



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Program and Projects Update #1
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Attachment #2

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Project Name:	Digital Equity Plan	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$120,000.00		
Managing Department:	PZ	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	This project will develop a Digital Equity Plan to identify infrastructure, device, and digital literacy barriers in the community. Through community engagement, research on best practices, and a gap analysis, this plan will inform the City on both short and long-term recommendations to help close the digital divide and increase technological access.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
We are currently developing an agreement with Computer Core to operate a community help desk for City residents. We are also developing an RFP for a contractor to assist with a Digital Equity Plan.	By January the community help desk will be in operation. We hope to have a consultant under contract to begin the digital equity plan.

Project Name:	Eviction Prevention Program	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$200,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Hiring a second housing justice attorney through Legal Services of Northern Virginia and to support ongoing eviction prevention data analysis and planning.		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>Pursuant to City Council’s approval for additional legal services staffing to increase its capacity to provide individual client representation to safeguard the rights of City of residents facing eviction. The individual legal representation shall be provided to qualifying families and individuals residing within the geographical City limits of Alexandria, Virginia. DCHS and LSNV have both signed a subaward agreement, which includes the responsibilities of each party such as reporting. LSNV has posted the position and is in the process of identifying candidates.</p>	<p>The goal is to have onboarded a Housing Attorney by 1/31/22 who can start meeting with clients.</p>

Project Name:	Bridge Funding #2	ORG(s):	33643077
Allocated Funding:	\$450,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed
Project description:	Respond to the continuing food insecurity and basic needs of residents, particularly those who do not qualify for existing federal programs, nor the ARPA categorical funding. Funding is also being used to ensure that all eligible individuals and landlords are enrolled and accessing the rental assistance resources that are currently available through navigation and outreach efforts.		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>Service Navigation support was provided by ALIVE!, Ethiopian Community Development Corporation, and Tenants and Workers to more than 1,200 individuals.</p> <p>Emergency Assistance was provided by St. Vincent de Paul, Casa Chirilagua, Christ Church Lazarus Ministries, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church to 255 households to address critical resource gaps.</p>	NA

Project Name:	Bridge Funding #1	ORG(s):	33643076
Allocated Funding:	\$1,000,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed
Project description:	Respond to the continuing food insecurity and basic needs of residents, particularly those who do not qualify for existing federal programs, nor the ARPA categorical funding. Funding is also being used to ensure that all eligible individuals and landlords are enrolled and accessing the rental assistance resources that are currently available through navigation and outreach efforts.		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Funding was used to focus on food insecurity and eviction prevention. More than 69,000 people received 587,336 meal equivalents. Eviction prevention services and supports were provided to 405 households, 1003 individuals.	NA

Project Name:	Lower King Street Closure-King Street Place (Short Term)	ORG(s):	33413149
Allocated Funding:	\$100,000.00		
Managing Department:	TES	Project Status:	•Not Started
Project description:	Invest in infrastructure and amenities to make the closure of the 100 block of King Street permanent and consider expansion to other blocks. Could be broken into a short-term project to improve the current set-up and a longer-term project that involves design and construction of improvements. The permanent design could coordinate with stormwater management and flooding efforts.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>On October 16th, the City Council approved permanently closing the 100 block of King Street to cars. Staff is now developing plans for implementing short-term improvements to the block which will primarily be focused on (1) more permanent barriers at both ends of the block and (2) non-permanent sidewalk extensions to provide expanded sidewalks and flush areas for dining and retail. Coordination with the businesses on this block will occur in November and December as plans are refined and finalized.</p>	<p>By January 31, we expect to have plans for the barriers and sidewalk extensions developed and reviewed by necessary stakeholders. We should also have a draft schedule for when these improvements can be installed.</p>

Project Name:	Out of School Time Program (OSTP) Enhanced Enrichment Programming and Financial Assistance Opportunities	ORG(s):	33803106
Allocated Funding:	\$620,000.00		
Managing Department:	RPCA	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	After more than a year of virtual schooling due to Covid-19, this funding is intended to support enhanced enrichment opportunities for children in RPCA subsidized Out of School Time Program (OSTP) after school and summer programs to employ vendors or teachers for project-based and social/emotional learning programs. These enrichments will assist with learning loss and will increase academic and social supports to vulnerable children in addition to traditional recreational activities that maintain physical and mental health and wellness. The programs will be held at five locations across the City in FY2022 and FY2023. Children considered most vulnerable will be provided with financial assistance funds to attend OSTP programs free of charge.		

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Enrichment session 1 is occurring at five recreation OSTP locations. Contractors are providing classes to children in chess, performing arts, visual arts, and science. Over 400 children are receiving this opportunity to increase learning through project-based activities in response to the learning loss many experienced during the pandemic and virtual schooling.	Session 1 will be completed by the end of November. Session 2 will begin at the beginning of December and continue through mid-February. Contractors will be paid for the first session by 1/31/22 and they will be working at different sites during the second session.

