

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT: STATUS UPDATE ON CITY'S ARPA PROGRAM**

### **SUMMARY**

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), the City of Oklahoma City received an allocation of \$122.5 million in Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds (Fiscal Recovery Funds). The funds are intended to provide support to State, local, and Tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 on their communities, residents, and businesses. In September of 2021, City Council approved a Fiscal Recovery Funds Plan, which provides for various programs and projects under three broad categories with established allocations as follows.

#### **Use Categories**

1. Revenue Replacement: Restoring Government Projects, Infrastructure, and Services (\$78,507,590)
2. Response to Negative Economic Impacts (\$37,000,000)
3. Response to Public Health Emergency (\$7,000,000)

These funds were 100% obligated by the December 31, 2024 obligation deadline. Obligated funds must be spent by December 2026. On July 30, 2024, City Council authorized staff the ability to reallocate funds between projects within the categories of the Plan to ensure that all funds will be spent by December 31, 2026. This flexibility is necessary to account for changes in project scopes, final project costs differing from approved funding allocations, and the potential for approved projects to be infeasible or at risk of meeting expenditure deadlines. (Item XI.Z) Currently, the City has spent 48% of its ARPA funds and is on track to meet spending deadlines.

### **STATUS OF PROGRAMS**

Further information on projects/programs and the status of contracts for each is summarized under the Use Categories below.

#### **1. Revenue Replacement: Restoring Government Projects, Infrastructure, and Services**

This category provides funding based on a formula to replace City revenue lost due to COVID-19. Funds can be used to restore City projects, infrastructure and services, such as modernization of IT department hardware and software, maintenance of or building new infrastructure, and capital improvements. City Council has approved the following projects to be funded under the revenue replacement category.

*Currently, 100% has been obligated within this category and 28% has been spent.*

- **Back Up Generators for Fire Facilities**

*Funded Amount:* \$1,500,000

*Status:* This project provides a back-up power source for all Fire facilities. Thirty-six fire facilities/work sites were surveyed and assessed. City Council approved award of contract to C4L LLC using ARPA and Fire Sales Tax Funds on November 19, 2024. This project is expected to be completed by Spring 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$100,144

- **Replace Midwest Blvd. Bridge**

*Funded Amount:* \$2,750,000

*Status:* The scope of work is to replace the existing bridge on Midwest Boulevard over Crutch Creek. City Council approved award of contract to Silver Star Construction Company on July 16, 2024. A work order was issued on August 15, 2024. This project is expected to be completed by Fall 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$605,524.26

- **Improvements at Wiley Post Park**

*Funded Amount:* \$5,000,000

*Status:* The master plan for Wiley Post Park outlines a multi-phase renovation that would transform the park on both the south and north side of the Oklahoma River using funding from various sources, including a possible inclusion in the City's next bond program. This phase includes changes to the Event Center, Large Pavilion, and North Entry Plaza, as well as construction of an iconic pedestrian suspension bridge over the river. City Council approved award of contract to Downey Contracting L.L.C. using ARPA and TIF 8 Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$331,025

- **Public Safety Training Center Funding**

*Funded Amount:* \$5,673,889

*Status:* This funding will add a driving facility to the Public Safety Training Facility. City Council approved award of contract to Silver Star Construction on November 5, 2024. ARPA Funds will be used for the base bid, and Police and Fire utilized other funds to award

the alternates. The work order was issued November 12, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Fall 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$828,162.23

- **Various Cyber Security Improvements**

*Funded Amount:* \$5,035,990

*Status:* Through January 22, 2025, \$4.8 million has been spent for various cybersecurity and technology improvements. Items purchased included USB security keys, hard drive upgrades, and data protection appliances. Additional equipment is needed and will be purchased by the spending deadline to close out this project.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$5,022,661.37

- **Additional Sidewalk Improvements**

*Funded Amount:* \$3,732,924.71

*Status:* This funding will provide for several additional miles of sidewalk consistent with the Bike/Walk OKC plan. The additional sidewalks will be located at NW Expressway Bridge over State Highway 74, North May Avenue from NW Grand Boulevard to NW 47<sup>th</sup> Street (excluding NW 52<sup>nd</sup> Street to NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street), North Villa Avenue from NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 30<sup>th</sup> Street, NW 30<sup>th</sup> Street from North Villa Avenue to North Pennsylvania Avenue, and NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street from North Villa Avenue to North Flynn Avenue. These selected locations will coordinate with other funded projects and provide key connectors for the public. City Council approved award of contract to Arroyos Concrete, LLC on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Fall 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$408,740

- **Add Alternates at Cameron Park**

*Funded Amount:* \$1,194,772.25

*Status:* The original Cameron Park Project bid included field lighting as an add alternate. Due to budget constraints, the alternate was not awarded. The ARPA Funding allowed the field lighting to be added as a companion project. The construction contract was awarded to Wynn Construction and approved at the January 16, 2024 Council meeting.

