural programming and services. Newton arts and cultural organizations of any budget size that can demonstrate they have been economically impacted by COVID-19 are eligible to apply. This funding will provide much needed support to organizations within our arts community as they work to recover, rebuild and re-energize our city.

Newton Highlands Village Center Design - \$1,000,000

ARPA funds are being used for a streetscape improvement project that will update the heart of Newton Highlands. Upon completion, this exciting infrastructure project will support a multi-modal, business-friendly, resilient, inviting village center to accommodate all modes of transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, and public transit users).

The project will proceed in phases. We'll begin by gathering ideas and information from residents, business owners, City officials, Area Council members and key constituent groups; by thoroughly analyzing and assessing existing conditions; and by identifying conceptual alternatives for improvements. The one selected as the preferred alternative at the conclusion of this Engagement and Conceptual Design Phase will be advanced through the Preliminary and Final Design Phases, and ultimately the Construction Phase. This ARPA funding will allow this project to get to the construction phase.

Pettee Square/Chestnut-Oak Intersection Improvements - \$1,100,000

Pettee Square, nestled in the heart of Upper Falls at the intersection of Chestnut and Oak Streets, is at an exciting turning point.

In recent years, the City of Newton completed the Greenway project which transformed an old rail line into a vibrant and beautiful walkway trail. Right next door, almost a billion dollars of private investment from Northland is moving forward for housing, restaurants, shops, offices and a splash park on 22.6 acres at Needham and Oak Streets after approvals from the City Council and our voters.

We also previously completed a community informed design and engineering streetscape plan that will improve the look, function, accessibility and safety of Pettee Square.

Now, Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Mike Kennealy announced that Newton will receive \$2 million from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to implement these plans. I have also set aside approximately \$1.1 million from ARPA for the City's matching funds.

The work in Pettee Square is exciting. It includes a raised table intersection and cross walks, traffic signal replacements, utility pole relocations, roadway milling and new paving, new concrete sidewalks, new ADA accessible curb cut ramps, upgrades to the drainage system, new pavement marking, lighting upgrades, benches and trees.

This work will improve the safety of the intersection for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The area will be fresh and more beautiful and inviting. For bocce ball players, for people walking on the Greenway, for visitors to the Depot Coffee Shop, the Biltmore Bar & Grille and the other stores, this will be a nicer environment.

Washington Street Pilot and Design - \$3,000,000

For some time now, we have been exploring how we might make improvements to the stretch of Washington Street from West Newton Square to Newton Corner along the Mass Pike. This is one of the most important transportation corridors in the City, serving many businesses and residents along its route. Currently, the corridor is not very attractive or safe. Along many sections, it is wide with four travel lanes and two parking lanes. Cars and trucks drive at high speeds. It has no bicycle facilities and unappealing pedestrian accommodations.

The City Council approved \$500,000 in May 2022 to design the first phase of a major, longterm “complete streets” redesign of Washington Street. The long-term goals are to:

- Create a vibrant, welcoming and inviting boulevard for customers, businesses, and residents of all ages through streetscape and sidewalk improvements, such as improved street lighting, better stormwater management, more plantings, and the addition of street furniture.
- Improve safety and accessibility for everyone, with a particular focus on vulnerable users such as people with disabilities as well as older and younger users.
- Improve biking and walking, including increasing the number and safety of pedestrian crossings, ensuring accessibility, and providing dedicated bike lanes.
- Support public transit service, optimizing MBTA bus operations and enhancing access for transit riders to the commuter rail and buses.

One of the first steps is to finish the design and then pilot a realignment of a section of the Washington Street corridor from Chestnut Street to Lowell Avenue in between West Newton Square and Newtonville. Once designed, we will trial a realignment of this portion of the corridor. It is likely to include a redesign from four to two travel lanes, plus turn lanes where needed. The pilot will maintain as much parking as possible and add bikes lanes. After the pilot, the City will move forward, applying complete streets design²³ 2 principles that work well for this unique street for the entire length of Washington Street along the Mass Pike.

I am allocating \$3 million in ARPA funds to advance this key project with construction funding for the pilot once the design is completed.

The larger scale project for the entire length of Washington Street will take many years and will require funding from the State. This ARPA investment will allow us to complete Phase 1a and 1b (as described below) and move these important improvements forward:

Phase 1a: Develop Design Concept and Evaluation Criteria for Pilot and Construct Pilot - A professional services team will assist the City in designing a “complete streets” pilot for Washington Street as a boulevard, most likely from Chestnut Street to Lowell Avenue. This will most likely include the re-alignment of Washington Street from 4 to 2 lanes (plus turn lanes where needed), with parking and dedicated bike lanes. Public input and outreach will be extensive. Once we have an agreed upon design, the City will construct the pilot.

