

Charter Township of Ypsilanti

RESOLUTION 2023-07

Resolution of Intent for the Charter Township of Ypsilanti to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds

WHEREAS, on **March 11th 2021** the President Joseph Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law. The American Rescue Plan provided Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to jurisdictions and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township has received American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of 9,439,025.00 and,

WHEREAS, on January 6th 2022 the Department of Treasury released The Final Rule that took effect on April 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Treasury states in The Final Rule that funds must be obligated by December 31,2024 and expended by December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, recipients receiving less than \$10M, can elect a standard allowance for “Revenue Loss” and use the full award for “government services” such as: Township hall and facility construction, renovations and expansions; Township facility equipment, systems and upgrades, including ventilation, security systems and features, parking lot paving, etc.; Emergency services vehicles, and purchase for public safety departments such as personal protection equipment and turnout gear; Township maintenance vehicles; Parks and recreation facilities, maintenance, expansion, etc; Computer equipment; Road projects; Recycling services; Election equipment, including ballot drop boxes; Feasibility studies; and Matching fund for non-federal programs, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Stumbo was advised and is thankful for Congresswoman Debbie Dingell alerting the township to make immediate allocation to avoid losing ARPA dollars, and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees has a master plan, along with a park and recreation plan that identifies goals and objectives for improvement and growth, and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees has expended \$237,633.53 to date for personal protection equipment such as masks, gloves, and COVID test kits, to protect the community from the further spread of COVID-19. The township board of trustees delivered these items directly to households, non-profits, churches and businesses. These resources are still available today at the Civic Center and Community Center, and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees ARPA subcommittee identified the top focus areas as being; health and wellness, community gathering areas, infrastructure improvements, environmentally friendly practices and safety, and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township Park Commission and Board of Trustees has previously adopted the 2040 Master Plan and (adopted March, 2020) and the Parks and Recreation Plan (adopted January, 2019) where several projects were identified.

NOW, THEREFORE THE YPSILANTI CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY RESOLVES AND AUTHORIZES THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Road improvement and storm water management as recommended by OHM in partnership with the Washtenaw County Road Commission in the amount of \$2,800,392.00
2. Upgrade the remaining community lights from high pressure sodium to LED lighting in the amount of \$650,000.00
3. Park improvements to West Willow Neighborhood Park in the amount of \$350,000.00
4. Park improvements to Burns Park in the amount of \$250,000.00

5. Renovations to the community center bathrooms and replaced galvanized piping in the amount of \$737,000.00.
6. Play surface replacement to Ford Heritage Park in the amount of \$165,000.00
7. Hydro Dam safety projects that are required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the amount of \$680,000.00
8. Two buses for 50 and Beyond and Youth Programming in the amount of \$225,000.00
9. Bathroom facilities at Ford Heritage Park and Green Oaks Golf Course in the amount of \$800,000.00.
10. Installation of LED lights at ball fields 3 and 4 located on Clark Rd in the amount of \$354,000.00.
11. Provide Barrier Busters funding for Ypsilanti Township Residents in the amount of \$450,000.00
12. Park shelter replacements at Ford Lake and Lakeside parks in the amount of \$600,000.00
13. Improvements to the Community Resource Center located at 2057 Tyler Rd. in the amount of \$40,000.00.
14. Civic Center Pond Lining in the amount of \$350,000.00
15. Civic Center parking lot and water main replacement \$750,000.00
16. Once all projects identified above are approved and completed, any remaining funds shall be put towards an additional agreement with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for local road funding.

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May 22, 2023
Board of Trustees,

Over the last year, our committee has received ideas on how to utilize our Ypsilanti Township ARPA funds. Ideas have come from community members, staff, non-profits and county connected entities. Our committee was advised to not contribute towards non-profits from our Accounting Director, Auditor and Legal Counsel.

Our committee was working towards finalizing the ARPA Committee's presentation to the Board. The presentation would have included the attached list. We were anticipating sharing this list publicly in June, at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

As of late May 21st, 2023 our committee members were notified by Supervisor Stumbo, that Congress Woman Debbie Dingell advised us to allocate ARPA fund dollars immediately due to the possibility of congressional "claw backs" of non-allocated ARPA funding. Out an abundance of caution, we are sharing our list as a supplemental exhibit for the special meeting that has been called to take place on May 23rd 2023 to address Congress Woman Dingell's recommendation to allocate funding immediately.

We would like to thank Supervisor Stumbo the entire township board for allowing us to serve on the ARPA Committee. We recognize the importance of the ARPA funding allocation to the residents of Ypsilanti Township.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Jarrell Roe, Clerk
Gloria Peterson, Trustee
Debbie Swanson, Trustee



ARPA Committee Draft List

For consideration by the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees

Neighborhoods

- Roads
- Non-motorized pathways (including sidewalks)
- Upgrade remaining neighborhood lighting to LED
- Curb and gutter

Community Center

- Bus replacement
- Community center bathrooms and piping
- Green Oaks Bathrooms
- Green Oaks and Community Center LED sign
- Renovate racquetball courts
- Lighting for fields $\frac{3}{4}$ at community center
- Community center parking lot

Parks and Recreation

- Ford Lake shelter replacement
- Lakeside shelter replacement
- Replace Ford Heritage Park Play Surface
- Ford Heritage prefab bathroom
- Upgrade play equipment, surface and shelter at West Willow Park
- Upgrade play surface at Burns Park
- Ford Lake parking lot

Hydro Dam

- Sluice gates at hydro dam
- Public safety improvements- downstream side
- Operation security enhancements hydro dam
- Operation security enhancements
- Sluice gate oil change

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Civic Center and Court Improvements

- Civic Center and Court security
- Civic Center parking lot
- Civic Center pond liner

County Connected Entities

- [Barrier Busters](#)
- [New Human Services Partnership](#)

Non-Profits

- P.E.A.C.E Initiative ([Partnership in Economic Alliance for Community Empowerment](#))
- DAPCO ([Destiny and Purpose Community Outreach](#))
- Mr. Neil Frye
- [Friends In Deed](#)

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