

of Commerce and are exploring ways of working together to create additional programs.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE RECOVERY EXPENSES - \$500k: This purpose of this funding is to reinstate resources to resume pre-pandemic service levels and adapt to community engagement in post-COVID world, address direction financial impacts of COVID on the City, and funding for the administrative needs of the program(s).

The City has dedicated the initial allocation of \$500,000. Expenditures include: ARPA Management Analyst; Human Resources Assistant; and technology improvements to help support virtual meeting needs, telecommuting workers, and to reduce risk to the City network.

There are additional needs within the City organization that are currently under review. Staff will return to Council at a later date with details and an additional request.

CITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS: The City will discuss capital projects during the Capital Facilities Plan Process in 2022.

ARPA FINAL RULE RELEASED: The final rule was released on January 6, 2022. It is much more flexible than the Interim Final Rule (IFR) which we were previously using for guidance. The biggest change concerns Revenue Replacement. Revenue Replacement is monies that can be spent on “government services”. Originally the City did not qualify for this category. The updated guidance allows the City to allocate \$10 Million to “government services”. Staff will review the updated guidance and report to Council at a later date.

**FISCAL
IMPACTS:**

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:**

City Council receives updates on staff progress and provides inputs or general feedback, to ensure staff is heading in the right direction.