

Spring 2024 ARPA Update

City of Somerville, MA

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Agenda

1. ARPA Program Highlights
2. ARPA Terms Defined
3. Timeline for Spending
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5. Summary of Spending by Topic
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ARPA Program Highlights

Data presented through April 2, 2024

Funding period start & end: **March 3, 2021 – December 31, 2026**

City received initial tranche: **May 24, 2021**

Total number of projects: **140 and counting**

City personnel managing ARPA projects: **20 departments, dozens of staff**

Number of community nonprofits receiving funds: **60+**

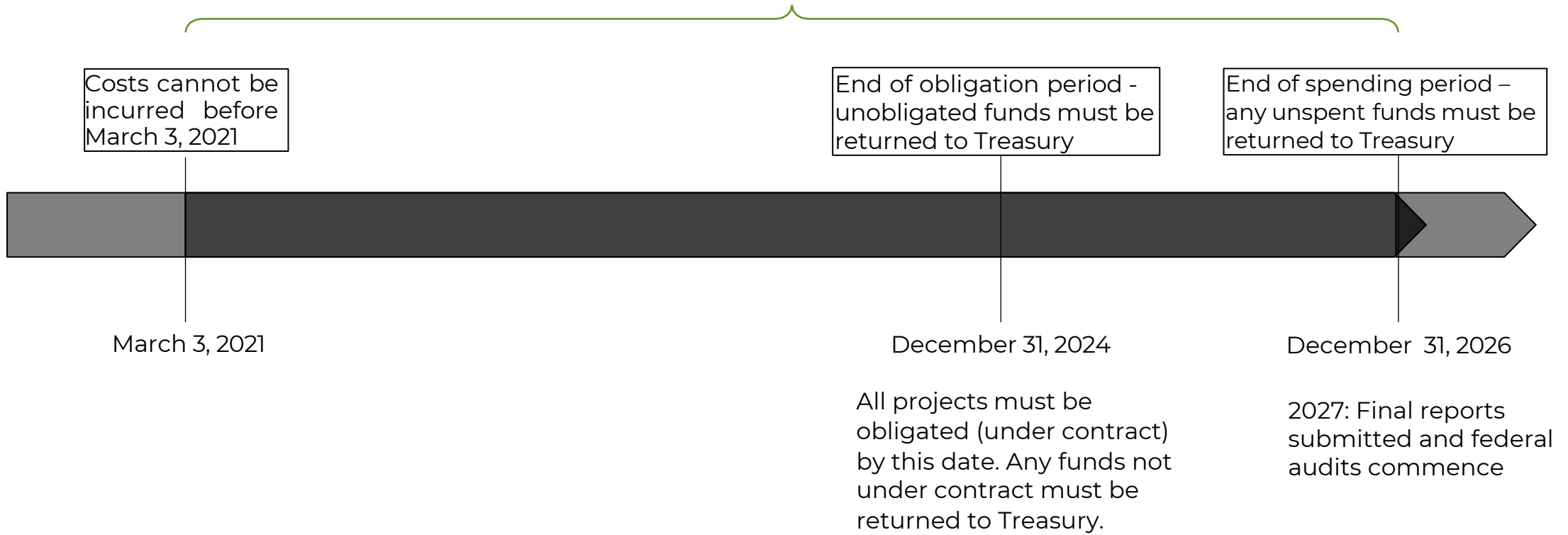
Number of individual grant programs administered by City staff with ARPA \$: **3**

ARPA Terms Defined

Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "An order placed for property and services and entry into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment."• Written commitment, including contracts, purchase orders, for goods, services, etc.
Unobligated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funds not yet under contract or with a purchase order (for purchases under \$10K). These funds are not considered committed by Treasury for the purpose of ARPA.• Unobligated funds may be considered assigned to a project, but unless there is a contract or other legal agreement, they are not obligated.
Under Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funds for which a contract has been fully executed.
Unexpended	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funds not yet associated with or allocated towards a project.• Unexpended funds are available to be assigned to a project and subsequently to a contract.
Incurred	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When a good or service is delivered, the expense is incurred.• An expense that has been charged to the City but not yet paid.• ARPA funds can be used to cover eligible costs incurred beginning on March 3, 2021. Costs incurred prior to this date are not eligible.
Tranche	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A large payment; a portion of the full funding for a given project.• The City received the \$77.5M award in two tranches.

ARPA Timeline

ALL ARPA FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED AND EXPENDED DURING THIS PERIOD



Summary of Spending to Date

As of April 2, 2024

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 13				JOURNAL DETAIL 2024 1 TO 2024 13			
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	50,448,969.97	27,055,200.26	77,504,170.23	37,269,243.78	21,047,320.07	19,187,606.38	75.2%
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- Includes:
- 1. Budgeted but not yet obligated (\$6M)
 - 2. Unexpended balance (\$13.1M)

205921 ARPA CLFRF

100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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Summary of Spending by Topic

Identified by community engagement process

60-80% of ARPA should be spent in:

- **Housing**

Housing affordability, development of affordable housing, assistance for unhoused pop

- **Infrastructure**

Water, sewer, transportation, streetscape

- **Economic Development**

Workforce, small-business assistance, business incubation

- **Youth & Education**

Supports for families, teen job opportunities, student-driven projects, out-of-school-time care

