

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Resolution 2023-012 – Approval of the final prioritized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan for the City’s direct federal award

**MEETING DATE**

July 17, 2023

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution 2023-012; Exhibit A-Final Prioritized ARPA Spending Plan; Exhibit B-Final Prioritized ARPA Alternate Spending Plan

**REVIEWED BY**

Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

**SUMMARY**

This Resolution approves the final prioritized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan for the City’s direct federal award. It also approves the prioritized ARPA Alternate Spending Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Last year, City staff developed a list of partially-funded or unfunded Community Projects based on community input through various master plans, the listening tour, Council Goals and Action Plans. The City Council and city staff individually ranked the projects based on ARPA grant requirements, Council Goals, and the long-term impact to the Community. This scoring resulted in a prioritized list of Community Projects ranked by high, medium and low priority. Utilizing the project list over the past year, the City has been applying for various Federal, State and County grants to further maximize the City’s direct American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) award. The City’s direct ARPA award must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Therefore, it is now time to finalize the City’s ARPA Spending Plan.

City staff narrowed down the remaining unfunded projects based on the project amounts and estimated timelines. The updated list was presented to City Council and city staff for a new scoring process to develop an updated prioritized project list. Through this process, a final recommended ARPA Spending Plan and an ARPA Alternate Spending Plan was developed with City Council input. This process established the prioritization of the remaining projects, which will help guide staff in spending this federal award.

The direct ARPA award will result in nearly \$13.8 million in projects that will have a significant Community impact in terms of economic development and public service. With this resolution, Council is adopting the plan and a roadmap to meet the timeline and regulations of the ARPA award.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

This is not applicable for this item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.