

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS:

CITY OF PITTSBURGH SPENDING PLANS

A focused guide on the allocations of ARPA funds to the City of Pittsburgh.



An Economic Justice Circle, Pittsburgh Budget and Policy Center, and Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh Info Guide



WHAT IS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)?

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Package, is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed in hopes to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession.

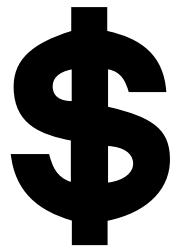
WHAT'S IN THE ARPA?



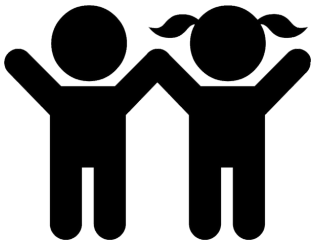
\$350 billion direct aid to states, and localities



\$250 billion for vaccines, testing and school reopening



\$650 billion in direct economic stimulus and extended unemployment



\$150 billion in child tax credits to lift American children out of poverty

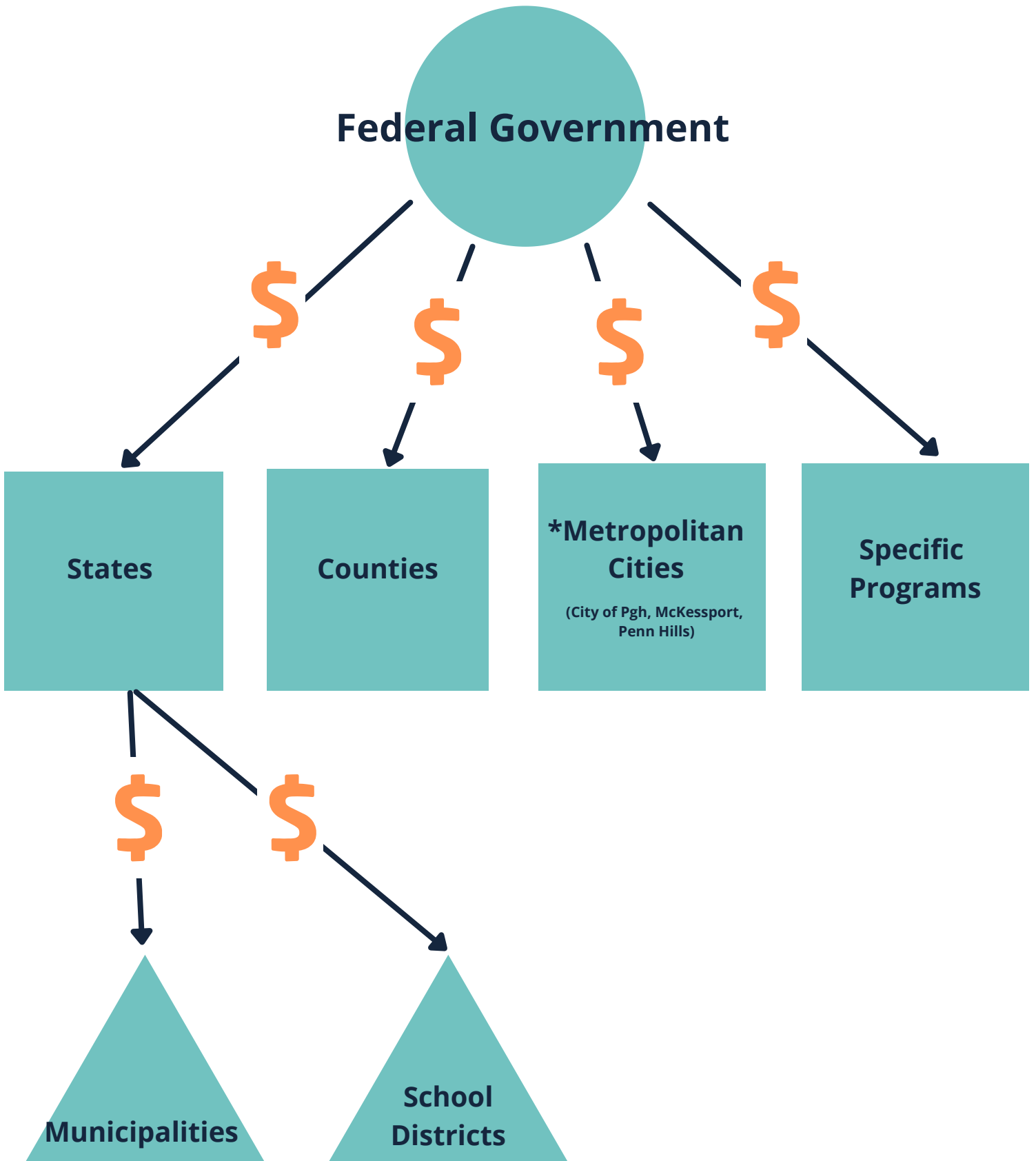


\$4 billion in debt relief to Black indigenous farmers



\$27 billion in additional emergency rental assistance and vouchers

GENERAL FLOW OF ARPA MONEY



PITTSBURGH'S ARPA SPENDING PLAN

TIMELINE

- Creation of the Pittsburgh Recovery Task Force (Bill# 2021-1389)
 - 4.13.21 Introduced to City Council
 - 4.21.21 Pass Recommendation in Standing Committee
 - 4.27.21 Passed by City council
 - 4.29.21 Signed by the Mayor**APRIL**
- Creation of the American Rescue Plan Trust Fund to house ARP money (Bill# 2021-1440)
