

Frequently Asked Questions about the Portal – Updated 5/18/22

- Will my information be saved in the portal, and can I come back later to finish it?
 - To be safe, please be prepared to complete the portal in one sitting. If you want to fill out the portal in multiple sittings, you can fill out a physical application and either submit that or submit your written information online.
- Will the May 31st deadline be extended?
 - Yes. The submission deadline has been extended until June 13th.
- When will the City Council make decisions on the proposal?
 - The City Council will receive the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee's report and recommendations in early summer. There is no set timeline for when City Council will act on the recommendations.
- Does the budget have to be itemized?
 - It depends on your project - you may only know some details. However, the more detailed it is, the better it will be. An example application should be on the website.
- What should we do about inflation?
 - Do not worry about factoring in any price variability. We are looking for a ballpark estimate. Any submitted budget is not binding.
- Once a proposal or idea is submitted, how soon will one be notified if their submission was granted?
 - The ARPA Advisory Committee plans to submit a recommendation to the City Council in early summer. It is unknown how long City Council will take to approve submissions. City Council has the final say on all funding choices.
- When does the money have to be spent by?
 - The funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.
- Will the committee prioritize certain proposals?
 - Yes, the ARPA Advisory Committee will judge ideas/proposals on feasibility, sustainability, impact, and alignment with Priority Groups.
- For similar proposals, will we encourage them to work together for a final decision?
 - Make it clear in your proposal whether you want to do this alone or work with others. If you have a partnership, make it clear on the submission. Partnerships and collaboration are a valued goal of this committee.
- Is there an issue if there is an overlap between a not-for-profit organization and a for-profit organization?
 - No.
- How will organizations/businesses be evaluated?
 - As referenced from the submission portal application, organizations will be assessed on capacity, experience serving the community, experience managing/leading large projects, and experience working with federal funds. None of these are disqualifying. Capacity building may be a part of the allocated funding award.
- Once the money is allocated, who will distribute it further?
 - From the city itself.
- What happens to the proposals that aren't funded?
 - They will be compiled for the city to consider them for other funding sources or in the future.
- Does the City have the same timeline to spend revenue loss funds?
 - Yes.

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- When funds are awarded, will the money be distributed all at once or gradually?
 - The City has the flexibility to do what they want when distributing funds.
- Will proposals be weighed on details and depth?
 - Every proposal/idea is considered. However, detailed proposals will make it easier for the committee to act upon the idea
- For an organization or individual, who will be responsible for reporting?
 - The organization or individual receiving funds will be responsible for reporting to the city.