

Project title: American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Proposed Investments Update**Council Bill #****Agenda dates requested:**

2/16/22

Briefing 2/16/22

Proposed action

Consent

Action

Ordinance

Public hearing

Yes No **Budget amendment:**Yes No **PowerPoint presentation:**Yes No **Attachments:****Department(s) involved:****Contact person:**

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Consideration:**Project:** - American Rescue Plan Proposed Investments Update**Partner/Supplier :****Location:****Preceding action:****Fund:****Fiscal summary statement:**

The U.S. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in March 2021, which is delivering \$350 billion in emergency funding to eligible state, local, and Tribal governments to be used for COVID-19 relief and economic recovery. The City of Everett has been awarded \$20.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds which are one-time federal funds to invest in our community, restore our economy and tackle significant challenges made worse by the pandemic.

Project summary statement:

On November 17, 2021 Council received the first briefing. Staff intend to provide briefings on a quarterly basis. This serves as the second briefing.

Staff will brief council on the investments the City proposes for ARPA Projects to address the negative effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The broad project/ program investment categories that will be shared in more detail includes:

- Shelter and Homeless Support Facilities and Behavior Health Services and Staff: Strategies to address homelessness and behavioral health issues (mental health and substance use disorders)
- Early Learning, Childcare, K-12 STEM and business education
- Business Expansion and Job Creation
- Wealth Creation Through Ownership
- Placemaking and Small Business Industries
- Project Management to Accelerate the Economy
- Outdoor Enhancement and Infrastructure Upgrades

The briefing will include 1) Funding background; 2) Funding Parameters; 3) Summary of Council Feedback from the November 17, 2021 briefing; 4) Status of ARPA Projects and 5) Solicitation of Feedback from Councilmembers