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ARPA Report to Flint Residents

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City of Flint ARPA funds at work



FLINT RX KIDS

Investing in families to improve health outcomes for babies

Flint Rx Kids, allocated **\$1 million** from ARPA **Contingency** funds, provides every new mom in Flint with \$1,500 during mid-pregnancy. After birth, families receive \$500 per month for the baby's first 12 months of life. Flint residents who are pregnant or have a baby born as of Jan. 1, 2024, can sign up at FlintRxKids.com.



DEMOLITION

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT: Demolishing vacant, hazardous structures for a safer Flint

A **\$16 million** allocation to the Genesee County Land Bank has been leveraged into over \$40 million to demolish up to 1,900 vacant and hazardous structures in Flint neighborhoods. Demolition began in April 2023 and continues in every city ward, improving safety and quality of life for Flint families. Take a look at the demolition list and schedule: www.thelandbank.org/demofunding.asp

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This new publication of the City of Flint provides updates on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocations and their impact on our community.



HOME REPAIR: \$5 MILLION



RX KIDS: \$1 MILLION



DEMOLITION: \$16 MILLION



PARKS & COMMUNITY CENTERS: \$4.6 MILLION



PUBLIC SAFETY \$2.3 MILLION



BLIGHT REMOVAL \$1.8 MILLION

ARPA Spending Categories

Housing, Blight Elimination and Neighborhood Stabilization

Economic Development

Public Health

Public Safety

Infrastructure

Revenue Replacement

Contingency

Administration & Premium Pay

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Welcome to the City of Flint ARPA newsletter, where we provide updates on ARPA allocations and the impact of ARPA funds in the Flint community.

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provided \$1.9 trillion of government aid nationwide to combat the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Flint was awarded \$94.7 million.

ARPA funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024 and spent by Dec. 31, 2026. The City of Flint completed obligation of funds in December 2023 and continues to move forward to implement the spending plan approved by the Flint City Council in October 2022.

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Home repair and accessibility services improve health and wellbeing for Flint residents

\$5,050,000 is allocated for home repairs and accessibility modifications for Flint homeowners. Five organizations are providing services to Flint residents at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, per federal ARPA regulations.



INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS

# Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Max. Household Income	\$43,740	\$59,160	\$74,580	\$90,000	\$105,420	\$120,840	\$136,260	\$151,680

The Disability Network

Services provided: Ramps, home accessibility modifications

Funds allocated: \$675,000

Eligibility: City of Flint resident homeowner, any neighborhood, income-based, accessibility needs

Phone: 810-742-1800

Caption Call: 810-742-7647

Address: 3600 S Dort Highway, Suite 54
Flint, MI 48507

www.disnetwork.org

Genesee County Community Action Resource Dept. (GCCARD)

Services provided: Home repair

Funds allocated: \$850,000

Eligibility: City of Flint resident homeowner, any neighborhood, income-based

Phone: (810) 232-2185

Address: 1101 Beach St., Suite 285
Flint, MI 48502

www.geneseecountymi.gov/departments/gccard

Habitat for Humanity

Services provided: Home repair

Funds allocated: \$1,550,000

Eligibility: City of Flint resident homeowner, any neighborhood, income-based

Phone: (810) 766-9089

Address: 101 Burton St.
Flint, MI 48503

www.geneseehabitat.org



Court Street Village

Services provided: Exterior house painting, roof replacement

Funds allocated: \$425,000

Eligibility: City of Flint resident homeowner in Central Park or Fairfield Village, income-based

Phone: (810) 767-0603

Address: Court Street United Methodist annex
215 W. Court St.
Flint, MI 48502

www.courtstreetvillage.org

Metro Community Development

Services provided: Home repair

Funds allocated: \$1,550,000

Eligibility: City of Flint resident homeowner, any neighborhood, income-based

Phone: (810) 767-4622

Address: 1174 Robert T. Longway Blvd.
Flint, MI 48503

www.metrocommunitydevelopment.com



Rollingwood Park in Flint's 3rd Ward has fun, fresh playground equipment, and improvements to the park's basketball court are on the way.

City Council Ward Priorities

The City of Flint ARPA plan includes \$270,000 for priority projects in each of the nine city wards. Each ward will receive \$30,000 for ARPA-compliant uses to be determined by its council member.

Each project proposed by the Council Members must include a detailed project budget, key performance indicators, and a narrative describing the use of funds.

APPROVED WARD PRIORITY PROJECTS

WARD 2: City Council President and 2nd Ward Councilmember Ladel Lewis proposed \$10,000 for summer lawn care maintenance of properties that are either owned by the Genesee County Land Bank or have been abandoned by private owners in the Clio Rd. business district.

WARD 3: Councilmember Quincy Murphy proposed \$29,000 for improvements to basketball courts at Dewey Park and Rollingwood Park, and two neighborhood beautification and cleanup projects. Existing basketball equipment will be replaced at both parks, and the basketball court at Rollingwood Park will be expanded from a half court to a full-size court with new asphalt.