Project Name:	Alexandria Community Remembrance Project	ORG(s):	33763105
Allocated Funding:	\$150,000.00		
Managing Department:	OHA	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	The Alexandria Community Remembrance Project is a multi-year, city-wide initiative to understand Alexandria's history of racial terror, with the goals of becoming a more inclusive community and "claiming" our Alexandria Lynching Pillar from EJI.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
The Alexandria Community Remembrance project is in the hiring phase of implementation. The new Education Specialist position description dedicated to this project was developed and the hiring paperwork is being finalized for HR review. Equipment needed for this position was ordered.	Pending HR approval, we plan to have this position hired and onboarded in December 2021. By January 31, 2022 planning for further public programming, research for a publication, and the coordination for 2022 remembrance events will be underway.

Project Name:	Re-employment and Upskilling Project	ORG(s):	33643153
Allocated Funding:	\$1,120,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	<p>“The Re-Employment and Up-Skilling initiative will continue the efforts from the 2020 CARES ACT Work Based Learning Pilot Program by helping Alexandrian residents get back to work with increased skill levels and wages. This initiative will utilize innovative and practical strategies that include work-based learning (WBL), Vocation-based English for Speakers of Other Languages (V-ESOL) training, Digital Literacy and Equity for Employment, expansion of the Summer Youth Employment Program and access to supportive services. Working closely with businesses, this project will create a win-win opportunity for job seekers and employers. Participants will earn as they learn, and hosting companies will receive support and a chance to assess a good fit before making a hiring decision on a prospective employee. Those with limited English language proficiency will be connected to training programs in and around the city and receive individualized and group-based support. This initiative will play an essential role in supporting Alexandria residents with opportunities for upward economic mobility.”</p>		

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<p>The Workforce Development Center’s ARPA team has finalized outreach materials, eligibility documents, and both participant and employer survey enrollment applications for the components of the grant including ESL, Digital Literacy, Supportive Services, and Work-Based Learning. Over the next 2 months, the team will begin hosting Re-employment and Upskilling Initiative (RUI) Information Sessions for Work Based Learning, matching businesses with WBL participants, and meeting with partners for digital literacy and ESL classes to ensure participant registration for upcoming semesters.</p> <hr/> <p>Employment and Training Specialists (2) Job Descriptions created, anticipating recruitment and selection in November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The team has begun process mapping for outreach and enrollment. Outreach materials have been created which include Work Based Learning (WBL) Orientation video, program flyer, Power Point Presentation, and survey monkey questionnaire for businesses interested in participating. A survey monkey application has also been created for WBL participants that includes demographics which are important for data tracking purposes and ensuring we are serving our diverse residents who would most benefit from the program. · Working to engage community stakeholders for additional support, referrals, placements as well as support in determining the needs within our community and closely working together to ensure we are effectively engaging as well as innovating along the way. Upcoming meetings with City of Alexandria Library to create virtual workforce development spaces to ensure we are increasing accessibility opportunities, Computer Core for Digital Literacy component of the initiative, ACPS, Resettlement Agencies, and Building Momentum and ACT Alexandria to support our efforts in expanding the summer youth program. 	<p>Completed 3.5 months of outreach to Alexandria residents and businesses based on the programs sub-components which will have generated a strong and diverse pipeline for the program.</p> <p>Successfully vetted and enrolled the first cohort (1/5) of Alexandria residents who are unemployed/ severely underemployed for WBL with RUI which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A WBL placement opportunity working 30 hours for 3 months at an hourly rate between \$15.00- \$20.00 an hour •A weekly virtual professional development hour hosted by the Workforce Development Center •Assigned ETS case manager and access to virtual workshops and •Platform for networking, shared experience, and an opportunity to engage in conversations surrounding challenges when it comes to the clients WBL placements <p>Determined eligibility and enrolled a set number of participants into following programs to ensure that we meet programmatic deadlines for enrollment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Minimum of 14 clients enrolled into the first cohort of Work Based Learning Minimum of 20 clients enrolled into Digital Literacy program •Minimum of 15 clients into ESL for employment