Phase 1b: TIP Project Planning and Initiation – Create the plan for a phased approach to design and implementation of a MassDOT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funded project for the long-term, full reconstruction of Washington Street along the Mass Pike between West Newton Square and Newton Corner).

Phase 2: Create the 25% Design for a MassDOT TIP Project

Phase 3: Create the 100% Engineering Design for a MassDOT TIP Project

Phase 4: Construction of the full stretch of Washington Street from West Newton Square to Newton Corner

1.3 Other COVID-19 Funding

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – 100% of Qualified Expenditures

The FEMA Public Assistance Program reimburses cities for eligible disaster related costs, including:

- Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety (including Emergency Operation Center costs),
- Emergency medical care,
- Medical sheltering,
- Household pet sheltering and containment actions,
- Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies, to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits, movement of supplies, and persons,
- Security and law enforcement,
- Communications of general health and safety information to the public,
- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance, and
- Reimbursement for local government force account overtime costs.

The City of Newton has submitted an application for \$1.08 million for FEMA reimbursement for a variety of costs that we incurred in the pandemic. These costs include overtime for first responders and custodians, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, N95 masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, and emergency meals for low-income adults. We have not yet received confirmation as to whether FEMA will cover these expenditures. If not, we will submit these costs to one of our remaining grants.

Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – CARES Funds - \$1,743,641

Additional Community Development Block Grant funds through the CARES Act have been awarded to the City. These funds are being used for the following initiatives:

Community Development Block Grant Program - CARES FUNDS								
PROJECT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 ACTUAL YTD	TOTAL BILLED	%	BALANCE REMAINING
Emergency Housing Assistance Program	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 391,800.00	\$ 108,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	100%	\$ -
Small Business Recovery Grant Program	\$ 610,000.00	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 320,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 610,000.00	100%	\$ -
2Life Communities / Emergency COVID-19 Food Relief	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	100%	\$ -
Barry Price Rehabilitation Center / Ensuring Safe and Enriching Se	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,500.00	100%	\$ -
Family ACCESS of Newton / Childcare Scholarships	\$ 155,000.00	\$ -	\$ 61,934.16	\$ 93,065.84	\$ -	\$ 155,000.00	100%	\$ -
Horace Cousens Industrial Fund / Emergency Assistance for Utilitie	\$ 75,720.04	\$ -	\$ 67,196.36	\$ 8,523.68	\$ -	\$ 75,720.04	100%	\$ -
Newton Community Development Foundation / Resident Services T	\$ 24,606.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,606.00	100%	\$ -
Newton Housing Authority / Resident Services Program	\$ 16,460.00	\$ -	\$ 16,460.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,460.00	100%	\$ -
Newton Senior Services / Food and Essential Item Shopping Progr	\$ 40,150.00	\$ 1,662.87	\$ 20,002.09	\$ 18,485.04	\$ -	\$ 40,150.00	100%	\$ -
Pathway to Possible / P2P COVID-19 Support	\$ 43,905.00	\$ -	\$ 35,950.00	\$ 7,955.00	\$ -	\$ 43,905.00	100%	\$ -
Boys & Girls Club / Out of School Time	\$ 33,500.00	\$ -	\$ 23,275.00	\$ 10,225.00	\$ -	\$ 33,500.00	100%	\$ -
West Suburban YMCA / Out-of-School Time Financial Aid	\$ 98,500.00	\$ -	\$ 32,080.30	\$ 66,419.70	\$ -	\$ 98,500.00	100%	\$ -
CDBG-CV Program Administration	\$ 88,299.96	\$ 18,415.39	\$ 49,997.51	\$ 8,217.26	\$ 114.80	\$ 76,744.96	87%	\$ 11,555.00
CDBG Total	\$1,743,641.00	\$714,181.26	\$804,898.42	\$ 212,891.52	\$ 114.80	\$1,732,086.00	99.34%	\$ 11,555.00

Federal Emergency Solutions Grant Funds - \$1,483,400

ESG-CV funds were provided through the City of Newton to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in the Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown (BNWW) region. The City of Newton serves as the administrator of this fund and distribution across the four communities is determined by a committee of members from these communities.