*All ARPA funds have been expended for this project.*

- **Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Investments in Capitol Hill**

*Funded Amount:* \$3,061,236.16

*Status:* The scope of work is to create a Plaza in Capitol Hill that would be a signature public gathering space for the neighborhood. In addition, construct an at-grade crossing to Wiley Post Park over the BNSF railroad tracks. City Council approved award of contract to Downey Contracting L.L.C. and Rudy Construction Co. on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Summer 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$166,632.40

- **Bike Lanes on Eastern from S. Grand to SE 59th**

*Funded Amount:* \$176,093

*Status:* The City received grant funding for this project.

*ARPA funds could not be used as a grant match and the remaining funding for this project was allocated to other ARPA projects.*

- **NW 10th St. Bridge over Grand Blvd.**

*Funded Amount:* \$8,750,000

*Status:* The scope of work is to rehabilitate the east- and westbound lanes of the NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over North Grand Boulevard. City Council approved award of contract to Manhattan Road and Bridge using ARPA and 2017 GO Bond Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Summer 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$691,645.75

- **Replace Fire Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)**

*Funded Amount:* \$2,000,000

*Status:* The current Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) utilized by Fire needs updating to a more user friendly, ergonomically fitting, and higher level of technology system which provides the greatest level of protection for personnel. We have contracted with Municipal Emergency Services Inc. to replace Fire SCBAs using both ARPA and Fire Sales Tax funds. This funding will replace about 40% of the department's SCBAs. Delivery of the SCBAs is expected around May 1, 2025.

*All ARPA funds have been reserved for this project and will be expended upon receipt of the equipment in May 2025.*

- **S. May Avenue Trail (aka Airport Trail)**

*Funded Amount:* \$2,794,547.97

*Status:* The scope of work is to create a north-south connection from the Woodson Park Area to the vicinity around Oklahoma City Community College. City Council approved

award of contract to Rudy Construction Co. using ARPA and MAPS 4 Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Fall 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$356,016.75

- **Post Road Widening Design and Construction**

*Funded Amount:* \$16,850,000

*Status:* The Post Road Widening Project (PC-0926) will be joined with a water line project (WC-1023) for both design and construction, and the combined project has been broken into two phases: Phase I is SE 74<sup>th</sup> from Douglas to Post and Post from SE 74<sup>th</sup> to SE 59<sup>th</sup> and Phase II is SE 44<sup>th</sup> from Douglas to Post and Post from SE 59<sup>th</sup> to SE 44<sup>th</sup>. City Council approved award of contract to McKee Utility Contractors, Inc. using ARPA, 2017 GO Bond, Traffic Impact Fee, and Better Streets Safer City Sales Tax Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Fall 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$4,016,205.65

- **Post Road Water Line Design**

*Funded Amount:* \$6,915,128.51

*Status:* The Post Road Water Line Project (WC-1023) will be joined by a roadway project (PC-0926) for both design and construction, and the combined project has been broken into two phases: Phase I is SE 74<sup>th</sup> from Douglas to Post and Post from SE 74<sup>th</sup> to SE 59<sup>th</sup> and Phase II is SE 44<sup>th</sup> from Douglas to Post and Post from SE 59<sup>th</sup> to SE 44<sup>th</sup>. City Council approved award of contract to McKee Utility Contractors, Inc. using ARPA, 2017 GO Bond, Traffic Impact Fee, and Better Streets Safer City Sales Tax Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Fall 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$0

- **Fairgrounds Coliseum**

*Funded Amount:* \$5,000,000

*Status:* The Fairgrounds Coliseum project will replace the Norick Arena at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. The \$144 million project is funded with \$82 million from the MAPS 4 Sales Tax. Additional funding sources include at least \$25 million in funds from Hotel/Motel Tax, \$9 million from MAPS 3 Sales Tax excess tax collections, \$6 million from State Fair funds and naming rights, \$5 million from the ARPA grant, and funds from other sources. The Coliseum will include a mix of fixed and retractable seats, first-class patron amenities, and a modern, wide concourse. This project is expected to be completed in 2025.