 - 5.4.21 Introduced to City Council
 - 5.12.21 Amended and pass recommendation
 - 5.17.21 Passed by City Council
 - 5.24.21 Signed by the Mayor**MAY**
- Mayor announces City Spending Plan in Press Release
 - 6.28.21 Mayor releases press release with some details of the spending plan**JUNE**
- ARP Spending plan is released (Bills# 2021- 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655)
 - 6.29.21 Introduced to City Council
- City council post agenda on ARPA funds
 - 7.7.21 Post Agenda Meeting on ARPA funds
- City council public hearings on ARPA Proposal
 - 7.10.21 Public Hearing on Pittsburgh Recovery Task Force ARPA Proposal
 - 7.12.21 Public Hearing on Pittsburgh Recovery Task Force ARPA Proposal**JULY**
- ARP Spending plan is released (cont.)
 - 7.14.21 Pass Recommendation as Amended
 - 7.20.21 Passed by City Council
 - 7.21.21 Signed by the Mayor
- Additional City Council Public Meetings
 - 8.2.21 Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers
 - 8.4.21 Pittsburgh Project
 - 8.9.21 West End Healthy Living Center
 - 8.11.21 Kingsley Center**AUGUST**

ELIGIBLE USES FOR ARPA SPENDING

The use of these funds should respond to negative impacts of the public health emergency and be designed to address economic harm resulting from or made worse by the public health emergency.

- Support public health expenditures
- Address negative impact caused by the public health emergency
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