Project Name:	Alexandria Library Outdoor Programs & Job Skills Workshops	ORG(s):	N/A
Allocated Funding:	\$24,000.00		
Managing Department:	Libraries	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	As COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted, the Library would like to reconnect with customers and job seekers through offering free outdoor programming in addition to our planned virtual offerings. Alexandria Library would use funding to hire presenters to host programs, workshops, and displays for all age groups outside on library property, at local parks, and at other outdoor venues offered by our partners. Supplies for staff-led programming is being requested as well.		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>Library hosted more than 260 programs with over 3,100 attendees between September 1 and October 31, 2021, with limited programs scheduled for the winter months. Serious outdoor programming will resume in the Spring. Program evaluations show 86 % of survey respondents reported the programs were Satisfactory or Very Satisfactory and 81% reported positive outcomes.</p> <p>Bike Tour Comment: "Fun way to learn more about the city while engaging in a fun activity outdoors — love the library staff's enthusiasm and hope this becomes a regular fall (and Spring!) activity!"</p> <p>Fix it Clinic: "Great event for community building." I am encouraging another agency to replicate this."</p>	<p>By January 31st, we should have reached at least 275 in outdoor programming as we will need to suspend after November 20 due to weather constraints. We plan to pick up outdoor programming again in March 2022.</p>

Project Name:	Alexandria Library Mobile Hotspot Lending Program	ORG(s):	N/A
Allocated Funding:	\$20,000.00		
Managing Department:	Libraries	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	The Alexandria Library will lend free mobile hotspots to cardholders to broaden Internet Access to residents impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The mobile hotspots will support remote working, learning, and applying for employment, benefits, and services offered by local nonprofits for those customers without Internet access at home. While ACPS circulates hotspots to students, working parents and residents without children need access to reliable Internet as well.		

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<p>Library has signed a contract with Verizon and taken delivery of the Mobile Hotspots, accessories, and management software. The circulation procedures, survey, and orientation tools for staff and public are completed. Training and the marketing campaign are underway, with a tentative roll out for the December holiday season.</p>	<p>By January 31, 2022 all mobile hotspots will be checking out to library cardholders. Circulation data will be gathered by the Integrated Library System while satisfaction and outcome data will be captured by a survey distributed to all hotspot borrowers.</p>

Project Name:	AHDC - Arlandria Community-Serving City Flex Space	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$2,000,000.00		
Managing Department:	HOU	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Funds would help plan, build out and create a reserve to expand provision of City services in the Arlandria neighborhood, by establishing and operating a satellite flex space within the AHDC project. Onsite services might include Housing/Landlord Tenant, DCHS, and AHD.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>City has reviewed ARPA requirements and timing with AHDC; Davis Bacon wages have been incorporated in the project budget AHDC has furnished fit out and projected operating/lease costs for City flex space (\$218/sf) comprised of offices, conference room and client meeting spaces, and shared parking, but exclusive of TBD potential additional technology costs related to hybrid meeting space if requested, as well as leasing cost of \$30/sf (projected to be \$60,000 annually for 2,000 sf of professionally managed space with access to shared amenities and spaces)</p>	<p>Housing will schedule a meeting in early December with representatives of the City departments and agencies anticipated to share the Arlandria flex space – DCHS, AHD, Housing/LT and General Services and AHDC – to flesh out agency needs and space requirements.</p>

Project Name:	Broadband Strategist and Policy Analyst	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$300,000.00		
Managing Department:	ITS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	The City is constructing a municipal fiber network and plans to create a digital ecosystem that will create vast opportunities to benefit both the City government and community. This position will be focused on community outreach and assist in addressing equitable digital access.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Working with HR to complete job announcement.	Post job advertisement and begin recruitment.

Project Name:	Arlandria Chirilagua Housing Cooperative Improvement Initiative	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$50,000.00		
Managing Department:	HOU	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	City loan/grant assistance to help Arlandria Chirilagua Housing Cooperative undertake necessary capital improvements to building systems to improve sustainability and living conditions of housing that serves 286 very low income households in Arlandria. Housing staff will provide technical assistance pursuant to a physical needs assessment to identify and prioritize the scope of work undertaken and monitor the project as renovation progresses.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Multiple meetings between City staff and Coop board and its management staff regarding potential Capital Improvement Project, including ARPA requirements and scope of Tranche 1 project (Capital Needs Assessment). •RFP soliciting bids for capital needs assessment was issued and has resulted in 3 qualified bids, to date. These are being reviewed by the Coop and City staff, and a vendor will be selected soon. Property inspections will be scheduled ASAP, with a final report (drafts due sooner) submitted by late January or sooner. •Housing has completed revisions to a Memorandum of Agreement template (City – Coop) per guidance from the CAO. CAO is anticipated to review and submit for translation into Spanish. Execution NLT early December. •Findings of the CNA report will inform the Capital Improvements priorities and scope of work. . 	<p>MOU executed. Capital needs assessment will be completed. This report will inform scope, priorities and preliminary budget of capital improvement program proposed to be undertaken with FY 2023 CIP project budget.</p>