Emergency Solutions Grant								
PROJECT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 ACTUAL YTD	TOTAL BILLED	%	BALANCE REMAINING
Waltham Shelter Programs affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic --	\$ 211,191.00	\$ -	\$ 157,821.12	\$ 53,369.88	\$ -	\$ 211,191.00	100%	\$ -
City of Waltham's Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Tent Shelter --	\$ 67,564.00	\$ -	\$ 67,564.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,564.00	100%	\$ -
Post-Pandemic Re-Structuring -- Community Day Center of Waltha	\$ 52,320.00	\$ -	\$ 52,320.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,320.00	100%	\$ -
Winter Night Program -- Community Day Center of Waltham	\$ 428,835.00	\$ -	\$ 141,590.00	\$ 153,140.00	\$ 70,110.00	\$ 364,840.00	85%	\$ 63,995.00
Safe Housing for Emergency Shelter Guests during COVID-19 Pan	\$ 356,520.00	\$ -	\$ 325,707.52	\$ 30,812.48	\$ -	\$ 356,520.00	100%	\$ -
Homelessness Prevention COVID-19 Response Program -- Brook	\$ 184,055.17	\$ -	\$ 103,371.31	\$ 77,223.24	\$ 3,460.62	\$ 184,055.17	100%	\$ -
Homelessness Prevention for Survivors Impacted by COVID-19 --	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 34,675.77	\$ 25,324.23	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	100%	\$ -
Rapid Re-housing COVID-19 Response Program -- Brookline Con	\$ 100,664.83	\$ -	\$ 50,640.27	\$ 46,825.84	\$ 3,198.72	\$ 100,664.83	100%	\$ -
ESG-CV Program Administration	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 2,732.53	\$ 18,529.31	\$ 988.16	\$ -	\$ 22,250.00	100%	\$ -
<i>ESG Total</i>	\$ 1,483,400.00	\$ 2,732.53	\$ 952,219.30	\$ 387,683.83	\$ 76,769.34	\$ 1,419,405.00	96%	\$ 63,995.00

Federal Assistance to Firefighters' Grant Funds - \$20,708

The Newton Fire Department secured a grant from the Homeland Security FY2020 Assistance to Firefighter Grant program to be used to purchase PPE and related supplies, such as respirators, eye protection, and coveralls for the protection of our Firefighters when responding to COVID-19 calls.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Funding

MA Department of Public Health Grant - \$349,457

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Grant covers additional compensation in the form of overtime, additional personnel resources, and the purchase of emergency supplies necessary to help the City of Newton Health & Human Services Department prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program: \$47,575

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security offered one-time federal grant funding to address local public safety equipment, enforcement and programming needs. Newton Police Department received \$26,711, while the Newton Fire Department received \$20,864. Each department utilized these funds to purchase supplies and services to support the City during this pandemic.

MA – Secretary of the Commonwealth Grant: \$13,778

The Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth awarded the City a grant in the amount of \$13,778 for the purpose of funding a portion of the additional postage expenses incurred during the November 2020 election resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

City of Newton Taxpayer Funded Accounts

City of Newton General Fund Non-Lapsing Appropriation - \$1,000,000

At the outset of the pandemic, the Mayor requested a General Fund Non-Lapsing Appropriation in the amount of \$1 million to enable the Administration to meet the urgent needs of our residents, employees, and businesses. Expenditures for Overtime for our First Responders, the City's Food Distribution Program, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), plexiglass shields and partitions, and costs associated with workspace reconfigurations to address physical distancing have been charged to this account. It is our expectation that most, if not all, of the expenditures in this account will be reimbursed.

City of Newton Community Preservation Funds - \$3,200,000

Early in the pandemic, the Mayor requested \$2M in Community Preservation Funds which both the CPC and the City Council approved.

The Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program was designed to provide short-term rental and mortgage payment assistance to Newton households who have been negatively impacted by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The program pays up to 70% of a household's monthly rent or mortgage payments (up to \$2,500 per month, \$7,500 over three months) for households who are below 80% AMI. While the program is primarily focused on rental assistance, it may also provide mortgage assistance to households who own existing affordable deed-restricted units. The program is administered by Metro West Collaborative Development, which handles the application and initial review process, issues the checks to landlords monthly, and recertifies participants every three months.

While the program was initially created to provide 3 months of assistance, it quickly became clear that most households would need assistance for much longer. The program was extended several times, and in January 2021 a second request for another \$1.2 million was made to allow the program to extend through June 2021 and provide up to 12 months of assistance to households. The program was anticipated to stop accepting applications in June 2021 and to begin winding down at that time.

The initial \$2 million in CPA funding was approved for the program in FY20, along with \$500,000 in CDBG-CV (CARES Act) funding. The CDBG-CV funding was the first to be used for the program, so no CPA funding was released until August 2020. To date, the City has used \$2,727,018 of the \$3.2 million in CPA funding approved for this project which covers rental assistance through September 1, 2021. Final applications for the program were due June 30, 2020. The following is a summary of the program outcomes:

- A total of 253 households were assisted by the program since July 2020, including six households in deed-restricted affordable ownership units;
- Average monthly payments were \$1,100/household;
- 62% of participating households identified as a racial minority
- 82% of participating households had incomes below 65% AMI;
- 55% of participating households had incomes below 30% AMI.

