



Agenda

Special Meeting of the
Bell City Council

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

5:15 P.M. OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE BUSINESS SESSION

BELL COMMUNITY CENTER
6250 PINE AVENUE, BELL CA 90201

Monica Arroyo
Mayor

Fidencio Joel Gallardo
Vice-Mayor

Ana Maria Quintana
Council Member

Alicia Romero
Council Member

Ali Saleh
Council Member

Welcome to the City Council Meeting

The Bell City Council and staff welcome you. This is your City Government. Individual participation is a basic part of American Democracy and all Bell residents are encouraged to attend meetings of the City Council. Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue. For more information, you may call City Hall during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at (323) 588-6211 Extension 2615.

City Council Organization

There are five City Council members, one of whom serves as Mayor and is the presiding officer of the City Council. These are your elected representatives who act as a Board of Directors for the City of Bell. City Council members are like you, concerned residents of the community who provide guidance in the operation of your City.

Addressing the City Council

If you wish to speak to the City Council on any item which is listed or not listed on the City Council Agenda, please complete a *Request to Speak Card* available in the back of the City Council Chambers. Please submit the completed card to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. The Mayor will call you to the microphone at the appropriate time if you have filled out a *Request to Speak Card*. At that time, approach the podium and please clearly state your name and address, and proceed to make your comments.

Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Bell, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), request individuals who require special accommodation(s) to access, attend, and or participate in a City meeting due to disability. Please contact the City Clerk's Office, (323) 588-6211, Ext. 2615, at least one business day prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure that we may assist you.

Statement Regarding Compensation for Members of the Bell City Council

Compensation for the members of the Bell City Council is \$673 a month. In accordance with Government Code Section 54952.3, Councilmembers will not receive any additional compensation or stipend for the convening of the following regular meetings: Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, the Bell Community Housing Authority, the Bell Public Finance Authority, the Bell Surplus Property Authority, and the Bell Solid Waste Authority.

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Location: Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue, Bell CA 90201

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT THE BELL COMMUNITY CENTER

PUBLIC COMMENT: If you wish to make a comment on items listed on the agenda, you may attend the meeting in-person at Bell Community Center. Please complete a Request to Speak Card available in the location and wait until the mayor calls you to approach the podium. Please clearly state your name and address and proceed to make your comments.

You may also submit input electronically through a temporary public comment email established for City of Bell City Council meetings at cityclerk@cityofbell.org. Your written comment must be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Any emails received after the time indicated will not be included in the record. Written Comments will be subject to the three minute time limitation (approximately 350 words).

The meeting will be recorded and live streamed on the City's website at <http://www.cityofbell.org/?NavID=101>

Call to Order

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of all Related Agencies: Quintana, Romero, Saleh, Gallardo and Arroyo

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations and Recognitions

None.

Communications from the Public

This is the time members of the public may address the City Council and related Authorities and Agencies on items that are on the agenda only. (Each speaker is limited to three minutes)

Business Session

1. Discussion on the City's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. (*City Council*)

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council discuss, provide direction, and approve a Strategic Implementation Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.*

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies will recess to closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

- a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS- Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency designated representatives: City Manager Michael L. Antwine, Sergio Ibarra (Human Resources & Risk Manager), and Colin Tanner (Contract Deputy City Attorney) Employee Organization: Bell City Employees Association (BCEA)
- b) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS- Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency designated representatives: Sergio Ibarra (Human Resources & Risk Manager), Colin Tanner (Contract Deputy City Attorney) Employee Organization: All Unpresented Employees and at-will Management Group

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney will report out on any action(s) to be taken by the City Council/Agencies on Closed Session matters.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 2022

I, Angela Bustamante, City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on October 4, 2022 at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting as required by law.

Angela Bustamante
Angela Bustamante, City Clerk

City of Bell Agenda Report

DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Michael L. Antwine II, City Manager
Javier Ochiqui, Contracts and Facilities Manager

APPROVED BY: Michael L. Antwine II, City Manager (e-signature)

BY: _____
Michael L. Antwine II, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion on the City's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss, provide direction, and approve a Strategic Implementation Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Bell was allocated \$8,497,378 million in funding, of which, the city received \$4,248,689 on July 13, 2021, and \$4,248,689 on July 21, 2022.