WARD PRIORITIES PENDING

- Ward Priorities \$231,000



City of Flint Service Center now open at 4813 Clio Rd. Flint, MI

DRIVE-THRU TAX AND WATER BILL PAY:
Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES:
Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Water filters, water testing kits, Fentanyl testing strips, Narcan kits, and referrals to housing and other public health resources are now available inside the building.



Free grant-funded trash and recycling carts coming this fall

- Cascade Engineering will manufacture the carts to ensure durability for 10+ years.
- 96-gallon trash carts and 64-gallon recycling carts will be distributed this fall to all residential households in the city of Flint.
- Made possible by \$1 million from EGLE, \$3.3 million grant from The Recycling Partnership, and a donation of 1.2 million pounds of plastic resin from Dow Chemical.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Projects in progress/completed:

- Miller Road Water Main \$2,203,634.27
- Sidewalk Assessment \$111,000
- Sidewalk Repair \$1,500,000
- City-Owned Tree Maintenance and Removal \$1,725,000
- Dump Truck \$150,000
- Loader (Macqueen) \$196,579

INFRASTRUCTURE: WHAT'S NEXT

Projects pending city council approval

- Excavator and Low Boy Trailer \$320,000
- Skid Steer \$140,000
- Sidewalk Repair \$389,000
- City-Owned Tree Maintenance and Removal \$275,000

Administration and Evaluation

- Ernst & Young Administration and Compliance, up to \$2,035,030
- ARPA Contract Coordinators and Community Center Liaison, \$1,462,500

Ernst & Young, a top-four accounting firm in the US, tracks and ensures that every ARPA dollar is spent in compliance with federal regulations.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- Renovation of Flint City Council Chambers \$325,321.33
- Flint Downtown Development Authority pandemic parking revenue loss, \$250,000
- Revenue replacement for uncollected trash fees due to tax foreclosure \$2,000,000

GOVERNMENT SERVICES PENDING

- City Council Chambers \$174,678.67
- Ward Priorities \$231,000

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Public Health Office \$121,249.25

FOOD ACCESS:

- Operation of Help Centers \$450,000
- Asbury Community Development Center \$100,000
- RL Jones Community Outreach Center \$100,000
- Franklin Ave. Mission \$22,000

HEALTHCARE ACCESS, EQUITY AND RESEARCH

- The Disability Network renovations for building accessibility \$275,000
- Salvation Army Respite Program \$650,000
- Michigan Breastfeeding Network \$115,000
- The Good Church Cleaners \$145,000
- Genesee Health Plan \$300,000

MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS AND SERVICES

- Flint Odyssey House \$111,000
- First Presbyterian Church \$150,000
- St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center \$200,000
- Voices for Children Advocacy Center \$200,000

PUBLIC HEALTH: WHAT'S NEXT

Projects pending city council approval

Community Grants Pending

- Mental Health Referral Services \$339,000
- Food Access and Urban Gardens \$778,000
- Youth Wellness \$500,000
- Healthcare Access, Equity, Research \$515,000

City Internal Projects Pending

- Public Health Office \$303,750.75
- Homelessness \$500,000
- Water Affordability Project \$250,000

CONTINGENCY

Contingency funds were reserved to meet urgent community needs that were not identified in the Oct. 2022 ARPA spending plan.

- City Hall Building Repairs \$500,000
- Police Cameras \$336,484.53
- Matching funds for 2021 Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program Grant \$578,107.90
- Berston Field House renovation additional matching funds \$1,000,000
- Rx Kids \$1,000,000
- Disparities in Cancer Screening \$50,000
- GovernmentJobs.com: Human Resources tool to improve hiring process \$114,139.77

Pending: \$700,818.53 to address emergent community needs

PUBLIC SAFETY



NEW POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

Since 2021, Flint's homicide rate has dropped by 40% thanks to new public safety initiatives and tools. ARPA-funded initiatives like youth violence prevention, hiring bonuses to recruit officers, and neighborhood traffic interventions are improving public safety in Flint.

- Cold Case Unit \$350,000
- Witness Protection Program \$300,000
- Police Dept. Security Fencing \$50,118.20
- Police Vehicles \$449,990
- Police Video Monitors \$121,397.69
- PAL Youth Program \$250,000
- Police and Fire Hiring Bonuses \$500,000
- Traffic Calming Speed Humps \$200,000
- Fire Dept. Shoes, Uniforms, Vehicle Outfitting, Smoke Detectors \$88,429.70
- Police and Fire Training \$100,000



Premium Pay for Essential Workers: \$2,788,800

Essential workers received premium pay for working during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC SAFETY: WHAT'S NEXT

Projects pending city council approval

City Internal Projects Pending

- Surveillance Cameras \$78,602.31
- Street Lighting \$2,800,000
- Violence Interrupter Pilot \$1,000,000
- Fire Department Equipment \$911,570.30
- Security for City Employee Lot \$19,881.80