*All of the \$5,000,000 of ARPA funds have been expended for this project.*

- **Fire Station Remodels**

*Funded Amount:* \$2,459,697.71

*Status:* This funding is to update aging Fire Station facilities. City Council approved award of contract to Midtown Construction Services and Pillar Contracting Inc. using ARPA and Fire Sales Tax Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed by First Quarter 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$219,357.95

- **SNI Investments – Capitol View**

*Funded Amount:* \$1,848,422.69

*Status:* This funding is to close a block of Harvey Avenue and create a community festival area/park in the Capitol View neighborhood. The former Dewey Elementary School was chosen as the site and purchased on December 22, 2023. City Council approved award of contract for construction to Downey Contracting L.L.C. using ARPA and 2017 GO Bond Funds on December 17, 2024. This project is expected to be completed in Summer 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$514,046.20

- **Transit Facility Improvements**

*Funded Amount:* \$985,160.05

*Status:* The scope of work for the allocated ARPA funds is to make improvements to Public Transportation and Parking facilities, primarily at the South May Avenue facility. This includes funding for relocating employees temporarily during construction. This project is expected to be completed by May, 2026.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$823,081.42

- **Traffic Signals**

*Funded Amount:* \$134,888

*Status:* This funding is to replace City traffic signals that are not functioning well and creating safety issues in high volume traffic areas. The areas that have been identified for replacement are the intersections at North May Avenue and NW 192<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lone Oak Drive and NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street. City Council approved award of contract to TLS Group, Inc. using ARPA and Traffic Impact Fee Funds on November 19, 2024. This project is expected to be completed by Fall 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date:* \$119,978.60

- **Cameron Park Irrigation Water Line**

*Funded Amount: \$1,430,000*

*Status:* The MAPS 4 Sales Tax is being used to fund various upgrades to Cameron Park. This includes upgrades for the clubhouse, lighting, concessions, bleachers, sidewalks, restrooms, and fencing throughout the park. ARPA funding is being used for the Installation of a new waterline from Lake Hefner that will feed the new and existing water irrigation lines at the park. The construction contract was awarded to Wynn Construction and approved at the February 13, 2024 Council meeting. This project has been completed and the final acceptance was approved by the MAPS 4 Citizens Advisory Board on February 6, 2025.

*All ARPA funds have been expended for this project.*

- **Bricktown Lighting in South Canal**

*Funded Amount: \$500,000*

*Status:* This funding is to replace the lighting in the Bricktown district along the canal south of Reno Avenue. City Council approved award of contract to Wynn Construction Co. Inc. using ARPA and Parks CIP Funds on November 19, 2024. This project is expected to be completed by Fall 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date: \$197,950*

- **Transit Fleet**

*Funded Amount: \$714,839.95*

*Status:* This funding is being used to replace the aging vehicles in Transit's non-revenue generating fleet. This project is expected to be completed by the end of September 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date: \$50,356.95*

## **2. Response to Negative Economic Impacts**

This category allows for the use of Fiscal Recovery Funds for programs and projects that directly address the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Assistance is available in the areas of small business technical assistance and retrofits, minority business assistance and nonprofit assistance, job training and placement, and workforce and affordable housing. An update on the status of projects within the following subcategories is provided below.

## **A. Affordable Housing Program (\$8,250,000)**

In July 2022, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from residential developers, including non-profit developers, housing organizations, and service organizations to provide proposals for the construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing to generally serve households with incomes under 60% of Area Median Income. The RFP set forth project eligibility criteria and outlined the selection process for evaluating proposals. A Selection Committee was formed per City policy that included designees from the City Manager, Finance Director, Planning Director, and Municipal Counselor's Office.

The City received 21 proposals for affordable housing projects, which totaled about \$49M in funding requests. The Committee evaluated the proposals based on whether they met requirements of the RFP and ARPA, project readiness, and the Proposer's qualifications, experience and track record, and capacity and capability. Committee members ranked projects according to these criteria with consideration of the distinguishing merits of each. Committee members also evaluated the following priorities:

- supporting the greatest number of projects possible in a meaningful way with City ARPA funds;
- achieving units that remain affordable for a long time; and
- supporting the most vulnerable populations consistent with the intent of the RFP.