Project Name:	Rental Resiliency	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$312,000.00		
Managing Department:	HOU	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Bilingual+ Temp staff to supplement capacity of Housing's Landlord Tenant Division, from 7/1/21 through 12/31/24 related to issues. Staff will work onsite or in field with at-risk renters (1) to prevent evictions; (2) mediate LT issues and/or repayment plans; and (3) identify/navigate other emergency response/recovery resources to ensure renter households can access and maintains long term housing stability and security. Will provide additional support for DCHS response and recovery initiatives as well.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
FT bilingual staff has been working to assist tenants and landlords in applying for rental assistance and to access other emergency resources (in coordination with DCHS) since July 1, 2021. Outreach at Courthouse and onsite (at properties) as needed, as well as at Housing Office.	This is intended to be a continuing outreach and assistance program through 2024, with assistance and duties evolving as recovery progresses.

Project Name:	Foundational Support for Commercial Business Districts	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$560,000.00		
Managing Department:	Other	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Create a fund to support programs associated with immediate economic recovery efforts and long-term financial success conducted by organized business associations. Awarded funds would require a match and would be used to develop programs and purchase related services, products and fixtures required for program implementation. Examples of projects include trial street closures; coordinated design services for commercial and public access parklets; planning and management of Virginia ABC licensed special events.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Currently revising the program guidelines and eligibility based on feedback from the City Manager to assure competitive and equitable distribution throughout the City. Instead of a one-time disbursement as originally proposed, the program will be structured to provide multi-year funding, encouraging projects of impact and allowing for these business organizations to build capacity and sustainability.	Program manager to be on-boarded and working with the eligible organizations to prepare and review project proposals and begin to process and disburse first year grant awards.

Project Name:	Increase Seasonal Staffing Hours at Museums	ORG(s):	33763104
Allocated Funding:	\$150,000.00		
Managing Department:	OHA	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	This proposal covers staffing hours for two seasonal frontline staff at Freedom House for two years, one limited term weekend public lab tech position at Alexandria Archaeology Museum through December 31, 2024, and 4,200 additional staffing hours at OHA museums between FY 2022-2024.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Staffing Hours at Freedom House is in the hiring phase of implementation. All hiring paperwork has been submitted to HR and the positions are currently advertised.	Frontline staff should be hired for the Freedom House museum by January 2022. A training program led by Sites of Conscience will be held in February 2022. The Freedom House Museum is scheduled to re-open by April 2022.

Project Name:	New Business Support Programs	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$280,000.00		
Managing Department:	Other	Project Status:	•Not Started
Project description:	Support the creation of new businesses and jobs by providing entrepreneurs with business counseling support services and developing partnerships with entrepreneurial catalyst organizations to support the formation and growth of startups.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Project Implementation Plan is still under development.	Project Implementation Plan is approved and AEDP is moving forward with hiring of a project manager followed by the development program goals and guidelines.

Project Name:	City Arts Relief and Recovery Grants to Alexandria-based Artist(s) and Arts Organizations	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$110,000.00		
Managing Department:	RPCA	Project Status:	•Not Started
Project description:	<p>This project will fund Alexandria Arts Relief and Recovery Grants to sustain the local arts economy by providing support to Alexandria-based arts organizations and artist(s) whose programming and/or operations that have been significantly impacted as a result of COVID-19 and the ongoing State of Emergencies declared by the Governor. The project will also provide recovery arts programming. The American Rescue Plan specifically allows for funding of arts activities and recovery programs. The arts organizations are small nonprofits businesses and artists who economically support tourism, travel and the hospitality industries in Alexandria.</p>		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>The project team worked to finalize the performance arts indicators. Staff started internal administrative reviews to launch grant program.</p>	<p>Anticipates launching grant program in early January, 2022. Receiving and reviewing applications in January.</p>

Project Name:	Alexandria Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$3,000,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	A monthly cash transfer of \$500 on a pre-loaded debit card would be provided to approximately 150 families for 24 months. Participants would be supported through case management to help families establish goals, navigate systems, and fully participate in the pilot. A research partner will assist with the monitoring of outcomes and assess the program’s impact. This would provide a comprehensive understanding of if/how participants achieve greater economic stability and the implications for future investments in programs designed to reduce poverty. In addition, research partners would help surface insights that will lead to improvement in Alexandria’s human services systems.		