The City implemented a comprehensive community outreach plan that provided input from the community (public), stakeholders, city staff and elected officials. The outreach plan consisted of six (6) meetings between August 2021 and August 2022.

As a recipient of CSLFR Fund award, the City can spend these funds in the following four (4) statutory categories:

1. Respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impact.
2. Investment in Water, Sewer, and Broadband infrastructure.
3. Premium Pay for Essential Workers - to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the recipient, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work.
4. Loss of Government Revenue - For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council has approved \$2,508,802 of \$8,497,378 in ARPA funding. The City is required to obligate all funds by December 2024; and expenditure of funds by December 2026.

The City's remaining unallocated ARPA balance of \$5,988,576 million dollars; in addition to, the previously approved \$2,508,802 million dollars will be incorporated within the Implementation Plan.

The Table A below list the City's previously approved ARPA projects.

Table A

City Organizational Study	\$50,000
Holiday Decorations – Upgrade No. 1	\$223,656.15
Youth Sports Public Health Assistance	\$241,000
Atlantic Avenue Specific Plan	\$69,730
Cheli Area Specific Plan	\$130,270
Springbrook Financial System	\$281,000
City Website Redesign	\$140,000
Live Stream Services Upgrade	\$90,000
Bell Community Center Audio/Visual Upgrade	\$70,000
Zoning Code Update	\$250,000
Encampment and Homeless Services Response	\$80,000
Police Vehicles	\$200,000
Covid Relief Fund Replenishment to the General Fund	\$683,146
TOTAL	\$2,508,802

Staff has categorized the City's ARPA allocation based on the City Council's Budget Priorities: **Economic Development, Public Infrastructure, Community Services, and Fiscal Health and Sustainability.**

The next step in the development of the Implementation Plan is for the City Council to approve the proposed ARPA projects listed in Table B and/or provide staff with additional projects from which to allocate ARARP funding.

Table B

Economic Development	\$2,925,000
City Facilities and Infrastructure	\$1,125,000
Community Services Programs	\$483,576
Fiscal Health and Sustainability	\$355,000
Citywide Fleet Replacement Program	\$600,000
Information & Technology Improvements & Upgrades (FY 22-23 Budget)	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$5,988,576

Upon Council approval of the Implementation Plan, staff will begin to implement ARPA projects and present subsequent Council agenda items for further implementation based on the nature of the project and in compliance with the City's Financial Policies and Procedures.

In conclusion, the City Manager's Office will present a semi-annual report to the City Council regarding the status of the ARPA Strategic Implementation Plan. The first semi-annual report will be presented in January/February 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Strategic Implementation Plan Workshop



City of Bell

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Strategic Implementation Plan Workshop

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Presented By:

Michael L. Antwine II, City Manager

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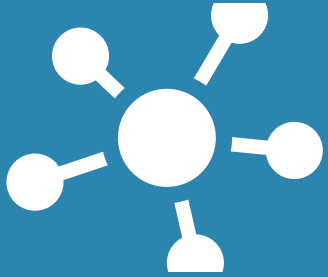
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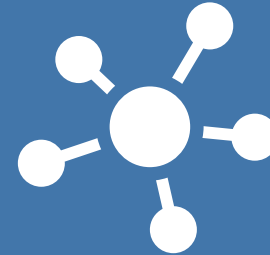
OVERVIEW

GOALS AND PRIORITIES



Economic
Development

Fiscal
Sustainability



Public
Infrastructure

Community
Services and
Programs





ARPA ALLOCATION

The City of Bell was awarded \$8,497,378, in two separate payments.

1st Installment: \$ 4,248,689 received on July 13, 2021.

2nd Installment: \$ 4,248,689 received on July 21, 2022.