The Committee worked with the top nine (9) proposers to negotiate grant funds requested so that the City could assist the maximum number of projects with the \$8,250,000 available in ARPA funding. The nine selected projects propose to generate a total of 589 units of affordable housing that include a variety of unit types focused on our most vulnerable populations. All projects have a minimum affordability period of 20 years after initial occupancy, with some as long as 40 years.

All nine funding agreements were issued in 2023. As of February 12, 2024, one project, HOPEforward, which was rehabilitation of an old hotel to create 10 new housing units is completed. As of January 10, 2025, the Cottages at Rainbow HIL, a six-unit project for seniors and special needs individuals is completed but awaiting a final Certificate of Occupancy. Construction is ongoing on five other projects. The remaining two projects (Creston Park and We Host Alliance) have not yet obtained all permits or started on site construction work; they are expected to being in spring/early summer of 2025.

*Amount Spent to Date: \$3,936,837.53*

## **B. Small Business / Non-Profit Assistance Program (\$15,750,000)**

### **1) United Way**

In February of 2022, the City allocated \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds to the United Way of Central Oklahoma to offset lost revenues to their annual campaign due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Dollars raised through United Way's campaign are used to



support the work being done by its partner agencies. As such, these ARPA funds were distributed to partner agencies that have a physical presence in Oklahoma City to offset the reduction in allocable dollars available, and funding awards are based on the shortfall in allocable dollars from the previous year's campaign.

A total of forty-nine partner agencies located within the city limits of Oklahoma City received a combined total of \$1,000,000 through this funding for use solely within the Oklahoma City limits. United Way agencies were informed that the goal of these funds is to help its agencies address the ongoing needs of the community for critical programs and resources, and that if not all funds provided were utilized that they must be returned; all agencies utilized these funds during the allocation cycle as intended.

*All of the allocated funding for this program has been spent.*

## **2) Arts Non-Profit Recovery Program**

The City allocated \$1,000,000 under the Non-Profit Assistance Program to Allied Arts to support eligible cultural and arts non-profits needing assistance to recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19. Allied Arts opened applications on May 4, 2022 and received 24 applications with requests eclipsing the \$912,500 available. After reviewing all applications, Allied Arts determined three of the 24 applications to be ineligible and recommended award amounts for the remaining 21 applicants. After City staff reviewed the approved applications, documentations, and Allied Arts' recommendations, adjustments to award requests were made as the program did not have sufficient funding to fulfill all requests. Review and follow-ups were completed in October and program funds were awarded to successful applicants in November.

The 21 arts and cultural nonprofits awarded money serve a cumulative total of 2,564,512 Oklahoma City residents.

*All of the allocated funding for this program has been spent.*

## **3) Alliance for Economic Development – Business Support Program (\$14,572,043)**

In February 2022, the City entered into an agreement with the Alliance for Economic Development (The Alliance) to provide operational and program services for three programs under the Negative Economic Impacts category: the Small Business / Non-Profit Assistance Program, the Minority / Disadvantaged Business Technical Assistance Program, and Job Training Program – collectively called the Business Support Program. The Alliance created multiple programs that fall within each of these categories and are captured in the following sections of this report. From 2022 to 2023, some of these programs were operated under the name OKC Rescue Program.

*To date, 100% of Business Support Program dollars have been allocated and 100% has been spent.*

|                                         | Actual        | Budget                    | %    |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------|
| Obligated by the City                   | \$ 20,446,500 | \$20,446,500              | 100% |
| Allocated (Programs Approved)           | \$ 20,446,500 | \$20,446,500              | 100% |
| Spent (benefit received by Beneficiary) | \$20,446,500  | \$20,446,500 <sup>1</sup> | 100% |

The following programs fall under the Small Business / Non-Profit Support component of the Business Support Program.

- **Technical Assistance Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$3,850,000

*Status:* Program provided up to \$15,000 for small businesses and non-profits to receive various types of technical assistance, including accounting, HR, legal, marketing, website design, business strategy, and architectural and engineering services. The City Manager approved the program on April 14, 2022. By the end of December 2024, The Alliance received 577 applications for Technical Assistance, qualified 268 for services, and completed \$3,880,375.25 in services for small businesses and nonprofits. Of those qualified to received services, 76% were minority-owned businesses, 47% were in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs), and 13% were nonprofits.