Remaining funding should be spent in:

- **Near-term direct service**

Food access, basic needs, cash assistance

- **Behavioral health services**

Service provision and expansion for underserved populations, new models for training

- **Cost of living affordability**

Transportation affordability, healthcare affordability, general household supplies and needs

- **Improving city services**

Interpretation and translation access, connection to resources, integrating data systems, improving connectivity

- **Community programming**

Services for youth/seniors/immigrants etc, arts & cult programs

- **Community cohesion**

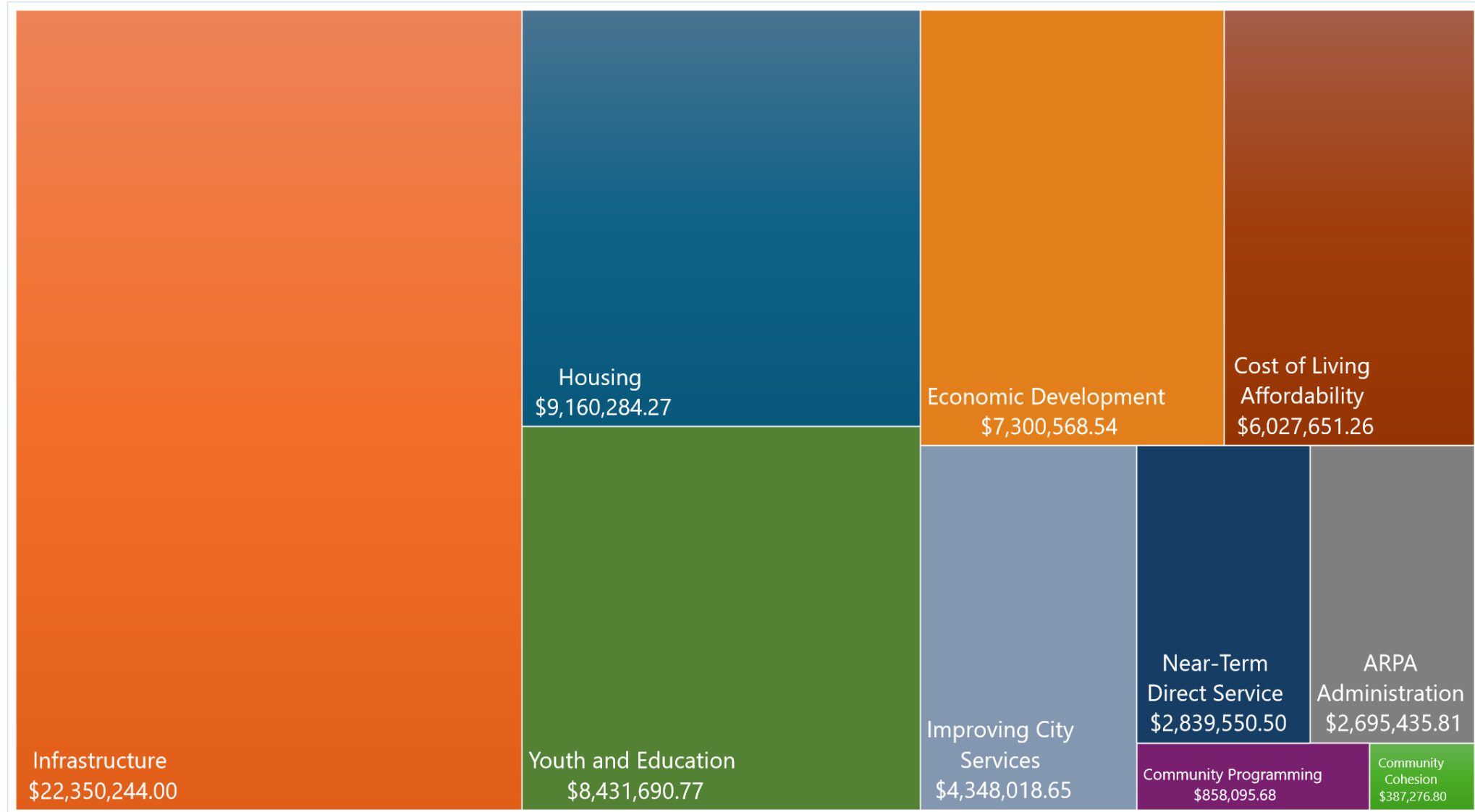
Mutual aid projects, community center planning

- **Climate and environment**

Physical infrastructure changes, incentive programs

Summary of Spending by Topic

As identified by ARPA Advisory Committee



Managing ARPA Funds



Launch

Accepted award

Launched community engagement process

Hired staff to manage fund dissemination

Developed new workflows for project approval, mgmt of Treasury funds, grant agreement/contract execution, invoice processing, reporting



Process Development

Development, application, and oversight of 140+ projects

Ensuring adherence to local, state, and federal guidelines

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



Reconciliation & Final Allocation of Funds

Nov 2023: requested spending forecasts

Jan 2024: comparison of projections & hist spending

Feb – April 2024: meetings with departments

April 2024: ARPA project list finalized

Summer 2024: final contracts & grant agreements in place

Dec 2024: funds fully obligated



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

Thank you for your ongoing support
and input!

We are happy to answer any questions
you have.

- Kate & Erica