

ARPA Council Update

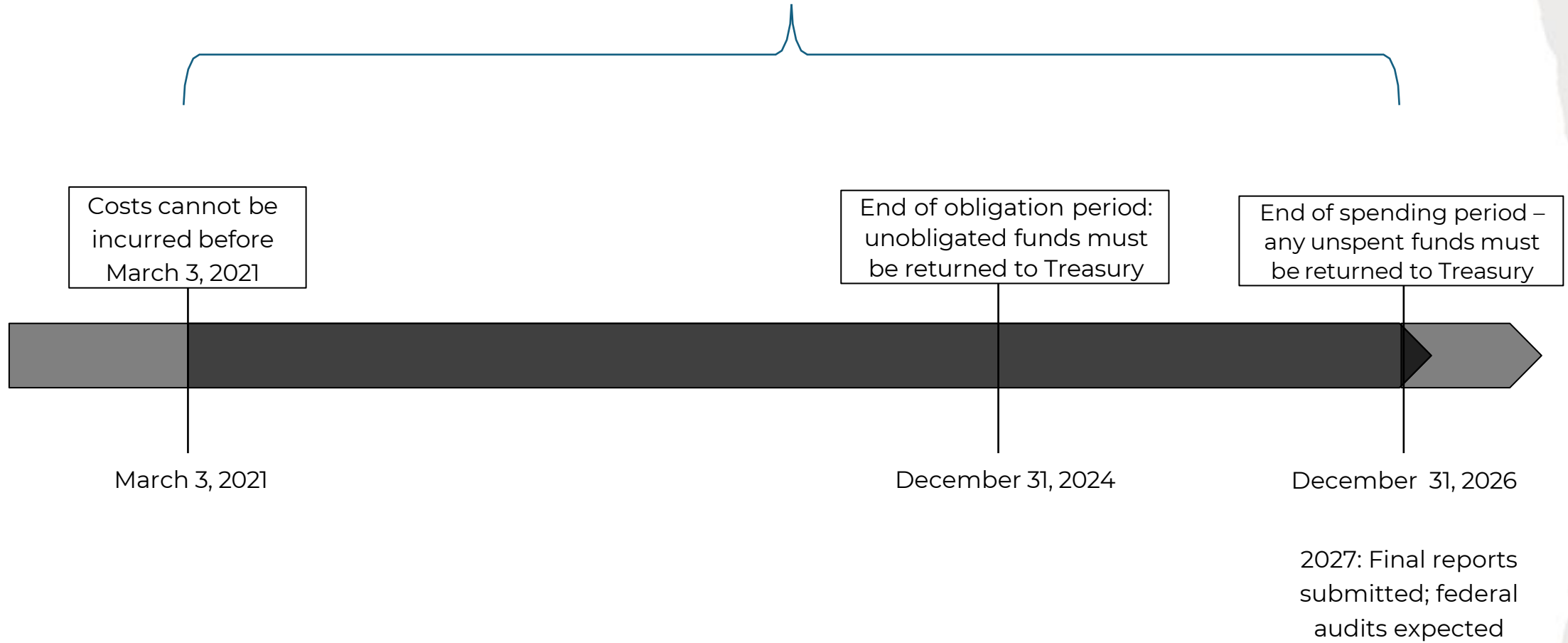
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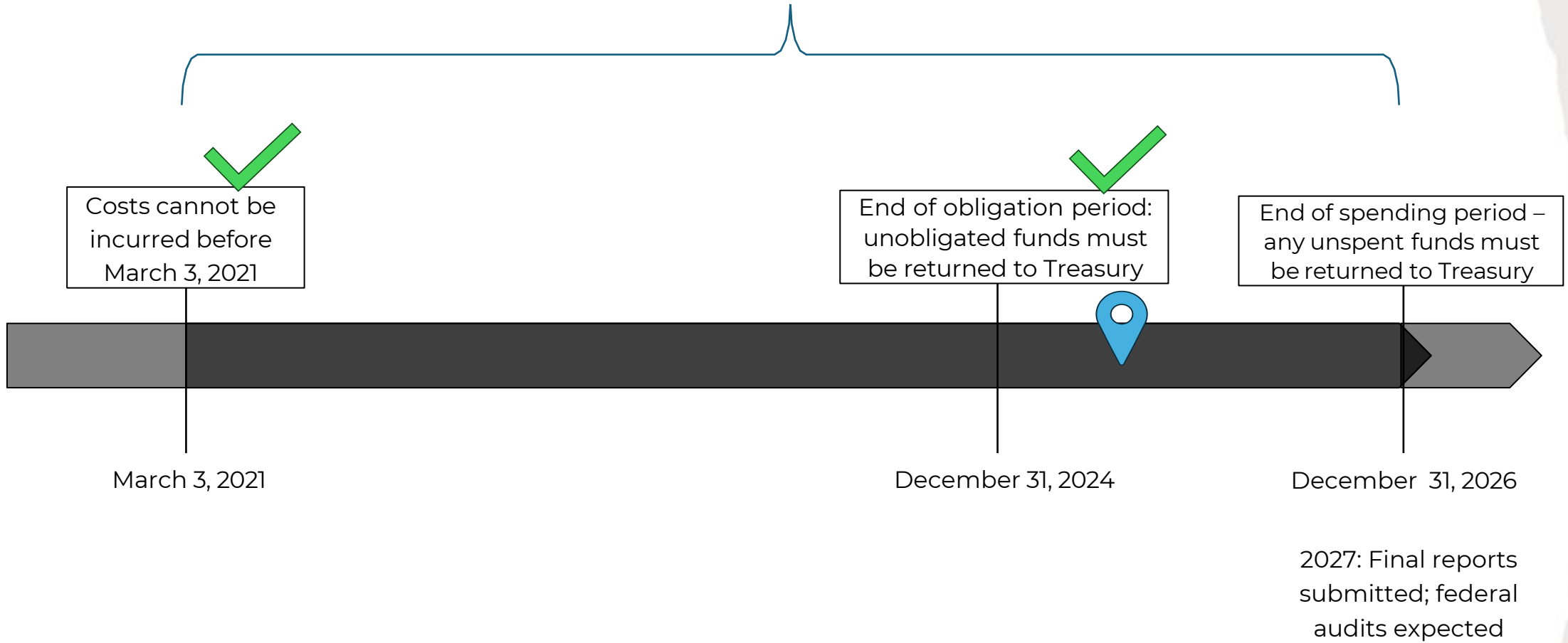
Agenda