*Project completed.*

- **Pandemic Mitigation Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$750,000

*Status:* Program approved on April 14, 2022. Program provided reimbursement up to \$25,000 for small businesses to cover the reasonable cost of COVID-19 mitigation and prevention measures, such as: ventilation improvements, outdoor patios, customer drive-thrus, barriers/partitions, or adapting outdoor spaces for business delivery. By the end of December 2024, The Alliance received 251 applications for Pandemic Mitigation, qualified 55 for services, but only 53 submitted completion documents. We completed \$889,569 in services for small businesses and nonprofits. Of those qualified to receive services, 74% were minority-owned and 68% were in a QCT.

*Project completed.*

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<sup>1</sup> Contract between The Alliance and the City of Oklahoma City was amended in June 2024 to increase the funding available for use on approved programs. Not to exceed.

- **Facade and Storefront Improvement Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$1,200,000

*Status:* Approved by the City on April 14, 2022. Application opened April 18, 2022. Project application closed May 31, 2023. By the end of December 2024, The Alliance received 271 applications for the Facade Improvement Program, qualified 85, but only 84 submitted completion documents totaling \$1,389,198 in value. Of those who completed the project, 76% were minority-owned businesses and 62% were in a QCT.

*Project completed.*

- **Real Deal Collective Accelerator**

*Funded Amount:* \$2,150,000 (Amount for both Real Deal Programs)

*Status:* Approved by the City on July 18, 2022. The first cohort of programming ran from August 2022 to December 18, 2022. The second cohort of programming began August 2023 and finished on December 15, 2023. The third cohort of programming began August 2024 and finished in December 2024. Inside Track finished its third cohort of the Read Deal Program with 25 participants, 80% of whom are minority-owned businesses.

*Project completed.*

- **Real Deal Food and Beverage Accelerator Program**

*Funded Amount:* Amount for Both Real Deal Programs

*Status:* Approved by the City on May 22, 2024. The cohort began August 2024 and completed in November 2024. Real Deal completed the Real Deal Food and Beverage Accelerator with 13 small businesses that have brick and mortar locations for food and beverage services; 65% of participants are minority-owned small businesses. Cohort ended in November 2024.

*Project completed.*

- **Community Engagement and Outreach**

*Funded Amount:* \$450,790

*Status:* Approved by the City on April 14, 2022. A Project Change Form to reduce the budget was approved by the City on September 21, 2023. The Alliance

marketed ARPA funded small business and job training services. The Alliance reimbursed Service Providers for their ARPA-related marketing expenses.

*Project completed.*

- **Program Technology**

*Funded Amount:* \$467,851

*Status:* Project approved on April 14, 2022. The Alliance completed all technology related needs for the programs. The Alliance worked with its IT consultant to ensure it would be able to retain applicant data five years after all expenses have been made.

*Project completed.*

- **SNI Storefront Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$397,917

*Status:* Approved by the City on September 21, 2023, as the Targeted Facade Program. Application opened on January 8, 2024, and closed on March 4, 2024. By the end of December 2024, The Alliance received 33 applications total for the SNI Storefront Program, 20 of these applicants qualified for services totaling \$420,369 in value. Of those qualified to receive funding, 65% were minority-owned businesses and 100% were in a QCT. This version of facade and storefront assistance was only available to the three SNI neighborhoods: MLK, MetroPark and Capitol Hill.

*Project completed.*

- **Storefront Improvement Program (Round 3)**

*Funded Amount:* \$1,849,973

*Status:* Approved by the City on March 28, 2024. Applications opened on April 1, 2024, and closed on July 5, 2024. By the end of this quarter, The Alliance received 288 applications for the Storefront Improvement Program (Round 3) making it the most successful facade program. Of the applications received, only 189 were eligible for services. As of December 31, 2024, 179 applicants have received reimbursement totaling \$3,291,151 in value. Of those who have been served, 58% were minority-owned businesses and 75% were in a QCT.

*Project completed.*

- **Food Truck Accelerator Program**

*Funded Amount: \$260,000*

*Status:* Approved by the City on May 22, 2024. The cohort began August 2024 and completed October 2024. Synergy conducted the Food Truck Accelerator Program with 14 participants. 100% of those that participated were minority-owned businesses.