Additional Funding Sources

U.S. Conference of Mayors – Assistance to Elections Officials - \$37,146

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, through its Youth Involvement Task Force, established a grant to help cover election administration costs related to COVID-19. The City Clerk's Office applied for this grant and received \$37,146.

Funds to be Administered by the Newton Public Schools (NPS)

Federal Funds

NPS CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund School Re-Opening Grant - \$2,886,525

This program in the amount of \$225 per student is focused on providing schools and school districts with funding needed to deliver educational services and develop plans for the return to normal operations. Funds may be used for a wide variety of purposes, including, but not limited to staff; student services; food and transportation services; building services/temporary facilities; central costs; and other innovative efforts to support the safe reopening of schools.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I) - \$745,725

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I), authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), provides school districts with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.

School districts must provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools, as required under the CARES Act, so not all of these funds will go to NPS. The Newton Public School portion is expected to approximate \$683,985. These funds were set aside to purchase Chromebooks/technology to allow all Newton Public School students to participate in distance and remote learning programs.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) - \$1,508,665

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, (ESSER II), authorized under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSE) Act, 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020, provides school districts with further emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) - \$3,365,788

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARPA ESSER III) Fund, under the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021 provides further funding to the Newton Public Schools of which at least 20% must be used to support students who have not made satisfactory progress over the past year and are currently below grade level. In addition, authorized uses include sanitation and PPE, school facility repairs, technology for online learning, student mental health services, and continuity of services.

State Grants to NPS

FY2021 State Coronavirus Prevention Fund Grant - \$421,400

In January 2021, the state legislature authorized funding to school districts for additional assistance to support coronavirus prevention efforts and to maintain and increase educational quality during the pandemic. Eligible uses for the funds include, but are not limited to, personal protective equipment, hygienic supplies, costs associated with socially distanced onsite learning, remote learning, or hybrid approaches as determined by the district.

Recipients can also use their funds for any expenses required to ensure that low-income and other vulnerable students receive assistance and support that provides them equal access to educational opportunities, including but not limited to, assistance overcoming technological hurdles to learning and access to social services, mental health, and behavioral health resources to address the potential trauma and other effects of the pandemic on students.

Remote Learning Technology Essentials Grant - \$67,050

The RLTE Funds provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) were used to purchase Chromebooks to enable students to participate in distance and remote learning.

Newton Schools Foundation - \$85,000

Funds provided by the Newton Schools Foundation were also used to purchase Chromebooks.

MUNICIPAL AND NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC TOTAL GRANTS, REIMBURSEMENTS, AND OTHER REVENUES	
TOTAL MUNI GRANTS/REIMB/APPROP'S, ETC.	AMOUNT
FEDERAL FUNDS TO "CITY" ACCOUNTS	
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	\$ 63,589,505
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)	\$ 7,838,462
FEMA - Fed'l Emergency Mgmt Agency (projected)	\$ 1,000,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 1,743,641
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$ 1,483,400
Assistance to Firefighter's Grant	\$ 20,708
STATE FUNDS TO "CITY" ACCOUNTS	
Mass Department of Public Health	\$ 349,457
Mass Office of Public Safety & Security	\$ 47,575
Mass Secretary of the Commonwealth	\$ 13,778
TAXPAYER FUNDS TO "CITY" ACCOUNTS	
Community Preservation Act Funds	\$ 3,200,000
City Council Free Cash Appropriation	\$ 1,000,000
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	
U.S. Conf of Mayors - Youth Involvement	\$ 37,146
TOTAL MUNI GRANTS/REIMB/APPROP'S, ETC.	\$ 80,323,672
TOTAL NPS GRANTS/REIMB/APPROP'S, ETC.	
FEDERAL FUNDS TO "NPS" ACCOUNTS	
NPS CARES Act Funding - CvRF 102	\$ 2,886,525
ESSER 1 Funds	\$ 745,725
ESSER 2 Funds	\$ 1,508,665
ESSER 3 Funds	\$ 3,365,788
STATE FUNDS TO "NPS" ACCOUNTS	
DESE Coronavirus Prevention Fund Grant	\$ 421,400
State Remote Learning Technology Grant	\$ 67,086
Newton Schools Foundation Tech Grant	\$ 85,000
TOTAL NPS GRANTS/REIMB/APPROP'S, ETC.	\$ 9,080,189
TOTAL NEWTON GRANTS/REIMB/APPROP'S, ETC.	\$ 89,403,861