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<p>The Pilot has been named ARISE--Alexandria's Recurring Income for Success and Equity. As of October 2021, most critical programmatic design considerations have been completed. These have been based on model research, including meeting with eight national Guaranteed Income projects (see below) to identify key elements, barriers, and resources. In addition, advisement from Ideas42 (a social science consultancy) on the initial design and execution of the community survey process with target populations concluded in late summer 2021, giving Alexandria DCHS valuable feedback on how to contact target populations within the City of Alexandria. As an outcome of that consultation process, Alexandria DCHS distributed surveys to residents who represent target populations in consultation with trusted community partners. Data gathered from the survey process revealed important insights on the social, material, financial, and overall health circumstances of target populations.</p> <p>· Dr. Sandra Crewe, Dean of Howard University School of Social Work, and her team of PH.D. students provided an in-depth analysis and feedback on the survey responses. This information will be used to refine and target ARISE to populations that meet the income eligibility criteria. A prospective applicant must be at or below 50% of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Area Median Income threshold. Prior to and during the GIP application process there will be targeted communication to the residents living in Alexandria’s HUD designated Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). Challenges that have emerged include the change in the research partner status with Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (whose alternative evaluation cost proposal was greatly increased) as well as Policy Authority related to Federal Programs. These have caused delays and alternatives are being pursued.</p>	<p>As of late October 2021, Alexandria DCHS is in consultation with Bruhn-Morris Foundation and Ideas42 on three deliverables 1) a subject matter review of Request for Proposal (RFP) for a research partner, and disbursement partner and 2). Research and development of approach for a Hold Harmless Fund as a safety net for recipients whose benefits may be impact by participating in the program.</p> <p>Concrete details of the application process, the exact research methodology employed by the research partner, and the division of labor between DCHS and the research partner on the operationalization of the pilot will be determined by December 2021. We are awaiting the determination by VDSS on whether or not the Federal funding received through ARISE would impact individual's public benefits (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid). By January 31, 2022, the formal public rollout of ARISE is planned. The first disbursement of funds will likely not occur until February of 2022 at the earliest. The successful completion of the RFP processes for the research and disbursement partners is key.</p>

Project Name:	Alexandria African American History Tourism Enhancements	ORG(s):	33763103
Allocated Funding:	\$295,000.00		
Managing Department:	OHA	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Historic Alexandria will create two new visitor tourism experiences focused on Alexandria’s Duke Street Corridor history and Alexandria’s Civil Rights history. These new initiatives will have both physical as well as digital products and be promoted through Visit Alexandria. The research and development of these projects will be done in collaboration with a HBCU paid internship. Building capacity in the preservation field while engaging the community and visitors in Black history is a strategic priority for OHA.		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
The Alexandria African American History Tourism project is in the hiring phase of implementation. The new Research Historian position dedicated to this project was developed and the hiring paperwork was finalized for HR review. Equipment needed for this position was ordered.	Pending HR approval, we plan to have this position hired and onboarded in December 2021. By January 31, 2022 the research of the Duke Street Corridor’s history should be underway.

Project Name:	Stormwater State of Good Repair & Resiliency	ORG(s):	33413142
Allocated Funding:	\$3,852,000.00		
Managing Department:	TES	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	<p>One-time state of good repair and structural resiliency improvements to the Hooffs Run Culvert, including additional heavy cleaning. Needed capital facility maintenance to the Hooffs Run culvert (as identified in city inspection reports) include a one-time need of \$1.5 million, plus \$400,000 for additional recently-diagnosed capital maintenance needs. Heavy cleaning of the culvert is also proposed for the section between Timber Branch Parkway and East Maple Street (estimate of \$1.2 million), to be preceded by robotic inspection for \$110,000. Future heavy cleaning of the entire culvert (on a five-year interval) is programmed in the City's 10-year CIP. Post inspection and 10% contingency account for the remaining funding need.</p>		

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<p>As of October 31, 2021, the lower and upper sections of Hooff's Run have been inspected with CCTV. Discussions with RPCA on access to the Greenway Park are being finalized to allow access. T&ES is also awaiting updated pricing from the contractor for access doors and a retaining wall. It is anticipated that the Purchase Order will be established by the end of the year for the next phase of work.</p>	<p>The inspection of the upper section of Hooff's Run has been completed. The post inspection of Hooff's Run has been completed. Pre-construction meeting of the initial maintenance for the structure is being scheduled prior to the end of the year.</p>

Project Name:	Expanding Audiences, Awareness & Regional Marketing	ORG(s):	N/A
Allocated Funding:	\$500,000.00		
Managing Department:	Other	Project Status:	•Completed 50 percent or more
Project description:	This direct investment in advertising is specifically designed to accelerate small business recovery, to support visitors and entrepreneurs of color, and grow regional visitation to Alexandria.		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Black travel advertising video and photography complete. Ads developed and in market. Fall media supplemental media buy complete.	Regional supplemental advertising to stimulate holiday visitation and retail complete. Spring media plan approved.