*Program concluded early; services completed in the last week of September 2024.*

- **Artist Entrepreneurship Program**

*Funded Amount: \$318,000*

*Status:* Approved by the City on March 28, 2024. The cohort began August 2024 and completed in November 2024. OVAC completed the Artist Entrepreneurship Program with 20 participating artists. 70% of artists identify as a minority-owned small business.

*Program concluded in November 2024.*

- **Program Evaluation**

*Funded Amount: \$120,000*

*Status:* Approved by the City on March 6, 2024. Program Evaluation started in May 2024 and will be completed by May 2025. Accenture continued its program evaluation work by collecting and analyzing programmatic data, conducting interviews with program managers, performing beneficiary surveys, and hosting two focus group sessions. Evaluation services will continue into 2025.

*Project ongoing.*

- **Business District Capacity Building Program**

*Funded Amount: \$460,000*

*Status:* Program approved on November 15, 2022. The program provides two years of flexible funding for business districts that are 501(c)(3) organizations, under contract with the City's CDRP or BID programs, and that operate in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). Eligible uses of funds include coverage for pandemic-related fundraising losses, payroll and benefits, and technical assistance services for the district. The Alliance completed monitoring the program agreements with the following business districts as part of the Business District Capacity Building Program:

- Asian District
- Automobile Alley
- Capitol Hill Calle Dos Cinco
- Midtown
- Plaza District
- Stockyards District
- West Village (formerly Film Row)
- WesTen

*Project completed.*

## **C. Minority / Disadvantaged Business Technical Assistance (\$3,873,890)**

### **1) Alliance for Economic Development – Business Support Program**

The Alliance for Economic Development provides operational and program services for the Business Support Program, which includes a Minority / Disadvantaged Business Support and Technical Assistance component. The status of individual programs follows.

- **StitchCrew Accelerator Program**

*Funded Amount: \$1,200,000*

*Status:* Program approved on September 26, 2022. The StitchCrew program was an eight-week business accelerator that taught startup mechanics, financial fundamentals, growth strategies, marketing, and capital access. The program provided culturally sensitive instruction with a curriculum focused on the unique challenges Latino entrepreneurs face. Upon program graduation, participants were eligible for a \$15,000 grant to implement strategies and goals developed in the accelerator. StitchCrew completed its fourth cohort of the Latino Accelerator program with 10 businesses.

*The program ended October 2024.*

- **OMFA Accelerator Program**

*Funded Amount: \$1,850,000*

*Status:* Approved by the City on December 13, 2022. The first cohort of programming finished on August 3, 2023. The second cohort of programming finished on January 18, 2024. The third cohort of programming finished on May 9, 2024. The fourth cohort of programming finished in October 2024. The fifth cohort of programming started in September 2024 and finished in December 2024.

Northeast OKC Renaissance and i2E completed the fifth cohort of OMFA programming with 10 participants. Over the five completed cohorts, OMFA served 50 minority-owned small businesses.

*Project completed.*

- **ProgressOKC Accelerator Program**

*Funded Amount: \$368,250*

*Status:* Approved by the City on December 12, 2022. The first cohort of programming ran from September 5, 2023 to December 4, 2023. The second cohort of programming ran from February 13, 2024 to April 30, 2024. The third cohort of programming finished in November 2024. ProgressOKC completed its third ARPA-funded cohort of the Generation Impact program. The third cohort concluded in November 2024.

*Project completed.*

- **Minority Supplier Program**

*Funded Amount: \$598,000*

*Status:* Approved by the City on March 7, 2023. Applications opened July 2023. Project completed September 30, 2024. The Alliance worked with Service Providers Urban League, Hispanic Chamber, and REI Oklahoma to qualify 140 minority-owned businesses for assistance in obtaining competitive contracting opportunities. Service providers provided educational and networking opportunities to minority-owned businesses and one-on-one assistance applying for contracting opportunities. The Program has helped small businesses secure \$190,000 in contracts.

*Services concluded in September 2024.*

#### **D. Job Training/Upskilling Workforce Development (\$3,228,671)**

##### **1) Alliance for Economic Development – Business Support Program**

The Alliance for Economic Development provides operational and program services for the Business Support Program, which includes a Job Training / Upskilling Workforce Development component. The status of individual programs follows.

