



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Round Two Distribution Planning
Worksession Agenda**

Friday July 22, 2022; 11-3pm, City Hall, Suite 155

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – 5 mins**
 - 2. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT PRIORITY LIST AND MATERIALS – 10 mins**
 - 3. FINALIZE PRIORITY LEVEL 1 LIST – 30 mins**
Set funding amounts
 - 4. REVIEW RECREATION LIST – 30 mins**
Finalize projects and set funding amounts
 - 5. REVIEW \$100K AND UNDER – 30 mins**
Finalize projects and set funding amounts
 - 6. AROUND THE TABLE EXERCISE – 60 mins**
Members each get 2-3 more rounds to move projects from priority level 3 to priority level 2
 - 7. REVIEW PRIORITY LEVEL 2 – 60 mins**
Finalize projects and set funding amounts
 - 8. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS – 15 mins**
 - 9. ADJOURNMENT**
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BACKGROUND

At the July 7 worksession, Assembly Members went around the table to nominate their top priority projects and hold short discussions on the merits/questions/concerns of each project. This led to the following categorization of projects, as well as a short list of projects that required further research (see the full priority list and the ensuing research report at: www.muni.org/worksessions).

Priority Funding Levels as of July 8, 2022

Category	Next Step	Category Total	Running Total
Urgent Needs (10.G.s Resolution No. AR 2022-XXX)	If the AR passes, remove \$amount from ARPA AR	\$3.4M	\$3.4M
Priority Level 1 (Has broad support from Assembly)	Agree on final proposed amounts	\$24.7M	\$28.1M
Priority Level 2 (Has a champion on Assembly, but some questions remain)	Address concerns, see if they can be overcome - if so, determine funding level, if not-remove from list or lower the funding amount	\$13.9M	\$42M
Recreational – Has a champion on Assembly, but needs to be considered as one group	Review list as a whole and determine funding amounts and items to remove	\$9.4M	\$51.4M
Priority Level 3 - \$100K and under (Has a champion on the Assembly, but did not make first rounds)	Each of these has at least one champion - decide if any are no-gos; fund the rest as funding is available	\$1.2M	\$52.7M
Priority Level 3 - Over \$100K (Has a champion on the Assembly, but did not make first rounds)	If higher priorities are funded at current levels, there is no funding for these. Determine if funding can be lowered or removed from other priorities to see if any of these can be funded	\$33.7M	\$86.1M

Note: ARPA Fund is \$51,658,683

Notes from Anchorage Assembly Discussion on ARPA vision at July 7, 2022 Worksession

What do Assembly Members mean when they say they want to prioritize transformative projects?

- Projects that give returns into the future
- One project that meets many goals and has many impacts (multiple value propositions)
- Projects that make positive change for the future
- Will the MOA continue to positively benefit one year from now if this project is funded
- Impact community immediately, but also continue far into the future
- Prioritize projects and things that have been sidelined for many years
- Projects that offset effects of inflation
- Sustainable, synergistic, broad-based community impact
- Elevating for the group that it impacts
- Equity – elevate voices and create opportunities for historically marginalized communities
- Lasting, impactful
- Leverage/unlock additional resources
- Change trajectory of intractable issues

What message do Assembly Members want to send to Anchorage residents with these funds?

- We take responsibility for spending Anchorage's money (as if it was our own)
 - That we've been listening and are responsive to needs
 - That we're putting politics aside and coming together for our community
 - That this is a unique opportunity to invest in areas we couldn't or wouldn't otherwise – today's investments need to have systemic impact
 - That we are looking to support groups that haven't received past funds and spread around the funds to a wide variety of groups, especially the small projects where a small amount can make a big difference
 - That our process for selection has been open, transparent and deliberative
 - That we are selecting from a pool of requests much larger than the funds we have available and not all good projects will get funded
 - That we care about the vulnerable people in our community and want to help them meet their basic needs to survive and thrive in this community; prioritizing foundational/basic needs over "nice to haves"
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