Project Name:	Court Mental Health & Asset Builder Program	ORG(s):	33163143
Allocated Funding:	\$500,000.00		
Managing Department:	CSU	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	<p>The focus of the initiative is to respond to the growing need for increased mental health and substance abuse services for residents, especially Court-involved community members, with an emphasis on trauma-informed, equity-based, individual and family engagement professionals to support the building of youth/family assets in order to mitigate the risk factors of continued court involvement.</p> <p>Such supports include mental health and substance abuse crisis intervention and longer term case management, job, skill and leisure time and other asset building, including arts/art therapy, employment/business (entrepreneurs), mentoring, education, training and addressing barriers such as housing - particularly with a focus on undocumented and underserved. Domestic violence will be among the matters addressed, as well as modern opportunities through online and traditional outreach. A key component will include child care support and referral.</p>		

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Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>The Court Service Unit is working with a consultant do develop a first-rate forensic social work/counseling internship program and is in the process of interviewing graduate-level candidates to start in January. We are working to determine the best process for hiring drug and alcohol assessment and treatment providers, anticipated to start in January.</p>	<p>It is anticipated the CSU will have completed recruitment and selection of staff by January 31, 2022.</p>

Project Name:	Food Security System Advancement	ORG(s):	33643152
Allocated Funding:	\$2,500,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	<p>Throughout the pandemic, the level of food insecurity has been profound. Multiple approaches were used to ensure that families were able to receive the food and resources they needed. The large scale food distributions, community-focused pop up distributions, the grocery gift card program, ACPS response and the food pantry and other responses were critical to ensure that households did not face hunger in the midst of the pandemic. All of these efforts were part of a constellation of resources that aimed to meet residents where they were in these critical times. Many lessons were learned throughout the most challenging times of the pandemic and since. Bringing food closer, family choice, variety, culturally appropriate options, have been some of the most powerful lessons.</p> <p>In order to respond to those things while still ensuring maximum impact in the community, the following approaches will be adopted over the next two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Large scale distributions reduced to one per month •Establishment of two community food hubs where families can select food and household supplies closer to their home and according to their schedules and food choices •Continued support of pantry network, quarantine food, food delivery for seniors and ongoing operations <p>The creation of a Food Security Coordinator position to support the integration of food security efforts, improving communication and access, increase in the use of data to improve planning, and maximizing resources.</p>		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>Overall Project/Ongoing Food Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Finalized budget and project plan anticipating an approved agreement in mid-November · ALIVE! has been continuing large scale and pop-up food distributions using ALIVE! funds · Ongoing evaluation of distribution sites is taking place · Will begin piloting new database and food distribution at AEPP eviction outreach events in November to test food/service navigation · Food Security Coordinator position description drafted and to be discussed and finalized with key partners <p>Food Centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Met with multiple partners (RPCA, AEDP, Individual Realtors and Community Business Organizations) to identify potential sites for the planned Food Centers · ALIVE! in process of hiring a firm to do listening sessions for each Food Center · Visioning appropriate names for Food Center that has positive public appeal and clarifies what is offered. · A Senior Therapist position, a community-based Mental Health Ambassador, is being created. The position will triage and make initial assessments of behavioral health needs that present at food distribution sites, the Food Centers and other community events. The position will assist partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Food Security Coordinator position will be established. Once hired, will be in place and convening with key partners. · Focus groups and planning meetings will be held with those receiving food assistance, Hunger-Free Alexandria members, non-profit partners to identify priorities, approaches, and specific design for the Food Hubs · The first Food Center location identified and close to opening

Project Name:	Flash Flooding spot improvements	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$1,900,000.00		
Managing Department:	TES	Project Status:	•Not Started
Project description:	Funding for four spot improvement projects (locations to be determined, but would either offset or allow some acceleration of prioritized projects). Projects would include detention, pipes and other drainage improvements that make neighborhoods more resilient to climate change and flash flooding.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Staff is working with the consultant on the final cost estimate for design and internally finalizing the schedule of the Hume Ave Bypass. By January, the City will be implementing the community engagement plan and will have started design. For the Mt. Vernon Cul-de-sac improvement, staff is finalizing the cost estimate and schedule.	By January, staff will be implementing the community engagement plan and have started design. Given the increase in cost estimates for the Hume Ave. Bypass, and Mt. Vernon Cul-de-sac, and the desire to move on the Hume Inlets and Check valve sooner, that project will be removed from the Flood Spot list.