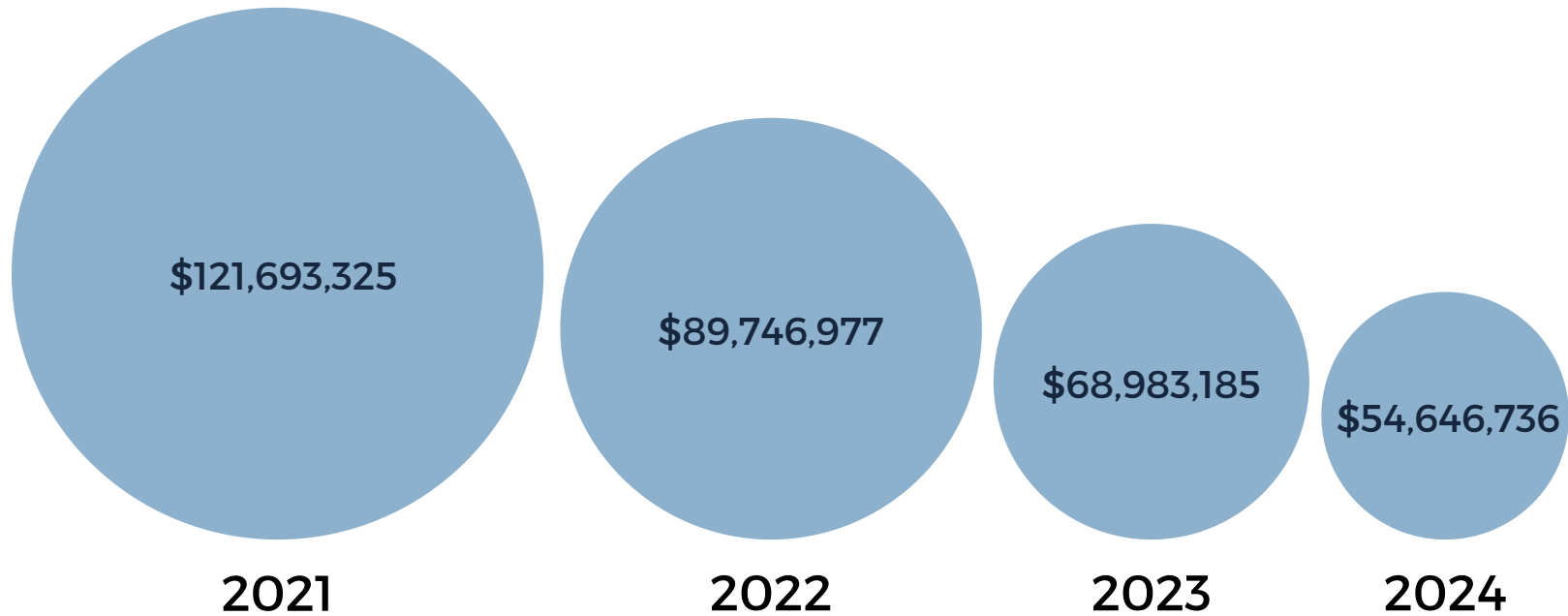
NON-ELIGIBLE USES FOR ARPA SPENDING

Any local government, including counties, that fail to comply with the federal law and related guidelines regarding the spending of ARPA funds shall be required to repay the federal Treasury.