- **Code Fellows Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount: \$392,490*

*Status:* Program approved on January 3, 2023. Code Fellows offered a robust online coding bootcamp with two learning tracks: (1) software development; and (2) operations and cybersecurity. Each track offered four progressive levels of courses leading to advanced subject mastery. Project started July 2023 and ended in July 2024.

*Code Fellows ended their program in July 2024.*

- **Homeless Alliance Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$366,733

*Status:* Program approved on December 12, 2022. Homeless Alliance provided job training for Curbside Apparel, a social enterprise program that teaches homeless individuals screen printing production and retail operations. Homeless Alliance also provided Employment Support, which is case management to help homeless individuals transition out of homelessness through housing and career support. Curbside Flowers and Curbside Apparel program participants were eligible for Employment Support.

*Project was completed in September 2024.*

- **It's My Community Initiative Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$525,000

*Status:* Program approved on February 9, 2023. It's My Community Initiative (IMCI) collaborated with Work Ready Oklahoma to partner low-income participants with local workforce development job training partners. Participants were able to receive training in a range of industries from culinary to housekeeping to administrative to CDL. Participants also received wrap-around case management services. IMCI received approval for 117 individuals to begin training, 78% identified as a racial/ethnic minority.

*Project ended in October 2024.*

- **Mid-America Christian University (MACU) Skills Development Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$106,761

*Status:* Program approved on December 12, 2022. MACU utilized ARPA funds to provide scholarships for eligible students enrolled in cybersecurity and data analytics courses.

*Project completed in September 2024.*



- **ReMerge Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount: \$254,000*

*Status:* Program approved on November 15, 2022. The ReMerge Digital Skills Career Pathway Training program provided 13 weeks of instruction and hands-on experience in coding and IT support to mothers in the criminal justice system. ReMerge Career Readiness offered wrap-around services to help participants develop industry-agnostic soft skills, prepare for interviews, and manage the job search process. Catalyst Cookies provided culinary skill development and ServSafe certification.

*Project was completed in September 2024.*

- **Regional Food Bank/TEEM Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount: \$780,000*

*Status:* Program approved on January 3, 2023. Regional Food Bank (RFBO) and TEEM provided culinary training to participants who were justice-involved. Participants were part of an eight-week intensive culinary training and received a ServSafe certificate and experienced working in commercial kitchens. Regional Food Bank and TEEM completed training services in culinary training, food manufacturing, and warehouse management.

*Project completed October 2024.*

- **RestoreOKC Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount: \$265,239*

*Status:* Program approved on February 9, 2023. RestoreOKC provided janitorial and housekeeping training through the Wellspring Cleaning training program. Participants got hands-on experience supporting the Wellspring Cleaning social enterprise, which allowed low-income and vulnerable participants stability and structure necessary to start rebuilding their lives. RestoreOKC also had participants attend WorkLife and MoneyLife classes, to learn essential life and money management skills necessary for long term employability and economic advancement.

*Project completed in September 2024.*

- **Rose State Skills Development Program**

*Funded Amount: \$30,000*

*Status:* Program approved on January 3, 2023. Rose State offered eligible students studying cybersecurity scholarships, class material assistance, tutoring, and resume writing assistance. Rose State served its last cohort of students enrolled in cybersecurity and IT courses in November 2024.

*Project completed.*

- **OKCoders Job Training Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$170,000

*Status:* Program approved on December 22, 2022. OKCoders was a six-month, part-time coding bootcamp where participants learned coding and software development skills. After the coding bootcamp, OKCoders worked with Techlahoma and the Verge to place graduates into internships with local technology companies, so participants could apply the skills they learned in the program. Two students completed internship opportunities with local technology companies.

*Project completed December 2024.*

- **CEO Training Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$311,550

*Status:* Approved by the City on May 6, 2024 and it served 90 individuals, 71% which identified as a racial/ethnic minority.

*Project completed.*

- **Gener8tor Skills Accelerator Program**

*Funded Amount:* \$353,678

*Status:* Approved by the City on May 6, 2024 and started its services in June 2024. Gener8tor completed programming for up to 70 individuals, 69% which identified as a racial/ethnic minority.

*Project completed.*

## **E. Tourism Recovery (\$5,000,000)**

### **1) CVB (\$4,500,000)**

In April, 2022, City Council approved an agreement with the Oklahoma City Economic Development Foundation, Inc. to provide \$4.28 million to the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) for services that encourage, promote, and foster the development of Oklahoma City. Due to the negative economic impact of COVID-19 on tourism, the

CVB had to curtail its promotional activities in support of tourism, travel, and hospitality. The Agreement was amended on June 18, 2024 to extend the term of the agreement and reallocate expenditure subcategories. Per the agreement, the funds must be spent by June 30, 2026.

