

Toledo Recovery Plan

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), signed into law by President Joe Biden, provides the City of Toledo with unprecedented resources to directly confront problems that were caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

By May 2022, Toledo will receive \$180,948,591 from the federal government through ARPA. These funds must be obligated toward eligible uses by December 31, 2024 and must be fully spent by December 31, 2026.

ARPA is an opportunity to respond to many unmet needs of Toledo and Toledoans, including low and moderate income Toledoans and Toledoans of color who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Under ARPA, the City of Toledo is allowed by law to direct funds to five areas:

- Lost municipal revenue due to the pandemic's impact on our local economy
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Programs and services for Toledo and its businesses and residents that respond to the public health emergency caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 virus
- Programs and services for Toledo and its businesses and residents that respond to the negative economic impacts caused or exacerbated by the pandemic emergency
- Necessary water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Mayor Kapszukiewicz and Toledo City Council have established a Toledo Recovery Task Force to ensure that the needs of Toledo and its businesses and residents are met with ARPA funding. The Task Force includes Councilwoman Moline, Councilman Melden, and Councilwoman Williams from the Council, Chief Arnold, Chief Poore, and David Mann from the Administration, and Director Campbell and Attorney Syring from Finance and Law, respectively.

The city has focused on five areas of investment in the Toledo Recovery Plan:

- Youth, Recreation, and Parks
- Safe and Livable Neighborhoods
- Job Creation & Economic Development
- Green and Healthy Housing
- Avoiding Cuts to City Services

Directors are asked to engage with their commissioners and department staff and fully describe each project they would like to develop and fund with ARPA monies. Directors may submit more than one project, but this planning document should be completed for each project submitted.

Directors should submit their responses to Karen Poore and Abby Arnold no later than August 31, 2021.

Department _____

Director _____

Please describe in detail the project you intend to deliver with ARPA funds.

How much funding are you requesting?

We are looking to see if your project is responsive to the American Rescue Plan and Toledo's own Recovery Plan. The next set of questions ask how your organization's project aligns with specific sections of the **Compliance and Reporting Guide of the Department of Treasury**, please use the document to answer the following questions.

Which of the five eligible areas of ARPA investment do you believe the project supports? It may be more than one.

Which ARPA Expenditure Category, more specifically, is the project responsive to? See the attached Appendix.

Does the project provide resources or support to a population that was disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Does the project address a racial, economic, or social inequity?

Is the project located in a Qualified Census Tract pursuant to HUD regulations? <u>HUD Qualified Census Tract Map</u>

Which of the five core areas of investments in the Toledo Recovery Plan do you believe the project supports? It may be more than one.

Does the department have the capacity to deliver on the project goals within the designated time frame?

Who will manage this project? Your department? Your department with other City departments? Your department with an external partner or partners?

Has your department previously completed similar projects of this kind successfully?

What is the timeline for spending these funds? Please note that ARPA funding may be spent in calendar years 2025 and 2026 only if there is a reasonable expectation that the program or investment cannot be fully completed by the end of 2024, even if obligated earlier.

Will the project have a positive impact on the City of Toledo and its residents/businesses?

Does the project leverage other external resources?

Is this a one-time request for funding? What on-going operating/legacy costs does the project create, if any?

How might your project reduce future City operating costs, protect a significant City asset, or reduce a significant future liability?

Is there a positive ROI, benefit-cost, or social impact return from this project?

Is there any other information you would like to share regarding the project?