



**CITY OF JAMESTOWN  
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# **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN RECOVERY FUNDS MASTER PLAN**



## BACKGROUND OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

- To help local governments, which have borne the brunt of the costs of the pandemic, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, designed to deliver **\$350 billion to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments** to bolster their response to the COVID-19 emergency and its economic impacts.
- The City of Jamestown is in line to receive **\$28,079,145** in federal funding.
  - \$14,039,572.50 was received in May 2021, and the second payment is scheduled to be delivered in 2022



## OUR PLAN FOR ARP RECOVERY FUNDS

- Our plan focuses on spurring economic development for a sustainable future, delivering a shot in the arm to complete needed City projects, and making the City of Jamestown a better place to live and do business in.
- The recovery funds are intended to be expended quickly. The timeframe for the use of these funds runs **through July 1, 2024**, with the funds needing to be completely expended by 2026.



## OUR PLAN FOR ARP RECOVERY FUNDS (CONT.)

- Funding Classifications in the Master Plan:

Economic  
Development

Lost Revenue

Housing &  
Mental Health  
Funds

Water, Sewer,  
& Broadband  
Projects

Transparency  
& Tracking



## ELIGIBLE USE ALLOCATIONS

	2021 Proposed Allocations	2022 – 2024 Proposed Allocations	Total
Total Allocation to the City from Federal Government	\$14,039,572.50	\$14,039,572.50	\$28,079,145.00
Lost Revenue	\$2,287,046	\$7,892,099	\$10,179,145
Economic Development	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
Water, Sewer, and Broadband	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$5,000,000
Housing & Mental Health Initiatives	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Transparency & Tracking (these expenses may run through 2026)	\$70,000	\$830,000	\$900,000
Total	\$11,357,046	\$16,722,099	\$28,079,145.00



# LOST REVENUES

## Total Funds: \$10,000,000

- For convenience, Treasury's Interim Final Rule allows recipients to presume that any diminution in actual revenue relative to the expected trend is due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The City will have the opportunity to re-calculate revenue loss at each year throughout the program. Importantly, once a shortfall in revenue is identified, the City has broad latitude to use this funding to support government services, up to this amount of lost revenue.
- Prohibited uses include funding pension costs, establishing or transferring to reserve fund, payment of legal settlements or court judgements, and funding the City's debt service.



## LOST REVENUES OVERSIGHT

- Funds in the “Lost Revenue” eligible use allocation will be **incorporated into the normal City budgeting process** as proposed capital and non-capital expenses.
- Projects and expenses not included in the official City budget will be proposed to the City Council, which will maintain oversight and approval of expenditures.
- Any resolution on approving spending will note that the monies for the project are from American Rescue Plan Recovery Funds.
- Note that the approximately ten (10) million dollars allocated to this classification is a conservative estimate based on projection models and the formulas provides by the U.S. Treasury Department.



# LOST REVENUE PROJECTION MODEL

## City of Jamestown

ARP Recovery Funds

Estimated Revenue Losses

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
<b>PY Eligible Revenues</b>	\$ 32,572,133	\$ 33,907,590	\$ 35,297,801	\$ 36,745,011	
<b>Growth Factor</b>	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	
<b>Baseline</b>	\$ 33,907,590	\$ 35,297,801	\$ 36,745,011	\$ 38,251,557	
<b>Eligible Actuals/Estimates*</b>	\$ 31,620,544	\$ 32,688,383	\$ 34,028,607	\$ 35,423,780	
<b>Revenue Losses</b>	\$ 2,287,046	\$ 2,609,418	\$ 2,716,404	\$ 2,827,777	\$ 10,440,646

\*2021 Estimate assumes the City receives the total budgeted revenue, while 2022-2023 assume a 4.1% growth rate





## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Parks Capital Projects (\$1,00,000-\$2,000,000+)

Examples of projects that could be completed include a Splash Pad that could convert into a skating rink in the winter, a BMX Pump Track, Dog Park, Frisbee Golf course, an expanded network of walking and bike trails, and various sports courts, among other potential projects.





## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### **West Third Streetscape Redesign (\$500,000)**

The unfortunate but necessary removal of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Cathedral Oaks has created an opportunity to redesign one of Jamestown signature avenues. The planting of new trees, replacing sidewalks, upgrading lighting and other utility improvements would revitalize the area.





## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Fire Station Renovations & Improvements (\$500,000+)

The four fire houses in Jamestown are all in need of extensive renovation. A certain amount of money could be set aside each year to upgrade and make necessary repairs to the fire stations to ensure their usefulness for years to come.





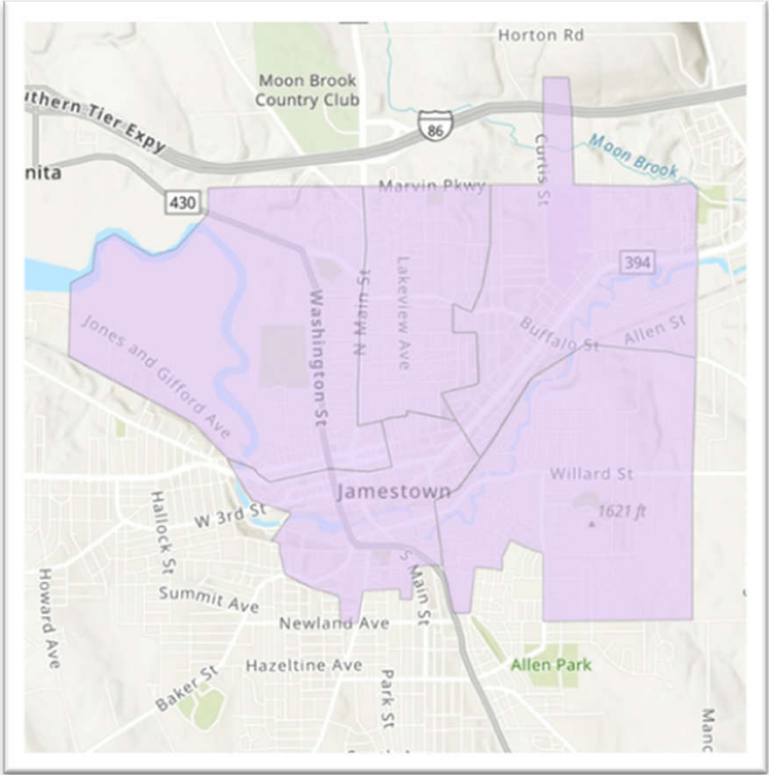
## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Total Funds: \$10,000,000

- The City intends to support economic development projects, including support for business and industry, activation of public space to both increase public health and to attract tourism and business, and investment in affordable housing.
- The City may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support additional services in Qualified Census Tracts (“QCT”) as a direct support to businesses, COVID-recovery related projects, speeding the recovery of impacted industries, and projects that increase public health and well-being.



# QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACTS





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

- Funds will be transferred to the **Jamestown Local Development Corporation (“JLDC”)** a qualified not-for-profit organization, as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.
- JLDC will **receive two tranches \$5,000,000 each**, one in 2021 and the second in late 2022.
- The JLDC Board would provide necessary oversight and approval of the use and disbursement of any of the funds, with the City Council requiring to sign off on any project exceeding the \$100,000 threshold. This will ensure funds are directly accountable to both a public board and to our publicly elected body.



## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Chadakoin River Basin Investments (\$300,000 - \$1,500,000+):

- This would promote activation of the Chadakoin River Basin area, and a navigable waterway from Chautauqua Lake to the river basin, Panzarella Point and the Comedy Center Park area.
- Potential projects include clearing the waterways to allow for safe small watercraft navigation, a dock(s), kayak launches, enhancements to the Riverwalk public art, and a tiered amphitheater, among others.
- This would be in conjunction with a larger County, City, and non-profit initiative to activate the water spaces in Jamestown and would connect with County investment.





## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Programming Fund & Events Coordinator (\$1,000,000)

- This would make a fund for programming in the downtown area more robust and easily accessible, driving tourism and business activity in Jamestown.
- An events coordinator would be funded out of this allocation to work directly with businesses, non-profits, and residents to facilitate year-round programming and ensuring that people are utilizing Jamestown's public spaces to their fullest potential.





## SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Receivership Program (\$675,000)

- This program would ensure vacant buildings are preserved utilizing the vacant property receivership program and/or Article 19-A real property actions.
- The receivership program would designate the City as a court appointed receiver of a neglected property. This has the opportunity to both improve much of the City's housing stock as well as be a self-sustaining program from a revenue standpoint after the initial investment.



## HOUSING & MENTAL HEALTH

### Total Funds: \$2,000,000

- The pandemic has affected communities across the country, it has disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color, and has exacerbated systemic health and economic inequities.
- Low-income and socially vulnerable communities have experienced the most severe health impacts, including our community.
- The **funding allocated would address health disparities, social determinants of health, and make investments into housing and neighborhoods.** This funding shows that the City is committed to addressing the root of social problems, poverty, and mental health issues.



## HOUSING & MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING OVERSIGHT

### Total Funds: \$2,000,000

- The City intends to fund “Housing & Mental Health” eligible use allocation projects immediately through a budget amendment process. In future years, these funds will be incorporated into the normal City budgeting process as proposed expenses.
- Projects and expenses not included in the official City budget will be proposed to the City Council, which will maintain oversight and approval of expenditures. Any resolution on approving spending will note that the monies for the project are from American Rescue Plan Recovery Funds.



## HOUSING & MENTAL HEALTH SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Mental Health Rapid Response (\$600,000):

- The City will work with mental health not-for-profits to have on call and in person social workers to respond to police and emergency service calls.
- These positions would work directly in and with the Police Department to coordinate responses based on the call intake.



## HOUSING & MENTAL HEALTH SAMPLE PROJECTS

### Housing Improvements Program (\$1,400,000)

- The City will make direct investment in housing rehabilitation programs by working with not-for profits (such as supporting City-wide painting program) or providing direct support for home improvements, resulting in increased neighborhood stabilization.



## WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND

**Total Funds: \$5,000,000**

- The Pandemic has shown the need for critical investments in our City's aging physical and digital infrastructure.
- From our children not being able to access essential internet needed for virtual classroom to replacement of storm sewers, now, more than ever, infrastructure funding is necessary
- The Recovery Funds explicitly allow for the investment in necessary improvements to our **water, sewer, and broadband infrastructures, including priority projects that address the impacts of climate change.**



# TRANSPARENCY & TRACKING

Total Funds: \$900,000

- The City may use recovery funds to build internal capacity to successfully implement, track, and execute economic relief programs, and proposes hiring of two positions:

<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Communications Coordinator</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project tracking, federal reporting, and transparency initiatives</li><li>• Track projects and related finances, while also preparing the interim, quarterly, and annual reports on the use of Recovery Funds to the Treasury department as required by law</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Streamline communications between departments &amp; public</li><li>• Develop strategy to reaching out to public and businesses on usage of funding</li><li>• Assist in preparing public reports for use of funds</li><li>• Develop public dashboard to show how recovery funds are spent</li></ul>



## TRANSPARENCY & TRACKING ALLOCATION PER YEAR

Year	Project Manager	Public Communications & Coordination	Grand Total
Year 1 - 2021	\$ 37,620.93	\$ 31,703.43	\$ 69,324.35
Year 2 - 2022	\$ 79,003.94	\$ 66,577.19	\$ 145,581.14
Year 3 - 2023	\$ 82,954.14	\$ 69,906.05	\$ 152,860.19
Year 4 - 2024	\$ 87,101.85	\$ 73,401.36	\$ 160,503.20
Year 5 - 2025	\$ 91,456.94	\$ 77,071.42	\$ 168,528.36
Year 6 - 2026	\$ 96,029.79	\$ 80,924.99	\$ 176,954.78
<b>5 Year Total</b>	<b>\$ 474,167.58</b>	<b>\$ 399,584.44</b>	<b>\$ 873,752.02</b>





## NEXT STEPS

- The City has partnered with the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to host four (4) listening sessions across the City within the next 2-3 weeks.
- The purpose of these sessions is to educate the public about the use of federal spending, solicit feedback on the overall plan and projects, and engage the public in discussion on project priorities.
- Information received at the sessions will be used to prepare the final Master Plan for American Rescue Plan funding.