



# City Council Communication

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## REQUEST

Update on the ACT Program and ARPA expenditures.

## BACKGROUND

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and it was signed into law on March 11, 2020. ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impacts of COVID-19. City staff completed and documented a revenue replacement analysis following U.S. Treasury guidance, which totaled \$11.8 million for the 2020 fiscal year alone. Given the amount of revenue loss, the City claimed its entire \$10.5 million ARPA allocation.

The City is required to report how these funds are used, via quarterly reports submitted to the U.S. Treasury Department. Revenue replacement funds may be used for government services and must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and fully expended by December 31, 2026. The first 50% tranche was received in 2021, and the second 50% tranche in 2022.

- Brief History of the ARPA Funding:
  - Council passed Ordinance 2533 on 8/7/23. Per this ordinance, Council obligated \$3,075,000 of the City's ARPA allocation for specific uses.
    - Program Areas: Grant Writing, Emergency Shelter Generators, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Rental and Mortgage Assistance, TrackNGO Equipment.

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- The remaining balance of Ordinance 2533 obligations unspent at the end of 2023 was re-appropriated in 2024 per Ordinance 2571, passed by City Council on 4/15/24.
- Council passed Ordinance 2574 on 4/15/24. Per this ordinance, Council obligated \$7,453,025 of the City’s ARPA allocation for specific uses.

During a Study Session in February 2024, Council allocated the remainder of the City’s American Rescue Plan Act funding towards various initiatives, primarily targeting improvements in the Core City. Roughly \$7.5 million was earmarked for a variety of topics, including housing, the environment, food equity, infrastructure improvements, micro-transit, workforce development, community well-being, and emergency rental/mortgage assistance. Council unanimously approved a budget amendment on second reading in April 2024, allocating \$7.5 million to this program, originally labeled Build C3, which was later renamed Advancing Commerce City Together (ACT).

This presentation will give an update on the current ACT Program and the different program areas identified by Council:

- Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance
- Housing and Livability Improvements
- Investments in “Community Well-Being”
- Workforce Development
- Environment
- Food Equity
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Emergency Shelter Operations

### JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	The ACT Program touches all of the Council Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economic Development</li> <li>- Infrastructure</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Housing</li><li>- Public Health and Safety</li><li>- City Unity and Wellness</li><li>- High-Performing Government</li></ul>
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### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The ACT Program areas have held multiple outreach events, including Music in the Parks, SpeakUp, and board and commission lunch-and-learns. There is a page on the City's website dedicated to the ACT Program that provides information on the program's different areas. The City has also promoted the ACT Program and specific program areas on the City's social media pages.