Project Name:	LGBTQ & BIPOC Equity Project	ORG(s):	33643150
Allocated Funding:	\$253,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	As research from the COVID-19 pandemic surfaces it is clear that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities have been hit hard by the pandemic and are suffering disproportionately. This project will continue essential work to build inclusive and equitable services and increase awareness of City of Alexandria services.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Since the implementation of ARPA, the LGBTQ & BIPOC Equity Project has facilitated five (5) trainings with 59 City staff from DCHS and the Fire Department on creating inclusive and affirming spaces for LGBTQ+ clients/residents/colleagues. The training uses an intersectional lens and highlights racial equity as well as equity for LGBTQ+ communities. · The Alexandria LGBTQ Task Force met on July 15 and Oct 14. Task Force members are embarking on an exciting new journey to enhance the leadership structure of the Task Force. · The Sexual Assault Center/Domestic Violence Program Race and Social Equity Work Group has met monthly and held bi-monthly All Staff Equity Meetings to advance equity in the agency. Members are normalizing conversations about race and equity and creating a strategic plan and vision statement to guide equity work for the next several years. 	<p>By January 31, the project will hold at least four more trainings and will collect and analyze evaluation data to assess the impact of the trainings.</p> <p>By January 31, members plan to have by-laws drafted that will include guidelines for naming a three-person Executive Committee and guidelines for offering stipends to Executive Committee members in order to support LGBTQ-serving organizations and/or individuals who serve with their expertise and time.</p> <p>A draft of the strategic plan will be completed by January 31. In addition, the DCHS White Allies for Racial Equity (WARE) caucus met monthly to encourage self-reflection and practicing allyship. The purpose of WARE is to support the work of the Racial Equity Core Team and BIPOC colleagues. Monthly meetings to promote education, reflection, and systemic change will continue.</p>

Project Name:	Alexandria Community Access and Emergency Support Grant Program	ORG(s):	33643151
Allocated Funding:	\$4,000,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Not Started
Project description:	<p>The Alexandria Community Access and Emergency Support Grant Program will provide funding to non-profit partners to provide navigation support to ensure individuals are enrolled in key local, state and federal programs that they are eligible for and provide tangible and emergency financial aid that will include grocery gift cards, transportation assistance, child care, and rental assistance. Trusted non-profit organizations will be selected through a grants process managed by ACT and they will work in collaboration with DCHS to ensure that individuals and families are accessing all ARP, federal and state programs and that ongoing resource needs are met through the provision of tangible aid. Assistance will be provided to families dealing with trauma and mental health challenges and the organizations working to support them by two Child and Family Behavioral Health therapists.</p>		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Planning meetings to finalize the competitive grant and evaluation processes have been convened with ACT for Alexandria (ACT) and the proposed program evaluator. The formal Sub-Award Agreement with ACT is planned to be executed by mid-November, and the Request for Grant Proposals to be issued by the end of November with a pre-submission information session being hosted in late November. · The Community Access portion of the grant fund will award up to three two-year awards (through the end of the ARPA funding period) to agencies that will provide navigation support throughout the community to ensure connection to local, state and federal services, as well as identifying access challenges and service gaps. · The Emergency Support portion of the program will focus on the provision of emergency financial resources to low-income residents who are not eligible for government sponsored programs or their resource need fall outside of traditional programs. One-year grant awards will be made to agencies with established emergency assistance eligibility determination approaches. During the month of January, ACT will execute sub-award agreement with selected grant recipients, make the first scheduled grant payment, and convene the first (quarterly) Community Access listening session with the funded agencies and their assigned staff. · Descriptions for positions internal to DCHS (2 Service Navigators) have been created and staff anticipates that the recruitment and hiring for these positions will be finalized by the end of the year. The Service Navigators will serve as internal liaisons to ensure prompt connections of eligible residents to public programs and will also be linked with the Food Security System Advancement 	<p>Navigator and Emergency Assistance grants will have been awarded and services will begin to be delivered. Data collection and analytic plans will continue to be developed in order to monitor success of the programs as well as identify gaps and possible policy shifts.</p>

Project Name:	Visit Alexandria Web Site Enhancement	ORG(s):	N/A
Allocated Funding:	\$120,000.00		
Managing Department:	Other	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Speed business recovery by enhancing VisitAlexandriaVA.com, the hub and point of fulfillment for all destination marketing, which attracts 2 million visits/year. Provide a faster, more secure, social media consistent, state-of-the-art web experience that increases visitation and length of time on site.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Project underway and on track for Spring 2022 completion. Focus group, competitive research and site remapping complete.	Design phase anticipated to be complete by January 31, with content build underway.