- Timeline
- Recent Successes
- Current Status
- What's Next?

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Launch

Accepted award

Launched community engagement process

Hired staff to manage projects and fund dissemination

Developed new workflows for project approval, management of Treasury funds, grant agreement/contract execution, invoice processing, reporting, evaluation, and more



Process Development

Development, application, and oversight of 144 projects

Coordinating with awardees across 20+ City divisions

Ensuring adherence to local, state, and federal guidelines

Balancing emergent needs, existing priorities, changing project timelines / projections



Reconciliation & Final Allocation of Funds

Worked with awardees on spending forecasts; comparison with projections and historical spending

Managed dozens of contracts, amendments, and grant agreements to successfully meet obligation deadline



Outcomes Measurement & Evaluation

Development and execution of evaluation plan to tell the story of ARPA's impact on Somerville

Implementation of plan with City departments and nonprofit ARPA awardees

Recent Successes

- Projects working, closing, and transitioning successfully
 - 144 projects in total
 - 82% of the ARPA funds have been expended (i.e. paid out)
- Fully obligated on time
 - Executed contracts for all funds
 - Deadline of 12/31/2024
- Reported our obligation status to the Treasury on time
 - Part of quarterly reporting
 - Due 1/31/2025

Current Status

- Monitoring spend-down of remaining projects
- Monitoring federal guidance, requests, and changes
 - Treasury will conduct a compliance review soon
- Evaluation underway
 - Collecting data
 - Preparing for analysis and share-out in the next FY
- ARPA artifacts
 - Recording the process and lessons learned

What's Next?

- Successful spend-down of remaining projects
- Treasury Compliance Review
 - Information Document Requests
 - Typical part of grant lifecycle
- Communication and evaluation
 - Series on project outcomes and evaluation findings

Thank You!

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