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## PRESS RELEASE

# City of Schenectady Announces Application for American Rescue Plan Funds to Support Local Community Initiatives

**SCHENECTADY** – Mayor Gary McCarthy [announced](#) the City of Schenectady is accepting applications for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Applications are available [online](#) and at Schenectady City Hall. The tentative deadline for this initial round of applications is December 31, 2021.

To familiarize and assist applicants with the application format, two technical assistance sessions will be held via WebEx on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**, from **11:00am – 12:00pm** and from **6:00pm – 7:00pm**. Attendance at one of these sessions is encouraged for all potential grantees.

11:00am – 12:00pm: <a href="#">WebEx Link</a> Event Number: 2431 173 0332 Password: w8JJ3rMFDJ4 (98553763 from phones) Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001	6:00pm – 7:00pm: <a href="#">WebEx Link</a> Event Number: 2423 261 3400 Password: DYtwzYD46Q3 (39899934 from phones) Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001
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Throughout the fall, Mayor McCarthy and City staff hosted community conversations at seven neighborhood association meetings and released a community survey to solicit additional public input on the potential use of ARPA funds. The results of the community survey are available [here](#) on the City’s website.

“I would like to thank every resident who attended our community conversations in each of the neighborhoods,” **Mayor McCarthy said**. “We had great turnout in every neighborhood at each of these meetings which allowed for positive and productive discussions on how we can best move our community forward and build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The U.S. Department of Treasury is charged with administering the CLFRF, which includes \$65.1 billion in direct funding for local governments impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the CLFRF, the City of Schenectady is slated to receive \$52,971,798. The City received the first half of these funds – \$26,485,899 – in May 2021 and will receive the second half from U.S Treasury in May 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

Applications must meet one or more of the CLFRF-eligible [expenditure categories](#) and also must address one or more of the goals outlined in the City of Schenectady’s [2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan](#):

- **Support Housing Opportunities:** Support programs that provide quality, affordable housing options and initiatives for rehabilitation of the existing housing to help stabilize neighborhoods and meet the needs of all residents.
- **Expand Economic & Workforce Development:** Assist small businesses and non-profit organizations located in the target areas to remove major barriers to the City's growth and prosperity by supporting and increasing access through infrastructure upgrades and programs that provide training, technical assistance, and work opportunities.
- **Strengthen Local Neighborhoods:** Enhance community assets and advance cultural and recreational initiatives to engage residents, improve health, safety, and education, while creating jobs.

The City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan proposes strategic investments to make a concentrated impact in key areas and address identified high-priority needs such as housing, youth engagement, workforce development, and public infrastructure. The five-year plan also builds off the City's 2017 [Community Needs Assessment](#).

For questions or additional information on the application form, please contact the City of Schenectady Department of Development at (518) 382-5199 ext. 5455, or [dgray@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:dgray@schenectadyny.gov).



## Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories

The Expenditure Categories (EC) listed below must be used to categorize each project as noted in Part 2 above. The term “Expenditure Category” refers to the detailed level (e.g., 1.1 COVID-10 Vaccination). When referred to as a category (e.g., EC 1) it includes all Expenditure Categories within that level.

<b>1: Public Health</b>	
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination ^
1.2	COVID-19 Testing ^
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)*
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19
1.10	Mental Health Services*
1.11	Substance Use Services*
1.12	Other Public Health Services
<b>2: Negative Economic Impacts</b>	
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs* ^
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid* ^
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers* ^
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs* ^
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention* ^
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers*
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)* ^
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)* ^
2.10	Aid to Nonprofit Organizations*
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries
2.13	Other Economic Support* ^
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff
<b>3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>	
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning* ^
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts ^
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services* ^
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services* ^
3.5	Education Assistance: Other* ^
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care* ^
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting* ^
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System* ^



3.9	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other* ^
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing* ^
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons* ^
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance* ^
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other* ^
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators* ^
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation ^
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions* ^
<b>4: Premium Pay</b>	
4.1	Public Sector Employees
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers
<b>5: Infrastructure<sup>27</sup></b>	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
5.4	Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows
5.5	Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater
5.7	Clean Water: Energy Conservation
5.8	Clean Water: Water Conservation
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution: Lead Remediation
5.13	Drinking water: Source
5.14	Drinking water: Storage
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
5.16	Broadband: “Last Mile” projects
5.17	Broadband: Other projects
<b>6: Revenue Replacement</b>	
6.1	Provision of Government Services
<b>7: Administrative</b>	
7.1	Administrative Expenses
7.2	Evaluation and Data Analysis
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government
7.4	Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (States and territories only)

\*Denotes areas where recipients must identify the amount of the total funds that are allocated to evidence-based interventions (see Use of Evidence section above for details)

^Denotes areas where recipients must report on whether projects are primarily serving disadvantaged communities (see Project Demographic Distribution section above for details)

<sup>27</sup> Definitions for water and sewer Expenditure Categories can be found in the EPA’s handbooks. For “clean water” expenditure category definitions, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/cwdefinitions.pdf>. For “drinking water” expenditure category definitions, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-national-information-management-system-reports>.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF SCHENECTADY**  
**Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**  
**CALL FOR IMPLEMENTERS**

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**SCOPE OF PROJECT AND INTENT**

The City of Schenectady announces \$26.4 million in funding has been made available from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF), which is direct funding for local governments impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. Department of Treasury is charged with administering the CLFRF from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was signed into law on March 11, 2021.

This Call for Implementers is designed to inform potential applicants (implementers) and interested parties of the range of program investments eligible under ARPA in the City of Schenectady. **This round of applications will be available online, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at [www.cityofschenectady.com/681/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-ARPA](http://www.cityofschenectady.com/681/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-ARPA). Printed applications are available in room 111 (Mayor's Office) and room 14 (Department of Development) at City Hall 105, Jay St. Schenectady, NY 12305. Tentative deadline to submit proposals is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** Proposals that leverage other funding and partnerships to enhance community impact may be considered more favorably.

Any Information submitted in this application may be subject to verification. Applications that demonstrate leveraged funds, resources, or community partnerships may be considered more favorably. Projects are subject to CLFRF guidelines.

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The following statements represent the City's potential investment allocation of ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Applications must address one of the four objectives below, and one of the three goals below, and meet one or more of the Expenditure Categories outlined in Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories (Attached).

### **Objectives**

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic.

### **Goals**

As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, community needs have been intensified. The goals outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2017 Community Needs Assessment are top priorities for the City of Schenectady.

### **Housing Opportunities**

Support programs that provide quality, affordable housing options and initiatives for rehabilitation of the existing housing to help stabilize neighborhoods and meet the needs of all residents.

### **Expand Economic & Workforce Development**

Assist small businesses and non-profit organizations located in the target areas to remove major barriers to the City's growth and prosperity by supporting and increasing access through infrastructure upgrades and programs that provide training, technical assistance, and work opportunities.

### **Strengthen Local Neighborhoods**

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