Total Award: \$ 8,497,378

COUNCIL APPROVED ARPA PROJECTS

DISCRIPTION	AMOUNT
City Organizational Study	\$50,000
Holiday Decorations – Upgrade No. 1	\$223,656.15
Youth Sports Public Health Assistance	\$241,000
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Bell-ARPA FUND BALANCE

Total Award: \$8,497,378

Council Approved Projects: \$2,508,802

Current Balance: \$5,988,576



USE OF FUNDS

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Return On Investment (ROI) is a way of measuring whether anything brings more revenue or benefit than it costs; such as: Revenue Growth, Marketing, Organizational Efficiencies and Facility Improvements



- Infrastructure Improvements (Streets, Roads, Rivers-Waterways and Facilities)
- Economic Development (increased sales tax, property tax and job creation)
- Premium Pay For Essential Workers (Increased morale and employee retention)
- Technology Improvements for City Services

INELIGIBLE USES OF THE FUNDS

Exclusions

- *Legal Settlements or Judgements*
- *Funding Debt Service*

Pension Deposits

No recipient of ARP funds may use the funding to make a deposit into a pension fund.

Other Exclusions

- *Deposit into Rainy Day Funds or Financial Reserves*
- *Non-Federal Match for Other Federal Programs*

ELIGIBLE USES

Respond to Covid-19 or the Negative Economic Impact

Investment in Water, Sewer, and Broadband

To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 Disease or its negative economic impacts.

To make necessary investment in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

ELIGIBLE USES

Premium Pay for Essential Workers

To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 health emergency by providing premium pay or grants to eligible workers.

Applies to employees deemed essential, who reported to work in person.

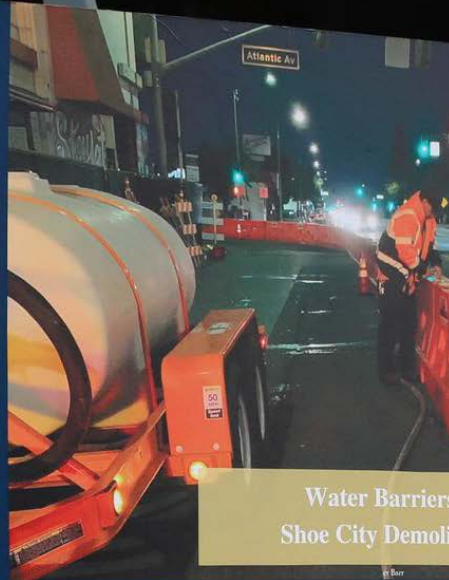
Loss of Government Revenue

For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Proceeds can only be used to provide direct services or aide to citizens.



Sidewalk Repair
San Luis Ave



Water Barriers
Shoe City Demolition



Main Line Repair
Veterans Memorial Park



Tree Service
Bandini Blvd

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



Economic Development - \$2,925,000

- Development Incentive Program - \$2,250,000
- Gage Avenue Specific Plan - \$200,000
- Covid-19 Small Business Relief Grant Program - \$100,000
- Mobile Marketing Trailer - \$175,000
- Rebranding and Marketing - \$200,000

City Facilities and Infrastructure - \$1,125,000

- Facility Repair – (City Hall, BCC, PD, Bell House) - \$500,000
- Citywide Cameras System - \$325,000
- Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) \$300,000

IT System Improvements - \$500,000 (FY 22-23)

- Human Resources System, Agenda Mgt Software, Open Gov, Text My gov, Public Safety, IT Cyber Security

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



- Community Services Programs - \$483,576
 - Sports Netting at Park - \$175,000
 - Debs & Veterans Park repairs - \$208,576
 - Youth Sports & After School Programs - \$100,000
- Fiscal Health and Sustainability - \$355,000
 - Updated 5-year Strategic Plan - \$50,000
 - Fiscal Sustainability Plan/Policies/Fees - \$180,000
 - Sales Tax Analysis - \$125,000
- Citywide Fleet Replacement Program - \$600,000
 - Various City Departments - \$600,000
- Eligible Projects Total: \$5,988,576

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