Project Name:	The Unified Early Childhood Workforce Stabilization Initiative	ORG(s):	33643148
Allocated Funding:	\$2,830,000.00		
Managing Department:	DCHS	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	The Unified Early Childhood Workforce Stabilization Initiative will support hundreds of childcare providers and early childhood educators, provide a safe and healthy learning environment for thousands of children, and help parents, especially women, get back to work.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
<p>· DCHS convened a collaborative meeting with the VDOE Director for Early Childhood Access and Enrollment that resulted in an aligned plan for communications, timelines and application process to reduce the application burden on providers create the greatest assurance of reaching all providers.</p> <p>· DCHS convened meetings with ACT for Alexandria and is process of the development of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for them to serve as an intermediary for the provider sustainability funds. The next planning meeting will be held October 26th. And a draft of the MOA was completed, with the final MOA to be completed the week of November 15, 2021. The scope of work will include, but is not limited to, developing the formula for award amounts, designing and reviewing sub grant applications, providing support in estimating current operating expenses, distributing sub grant funds, and monitoring the use of sub grant funds.</p> <p>· An RFP process to conduct the child care landscape study yielded applications from two vendors and a selection of vendor was made by the Kid’s First Years Steering Committee, with the vendor beginning work in December 2021. The study will target the following sets of Analysis: Demographic (Under 5 population, Race distribution, Languages spoken and Birthrates); Risk Analyses (poverty rates, Maternal risk factors, Health factors at birth, and Educational achievement) Finally, the study will examine Service Capacity (preschool capacity, Home visiting support, Health care, Play areas and funding availability). One of the biggest questions will center around how the pandemic has impacted various child care stability trends. Once the data is collected and analyzed, we anticipate holding a series of meetings with key early childhood leaders in the City in January 2022 to identify any additional analyses that would help inform service decisions.</p> <p>· On October 28 and 29th two ARPA Stabilization Grant Information Sessions will be held for all providers. In early November, providers will receive a letter from the VDOE notifying them that they are eligible for the grant program and will receive some basic information about how to apply. The State will open their application on November 1st for 30 days. By November 19th, 2021 we will finalize the formula for making awards to Alexandria Providers.</p>	<p>The revised timeline is below with all City grant awards reaching providers by January 31, 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meeting to Discuss MOU – November 15, 2021 •Finalize MOU for ACT & DCHS – November 19, 2021 •Design grant process with input from DCHS – December 3, 2021 •Finalize application and additional questions (ACT & DCHS) – December 3, 2021 •Information Session for providers December 8, 2021 •Launch application (ACT) – December 10 and application process open 2 weeks •Host technical assistance sessions (DCHS) – offer times during week of December 13, 2021 •Application Due date – December 30, 2021 •Review applications – Week of January 3, 2022 •Grant review committee meets – week of January 10, 2022 •Notification of awards – Week of January 17, 2022 •Grants received by providers – January 31 <p>· A survey will be done in the community in November and December 2021 to learn where the gaps are and what specific resources are needed to support families with hardship and non-traditional care needs. The DCHS Child Care Assistance team will identify those families who, in December 2021, will lose child care eligibility due to expired Covid19 waivers. Awards to programs, family providers and relative placements families should be made beginning in January 2022. It is anticipated that 25 families can be served using the budgeted hardship funding amount. This number will be contingent upon the age of the child (ren) served and the number(s) of children in a family.</p>

Project Name:	General COVID	ORG(s):	Varios
Allocated Funding:	\$2,000,916.50		
Managing Department:	Multiple Depts.	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	These funds are intended to cover on-going personal protective equipment (PPE) needs, technology resources to allow for future hybrid meetings, enhanced cleaning supplies and air filtration at City facilities, and administrative costs for federal funding management and oversight.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Current expenditures: ARPA1.7CovidFacilities \$472,800.00 ARPA 6.1 ITS Software 21.027 \$408,380.00 ARPA 7.2 OIA Cntrl Assmnt 21.0 \$50,000.00 ARPA 7.02 DPIProjRepPos 21.027 \$147,216.00 Total spent to date: \$1,078,396.00	

Project Name:	Seed funding for North Old Town Community Development Authority	ORG(s):	Pending
Allocated Funding:	\$500,000.00		
Managing Department:	AEDP	Project Status:	•Completed less than 50 percent
Project description:	Seed funding would be used to build the legal entity (CDA) required to take ownership of arts assets (commercial condominiums), structure lease-to-own arrangements with the nonprofit arts organizations, and finance the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to fund the required tenant build-outs and improvements. This structure solves the immediate problem- neither the arts organization nor the developer have resources to complete the build out projects. It also assures that these important spaces will not sit empty for years as arts organizations recover from the pandemic. In the long term, this structure also creates a path to ownership for the arts organizations- while 30 years of subsidized rent assure longer-term tenancy, ownership is even better and more permanent.		

FY2021 Project Status	
Progress through October 31st	Anticipated Progress through January 31st
Negotiations and discussions are ongoing with the developer/owner of the arts anchor spaces and the arts anchors themselves to determine how to utilize funding to facilitate tenant improvements and get the users into the spaces as soon as possible. The scope of work and responsibilities for the project manager have been finalized, to include proposals for legal and financial expertise.	A project manager should be on board by the end of January 2022 and initial legal documents and contracts will be drafted to facilitate the use of the funds to assist arts anchors with tenancy in Old Town North.