

WHEREAS, the “SMART Analysis” is a expenditure of ARPA funds will be critically reviewed. The SMART Analysis include an evaluation and demonstration of the following:

- **S**ustainable in that it meets the City’s current and future ability of future generations to meet their needs
- **M**eets White House/US Treasury Guidelines
- **A**ccountable so there is justification for the City of Toledo to perform that activity, and the City will report on the status and outcome of that activity
- **R**eturn on Investment so there are specific metrics for the expenditure of federal funds that are qualified for federal collaboration to minimize cost and maximize benefit
- **T**ransparent in that the who, what, how, when, and where of the activity is clearly defined

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SMART Analysis

Proposed ARPA Program or Project:	Tree Canopy Restoration
Program or Project Description:	Purchase and plant trees to restore the City of Toledo's tree canopy
Proposed Amount:	\$ 500,000

SMART Analysis Element	
Sustainable	The project identified in this funding request represents the procurement of contractual services to to purchase and plant trees in the public right of way throughout the community. Some benefits of trees are as follows: they will increase property values, increase the tax base for the community and defer home maintenance on materials that are degraded by heat.
Meets Guidelines	Planting trees in QCT's or historically underserved areas disproportionately impacted by the public health crisis meets ARPA guidelines. Please see attached excerpt from the US Treasury final rule.
Accountable	The Division of Urban Beautification has a responsibility to our community to provide public services to the residents of Toledo, to restore our depleted forested areas in public right of ways. The Department of Public Service will be responsible for reporting on the status of this project and all outcomes.
Return on Investment	The proposed funding will leverage assessed dollars, Toledo Urban Forestry Trust funds and ARPA funds, to alter neighborhoods and public spaces with tree plantings. Trees are an investment in our infrastructure, they improve air quality, trees reduce the amount of stormwater runoff which reduces erosion and long-term public health.
Transparent	The Division of Urban Beautification will use the established procurement process for any activity related to tree purchasing, planting or maintenance of the tree canopy, along with the bidding process, to ensure the transparency with the use of this funding.