*As of December 31, 2024, \$3,632,238 has been allocated for marketing production, visitor experience, event promotion and customer development.*

## **2) ASM Event Promotion (\$500,000)**

In June 2022, the City approved an agreement with SMG an operating entity of ASM Global, allocating \$500,000 for marketing events at Paycom Center. The funds are slated for marketing shows/events outside the OKC metro and grouped by genre (country, pop, rock, religious, dirt shows, etc.).

*To date, \$423,914.11 has been encumbered or spent on 34 events and shows since being awarded the funds.*

## **3. Response to Public Health Emergency (\$7,000,000)**

This category allows for the use of Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide programs related to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, tracing, COVID case monitoring, vaccine promotion, public health facility construction and infrastructure, testing and vaccine equipment and supplies, and sewage monitoring.

### **A. Oklahoma City-County Health Department (\$5,000,000)**

In December of 2021, Council approved an agreement with the City-County Health Department (OCCHD) for the following programs.

#### **1) Tracking and Analysis (\$200,000)**

This project included technology for the collection and display of public health information related to COVID-19 in Oklahoma City as well as the surrounding areas. In September 2023, OCCHD requested to reallocate funds from this project to the Permanent & Mobile Health Centers project under the subcategory below.

*As of 2024, OCCHD is requesting to reallocate the remaining funds to the health centers.*

#### **2) Permanent and Mobile Health Centers (\$4,050,000)**

This subcategory includes the construction of a permanent health center in south Oklahoma City to provide COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and health screenings. This also includes purchase of vehicles, trailers, tents and other supplies used to set up mobile or remote testing and vaccine sites. Total expenditures for this project amount to \$4,250,000, covering the mobile units and construction costs for the permanent

structure through December 2024. Both mobile units have been built and delivered and construction of the South Annex, the permanent structure, has been completed. structure.

*Included in the total expenditure is the final invoice that is being reviewed where we are requesting reimbursement of the remaining \$702,628.83.*

### **3) Communications and Information (\$750,000)**

This subcategory includes the cost of outreach, advertising, and media buys to provide residents information about testing, preventative measures, the vaccine, and other messages that are necessary to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

*The full allocation has been expended on the “Choose Today” media campaign.*

## **B. University of Oklahoma (\$1,000,000)**

In March of 2022, Council approved an agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma (“University”) to conduct research of local wastewater to assess the prevalence and transmission of COVID-19 within Oklahoma City or similar communities. The University, with partners at the OU Health Sciences Center, has been utilizing the ARPA funding to monitor SARS-CoV-2 and a suite of other pathogens in wastewater across Oklahoma City. This data is utilized to survey and predict COVID-19 and other infectious disease prevalence at the population level and track trends in the number of cases in OKC.

In the case of COVID-19, they are able to predict case numbers a week in advance of when they are reported from within the sewage drainage area. This monitoring has been completed twice weekly at both the wastewater treatment plant scale, and at the neighborhood scale. The data is provided on a public dashboard that is updated twice a week. The team at OU also meets with representatives from the City of Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma City County Health Department on a biweekly basis to discuss implications and evolving uses for these results. For the first six months of the contract, they monitored 13 neighborhoods in Oklahoma City.

In August 2022, they modified the neighborhood locations to only three representative neighborhoods; the public was no longer responding to the additional information at the neighborhood level, but the representative neighborhood information was still valuable to the public health community in Oklahoma City. A no-cost extension was granted until August 31, 2023 to utilize the remaining funds for waste water treatment plant monitoring and limited neighborhood analysis.

*The project is now complete, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health has taken over funding of sampling at two treatment plants in Oklahoma City.*

### **C. Griffin Memorial Hospital (\$1,000,000)**

In January 2023, Council approved a Resolution allocating \$1,000,000 for the relocation of Griffin Memorial Hospital to Oklahoma City and approved a funding agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). ODMHSAS is planning on constructing the replacement facility for Griffin Memorial Hospital within the corporate limits of The City of Oklahoma City.

*ODMHSAS has invoiced the City for its contribution to this project to secure the lease on the site for the future facility.*