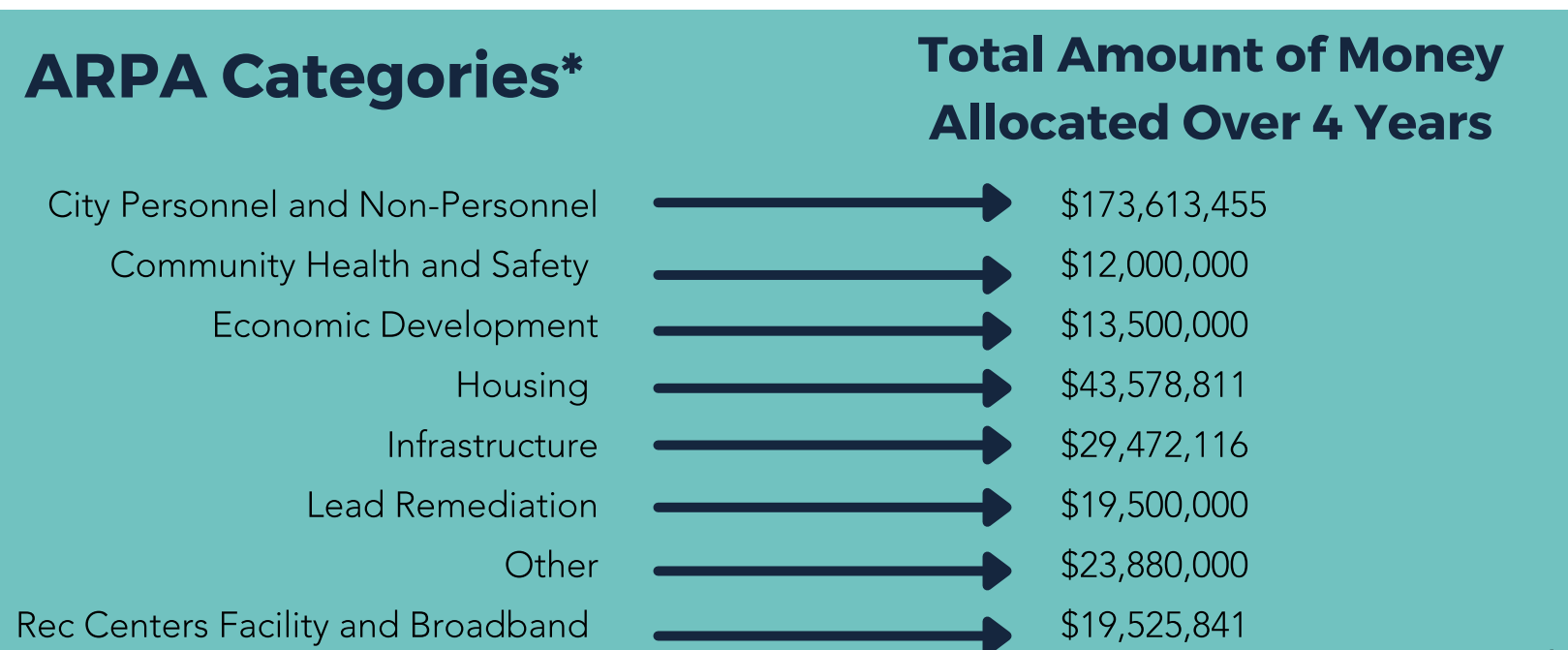
- No funds shall be deposited into any pension funds
- Offset a reduction in Net Tax Revenue
- Pay off debt or settle legal disputes
- Replenish "rainy day" funds

ARPA FUNDS SPENDING TIMELINE

EXPECTED CASH FLOW TO CITY FROM US GOVERNMENT	2021	2022
	\$167,573,497	\$167,496,725



Amount of ARPA money that the City plans to spend per year.



*This budget breakdown was done by Nthando Thandiwe of Pittsburgh Budget and Policy Center

ARPA FUNDS BREAKDOWN

The following pages show how the City is spending money in each of these eight categories. It is not exactly clear how they are defining these categories or what spending fits in each one. It also is not clear what all of these programs and projects are. The details are also unclear.

*Most values on the following pages are approximated from their actual amounts

CITY PERSONNEL AND NON-PERSONNEL

	2021	2022	2023	2024
City Personnel and Non-Personnel	\$39,354,156	\$47,190,287	\$42,585,481	\$44,483,531

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Eliminate the Anticipated Workforce Reduction	\$25.6 M	\$27.2 M	\$29 M	\$30.9 M
3% Wage Increases for Non-Union Positions	\$1.1 M	\$1.2 M	\$1.2 M	\$1.2 M
Restore Some Vacant Positions (9/1 start for 2021 only)	\$1.9 M	\$5.6 M	\$5.8 M	\$ 6M
Restoration of Non-Personnel Lines	\$297,525	\$385,000	\$365,040	\$339,975
Restoration of Equipment Leasing Authority lines	-	\$1.3 M	\$1.3 M	\$1.3 M
Restoration of Additional Public Works Non-Personnel Lines	\$1.3 M	\$2.3 M	\$2.3 M	\$2.3 M
New Positions/Mid-Year Swaps (9/1 start for 2021 only)	\$142,819	\$455,504	\$471,603	\$488,318
New Non-Personnel Lines	\$231,333	\$126,575	\$420,258	\$204,000
New Non-Personnel Lines for Innovation & Performance Needs	\$926,900	\$672,400	\$672,400	\$672,400
New Non-Personnel Lines for Public Works Needs	\$584,090	\$1.4 M	\$748,308	\$748,308
Green Fleet Improvements	\$7.6 M	\$6.1 M	-	-

