

Windy Hills ARPA Funding

When American Rescue Plan Funds were first made available, Mayor Davis researched the process, acceptable uses, and made application on behalf of the City of Windy Hills. The city has been granted \$512,925 to be used under federal guidelines by 2026.

As the intent of the funding was to assist those adversely impacted by the pandemic, Windy Hills businesses were the first to be approached and invited to complete application forms to document their need. Because of the loyal support of area residents and other funds available, only one business applied for relief, but did not meet the federal guidelines.

The City Council has approved two resolutions to guide the use of ARPA funds and the application process. They are:

Council Resolution October 2021

The City of Windy Hills intends to use its American Rescue Plan: Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for investments in 1. stormwater projects which will have a positive water quality benefit and/or water conservation and efficiency; 2. Public parks, plazas, and other outdoor recreation improvements which are tools to healthier living especially for seniors and children; and 3. assistance, in the form of grants, to small businesses and non-profits to mitigate the financial hardship from the public health emergency.

Council Resolution September 2022 (Resolution No. 1, Series 2022-23)

This resolution sets out the policy to be followed by the Windy Hills ARPA Committee in recommending the disbursement of ARPA funds. Recommended projects should have city wide impact. Projects should benefit all the city or a part of the city. Suggestions could, perhaps, come from a neighborhood group on behalf of a specific area of the city. All proposals should be presented to the ARPA Committee at least ten days prior to a council meeting for possible recommendation to the Windy Hills City Council. All final decisions will be made by the full council.

Because non-profit organizations experienced significant demands on their services during the pandemic while being unable to sell tickets or hold fund-raisers, non-profit organizations known to serve Windy Hills residents were invited to apply for relief by documenting their need. Three applied while others declined with appreciation. Recipients have been most appreciative of our support as they serve our residents in a variety of ways.

Because of our grant to The Healing Place, the City of Windy Hills was recognized with great appreciation on October 20th at an event at The Waterfront Botanical Gardens. Mayor Davis, and ARPA committee members Marianne Rademaker and Marcia Myers heard inspiring stories of the impact our support will have on the lives of those struggling with addiction.

At the same time, the Windy Hills Council has been planning significant improvements that will benefit all residents and has earmarked the majority of city ARPA funds for those purposes. The first of these projects – improvements on The Green - has been in the planning process since spring, but state road work on the intersection of Brownsboro and Rudy Lane has slowed our implementation. It is expected that the work will begin March 2023.

TOTAL ARPA FUNDS RECEIVED TO-DATE \$512,925

ARPA Funds Distributed To-date

\$20,000	Louisville Orchestra
\$10,394	The Healing Place
\$10,590	St. Matthews Area Ministries
\$ 800	The Moon Dogs Band for 2 cancelled Windy Hills events
\$ 1,600	Haywood Dairy for 4 cancelled Windy Hills events
\$ 1,194.95	Bench for Old Farm Road/Greenbriar Road greenspace
TOTAL	\$52,578.95 (as of 12/14/22)

Funds Allocated To-date for City ARPA Projects

New surface and additional parking on The Green	\$200,000
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TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED as of 12/14/22 \$252,578.95

The Council appointed a three-person committee to review applications, project proposals and make recommendations to the Council. ARPA committee meetings are open to the public. Any applications or proposals must be submitted in writing ten days in advance to allow careful consideration.