

SMART Analysis

Proposed ARPA Program or Project:	Recreation Facilities and Playgrounds
Program or Project Description:	Recreation Facility Improvements and Playground Replacements including inclusive playgrounds
Proposed Amount:	\$ 4,815,000

SMART Analysis Element	Program or Project Analysis and Explanation
Sustainable	The projects identified in this funding request represent renovation of current city-owned facilities. These projects represent capital improvements that will ensure these facilities are available and able to operate safely for residents for many years.
Meets Guidelines	All of the projects identified either fall with the census tracts identified for the ARPA funding or they serve individuals who live in the identified census tracts. Additionally, the US Treasury final rule identifies investments in parks and recreation spaces as eligible uses of ARPA funds. Please see attached excerpt from the final rule.
Accountable	The Parks, Recreation, and Community Engagement Division has a responsibility for providing the residents of Toledo with safe greenspaces and recreational facilities. The Department of Parks and Youth Services will be responsible for reporting on the status of these projects and the outcomes of the planned improvements.
Return on Investment	The proposed expenditure of ARPA funds is expected to leverage \$2,606,000 in grants and private donations. The use of ARPA funds, coupled with these grant and private sources, enables transformative long-term park and recreation improvements that otherwise would not be possible through the city's existing capital improvement fund resources.
Transparent	The Department of Parks and Youth Services plans to hold public meetings in the neighborhoods where these projects occur in order to provide maximum transparency on the use of the funding. Furthermore, the use of public bidding processes, requests for proposals, and City of Toledo purchasing policies and procedures will also increase transparency of the use of funding.