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Community Health and Safety	\$500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$500,000

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Community Public Safety Facilities	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
City's Office of Community Health and Safety Allegheny Health Network Project	-	\$5 M	\$5 M	-

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Economic Development	\$13,500,000	-	-	-

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ave of Hope- Center Avenue	\$1M	-	-	-
Ave of Hope Chartiers Avenue	\$1 M	-	-	-
Ave of Hope- Homewood Avenue	\$1 M	-	-	-
Ave of Hope- Second Avenue	\$1 M	-	-	-
Ave of Hope- Larimer Avenue	\$1 M	-	-	-
Ave of Hope- Perrysville Avenue	\$1 M	-	-	-
Ave of Hope- Warrington Avenue	\$1 M	-	-	-
Make COVID-19 Small Business Loan into a Grant	\$3.5 M	-	-	-
Broadway Ave. Development	\$2 M	-	-	-
Jasmine Nyree Campus (Sheraden)	\$1 M	-	-	-

Project

Neighborhood

Ave. of Hope - Centre Avenue	→	Hill District
Ave. of Hope - Chartiers Avenue	→	West Side
Ave. of Hope - Homewood Avenue	→	Homewood
Ave. of Hope - Second Avenue	→	Hazelwood
Ave. of Hope - Larimer Avenue	→	Larimer
Ave. of Hope - Perrysville Avenue	→	Perry Hilltop
Ave .of Hope - Warrington Avenue	→	South Hilltop
Broadway Ave. development	→	Beechview
Jasmine Nyree campus (Sheraden)	→	Sheraden

HOUSING

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Housing	\$32,600,000	\$10,978,811	-	-

	2021	2022	2023	2024
For Sale Home Ownership (OwnPGH)	\$10.5 M	\$10.9 M	-	-
Protection of Existing Affordable Housing	\$5 M	-	-	-
Community Land Trust	\$5 M	-	-	-
Homeownership Utilities Program	\$10 M	-	-	-
Lexington/Homewood Development	\$2 M	-	-	-

INFRASTRUCTURE

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Infrastructure	\$10,398,116	\$9,074,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Strretlights- 8,00 new lights	-	\$4 M	\$4 M	\$ 4M
Davis Avenue Pedestrian Bridge	-	-	\$2 M	-
North Ave. Streetscape, Safety, and Signal Improvements	\$1 M	\$1.5 M	-	-
Irvine Street Improvements	-	\$1 M	-	-
Frazier St Steps	\$400,000	\$1.4 M	-	-
Public Works 4th Division Constructuion	\$1.4 M	-	-	-
Hill District Corridor Enhancements	\$1.5 M	\$774,000	-	-
Steps Project	\$700,000	\$400,000	-	-
57th St. Steps	\$598,116	-	-	-
Demolition of Structures	\$2 M	-	-	-
Penn Circle 2-Way Conversion	\$2.8 M	-	-	-
Gladstone (Hazelwood)	\$2 M	-	-	-

Project

Neighborhood

Davis Avenue Pedestrian Bridge	→	Brighton Heights
North Avenue Improvements	→	Northside
Irvine Street Improvements	→	Hazelwood
Frazier Street Steps	→	South Oakland
Hill District Corridor Enhancements	→	Hill District
57th St. Steps	→	Upper Lawrenceville
Penn Circle 2-way Conversion	→	East Liberty
Gladstone (Hazelwood)	→	Hazelwood

LEAD REMEDIATION

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lead Remediation	\$12,000,000	\$7,500,000	-	-

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lead Paint Project	\$2 M	-	-	-
Lead Line Replacement Projects	\$10 M	\$7.5 M	-	-

REC CENTERS FACILITY AND BROADBAND

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Broadband	\$1,061,053	\$5,003,879	\$11,297,704	\$2,163,205