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Emerging Developer Training Program in partnership with LISC \$375,000
- Small Business Grants with LISC, \$500,000
- Property Disposition Program Manager to facilitate sale of city-owned property \$225,000
- Qwally CRM platform for Building & Safety Inspections, Zoning, Business Licensing, and Economic Development \$500,000
- Oak Business Center roof repair \$651,200
- Urban Renaissance Center Youth Job Training \$225,000
- Safe & Clean Summer Youth Job Training Program \$200,000

Historic redevelopment of Buick City brownfield expected to bring 3,000 jobs to north Flint

A \$3.25 million **Economic Development** allocation helped prepare the Buick City brownfield site for redevelopment. Ashley Capital is investing \$300 million to build 3.5 million sq.ft. of light industrial space. This development, called the Flint Commerce Center, is expected to bring 3,000 good-paying jobs to Flint's north side.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: WHAT'S NEXT

Projects pending city council approval

Community Grants Pending

- Youth Job Training \$1,975,000

City Internal Projects Pending

- Reactivate Oak Business Center \$273,800

HOUSING, BLIGHT ELIMINATION & NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION

The largest category of Flint's ARPA plan is dedicated to improving quality of life in neighborhoods. We have invested in removing blight, supporting affordable housing development, and revitalizing and activating parks and community centers as vibrant spaces that strengthen neighborhoods.



IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

- Berston Field House Renovation and Expansion \$2.5 million, including \$1 million in matching funds from Contingency
- Brennan and Hasselbring Senior Center Improvements \$300,000
- St. John Street Neighborhood Memorial Park \$500,000
- Citywide Park Improvements \$1,368,158



Berston Field House Renovation and Expansion

Berston Field House is the City of Flint's oldest recreational facility with 100 years of legacy and impact, and we are making sure it continues to be a neighborhood anchor and resource for families. Renovations are underway thanks to a variety of funding sources, including **\$2.5 million** in Flint ARPA funds. A new gymnasium will triple the size of the field house with basketball courts and an elevated track. Plans also include a boxing gym and art, music, and dance studios.

Recently acquired land surrounding Berston will feature all-new outdoor basketball and pickleball courts, a softball diamond, and multisport fields. An amphitheater for outdoor performances, a splash pad, a children's playground, and new parking lots will allow more residents to enjoy this vibrant community resource.

New equipment helps fight blight

Thanks to **\$1 million** in ARPA investments, the City of Flint Blight Office has the equipment it needs and has increased cleanup of blight violations and illegal dumping sites citywide. The Blight Office works with Neighborhood Safety Officers to enforce ordinances. Flint residents can help by reporting blight and illegal dumping.

REPORT BLIGHT:

Call **810-237-2090**

Email FightBlight@CityofFlint.com

Fill out an online form at CityofFlint.com/Blight

Grants for Neighborhood Cleanup Projects

- Latinx Tech. & Community Center \$25,000
- The Good Church \$50,000
- Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village \$50,000
- Mott Park/Neighborhood Engagement Hub \$50,000
- Clark Commons Garden & Park/Mott Community College \$25,000
- James E. Kennedy Family Life Center Cleaners Project \$50,000
- Friends of Hasselbring Volunteer Group/Flint Innovative Solutions \$17,315
- Southside Neighborhood Coalition/Neighborhood Engagement Hub \$50,000
- Sarvis Park Neighborhood Association/Neighborhood Engagement Hub \$50,000



Grants for Alternative Uses of Vacant Lots

- Active Boys in Christ \$25,000
- Latinx Tech. & Community Center \$25,000
- Historic Carriage Town/Neighborhood Engagement Hub \$25,000
- James E. Kennedy Family Life Center Chalets Village Project \$25,000
- Friends of Berston Field House \$25,000
- North Flint Neighborhood Action Council/Sylvester Broome Empower Village \$25,000
- Communities First \$25,000
- Reroot Pontiac/Reroot Flint project \$25,000

Water Bill Credits: \$8.6 million

All active residential water accounts received \$300 credits on September 29, 2022. On average, this reduced the cost of water for Flint residents by one-fourth in 2022, mitigating financial impacts of the pandemic.



We're tackling the affordable housing shortage by investing in new homes and mixed-use spaces that improve quality of life in our community.

- Clark Commons \$2,000,000
- Catholic Charities Sacred Heart Village Tiny Homes for Veterans \$400,000
- Communities First rehab of 724 S. Grand Traverse St. \$125,000
- Habitat for Humanity Sylvan Court Almost Home \$150,000
- Latinx Early Childhood Center \$150,000
- YMCA LiveWell on Harrison \$200,000
- McFarlan Villages Senior Apartments \$250,000
- Safe & Just Michigan Nation Outside Housing Program \$25,000
- Metro Community Development \$50,000
- Communities First Oak Street Senior Apartments \$50,000

Neighborhood Improvement: What's Next

Projects pending city council approval

Community Grants Pending

- Neighborhood Cleanup \$620,184.77
- Alternative Use of Vacant Lots \$350,000
- Homeowner Education Financial Literacy Training \$50,000

City Internal Projects Pending

- Parks & Community Centers \$338,683.77