Broadband- Tech Upgrades

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cowley Rec Center	-	\$30,526	-	-
Hazelwood Senior Center	-	-	-	\$38,263
Jefferson Rec Center	-	-	\$31,261	-
Marshall Mansion	-	\$34,111	-	-
McKinley Rec Center	-	-	\$38,532	-
Paulson Rec Center	\$30,526	-	-	-
Phillips Rec Center	-	-	\$52,153	-
Robert E. Williams Rec Center	\$30,526	-	-	-
Thaddeus Stevens School	-	\$119,242	-	-
West Penn Rec Center	-	-	-	\$63,205

Project

Neighborhood

Cowley Rec Center	→	Troy Hill
Hazelwood Senior Center	→	Hazelwood
Jefferson Rec Center	→	North Side
Marshall Mansion	→	Point Breeze
McKinley Rec Center	→	Beltzhoover
Paulson Rec Center	→	Lincoln-Lemington
Phillips Rec Center	→	Carrick
Robert E. Williams Rec Center	→	Hill District
Thaddeus Stevens School	→	West Side (Elliot/West End)
West Penn Rec Center	→	Polish Hill

REC CENTERS FACILITY AND BROADBAND (CONT.)

Facility Upgrades

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cowley Rec Center	\$200,000	\$2.3M	\$2.3 M	\$1.2 M
Hazelwood Senior Center	-	\$50,000	\$550,000	-
Jefferson Rec Center	-	-	\$4.7 M	-
Marshall Mansion	-	\$1.1 M	\$400,000	-
McKinley Rec Center	-	\$200,000	\$900,000	-
Paulson Rec Center	\$300,000	-	-	-
Phillips Rec Center	-	\$170,000	\$1.5 M	-
Robert E. Williams Rec Center	\$500,000	-	-	-
Thaddeus Stevens School	-	\$1 M	\$500,000	-
West Penn Rec Center	-	\$200,000	\$900,000	-

Project

Neighborhood

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OTHER

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Other	\$12,280,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,500,000

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Land Maintenance for City and 3TB- Owned Properties	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M
PittSTAR- Artists	\$2 M	-	-	-
PittSTAR- Make Street Seating Permanent	\$1 M	-	-	-
Land Bank	\$3 M	\$3 M	\$2 M	\$2 M
Kirkwood Ave. Lot	\$80,000	-	-	-
Guaranteed Personal Income (OnePGH)	\$2.5 M	-	-	-
Maher Duessel Contract*	\$200,000	-	\$100,000	-

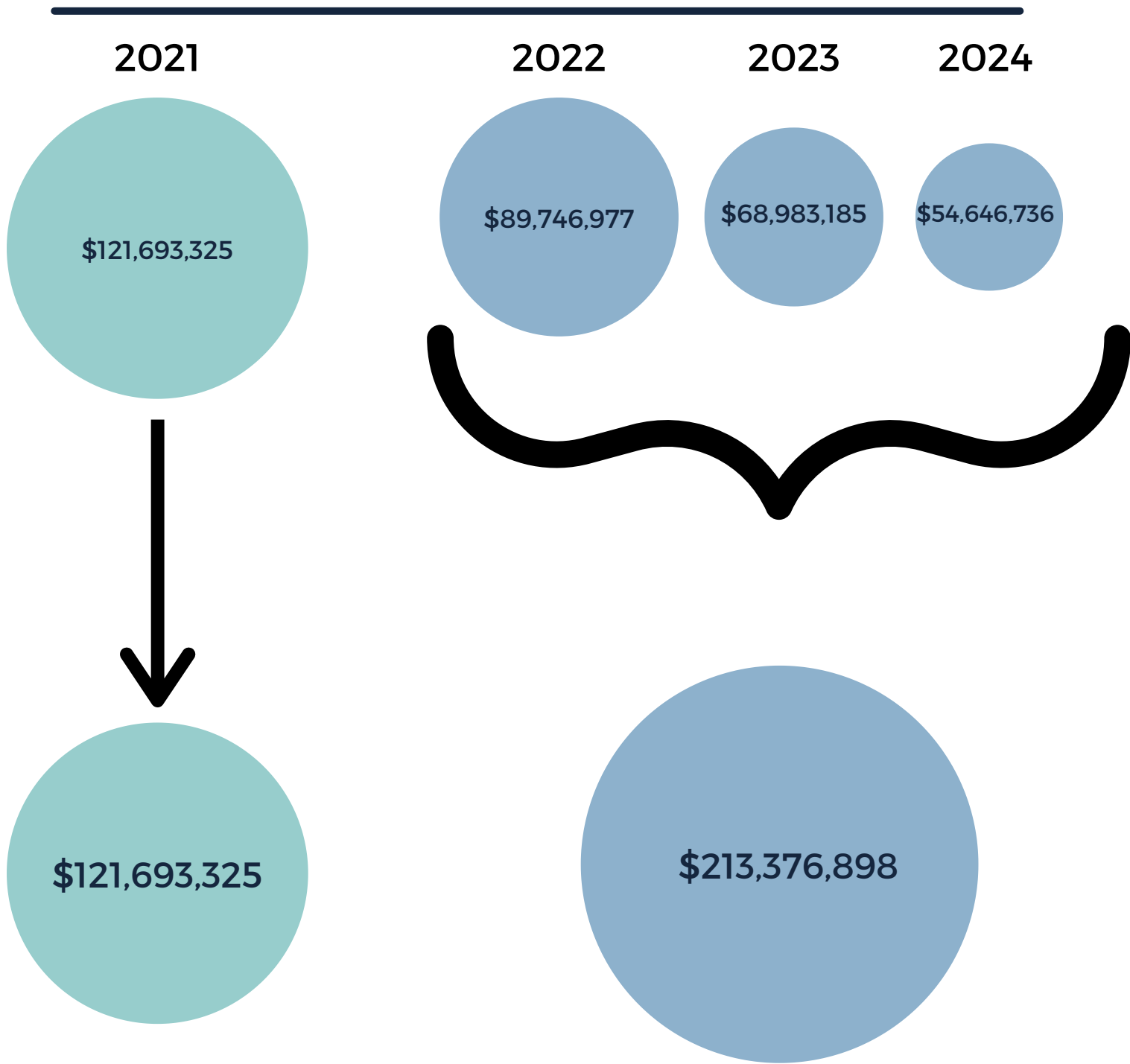
*Supporting the City in administration funds

Project

Neighborhood

Kirkwood Ave. Lot  East Liberty

2021 BUDGET VS 2022-2024 BUDGET



IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

- Once money is spent, there's no ability to reallocate funds at a later date.
- Funds are being distributed to the City, PWSA, URA, OnePGH, and the ARP Trust Fund for the completion and implementation of projects.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE CIRCLE

CALL TO ACTION

In its guidance, U.S. Department of the Treasury explicitly urges "State, territorial, Tribal, and local governments to engage their constituents and communities in developing plans to use these payments, given the scale of funding and its potential to catalyze broader economic recovery and rebuilding."

Given the scale of funding and the impact potential of ARPA funds, spending should be based in transparency, equity, and community engagement.

- Transparency: Are decision makers presenting proposed ARPA spending with time for feedback to be incorporated?
- Equity: How is spending dispersed to address the needs of the most vulnerable populations?
- Community Engagement: Are decision makers seeking input from the community?

Engage decision makers!

- Contact City Council members
- Attend City Council meetings
- Ask questions about spending the City's spending plan.
- Demand a transparent public process for how ARPA spending is distributed
- Build your case! Historic disparities have only gotten worse and increased the need for funding to vulnerable communities.

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RESOURCES

- <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/5053>
- <https://pittsburghpa.gov/council/council-contacts>

If you are committed to advancing equity and justice and would like more information or are looking to get involved with future projects, feel free to contact us!



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