



American Rescue Plan Act

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

As of October 2021

*City of Worcester
City Hall
455 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608*

Controlling Documents/Entities

- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - \$350B to State, Local, Territorial & Tribal Governments
- Interim Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35)
- 2 CFR 200 – Code of Federal Regulations
- US Department of Treasury & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Guidance

Four Legislative Purposes

- Respond to the Public Health Emergency & Negative Economic Impacts
- Revenue Recovery for Public Sector Entities
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers
- Water/Sewer/Broadband Infrastructure

One US Dept. of Treasury Goal

- Consideration for the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on those hardest-hit by the pandemic, especially low-income families and communities of color.

Forbidden Uses

- Pension Funds
- Reduction in Tax Revenue
- Debt Service or Financial Reserves

Funding Eligibility

- March 11, 2021 to December 31, 2024

Additional Federal & State Information

Federal – U.S. Department of the Treasury

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

State – Executive Office of Administration & Finance

- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-federal-funds#about-the-coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

City of Worcester Municipal Funding

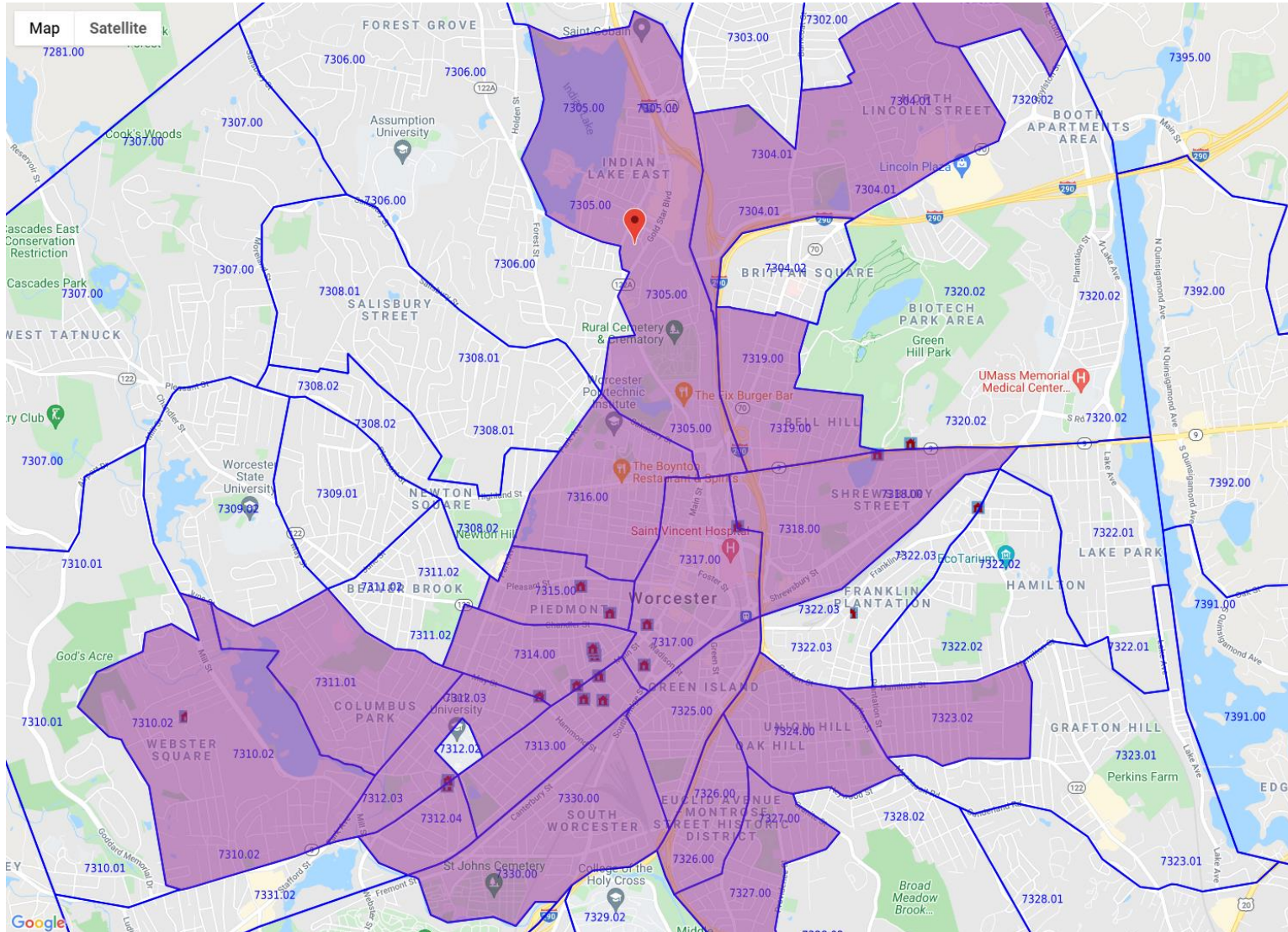
- Direct: \$110,617,389
- Worcester County Redirect: \$36,017,215
- Total: \$146,634,604

Two Tranches: ½ in 2021, ½ in 2022

Eligibility Considerations

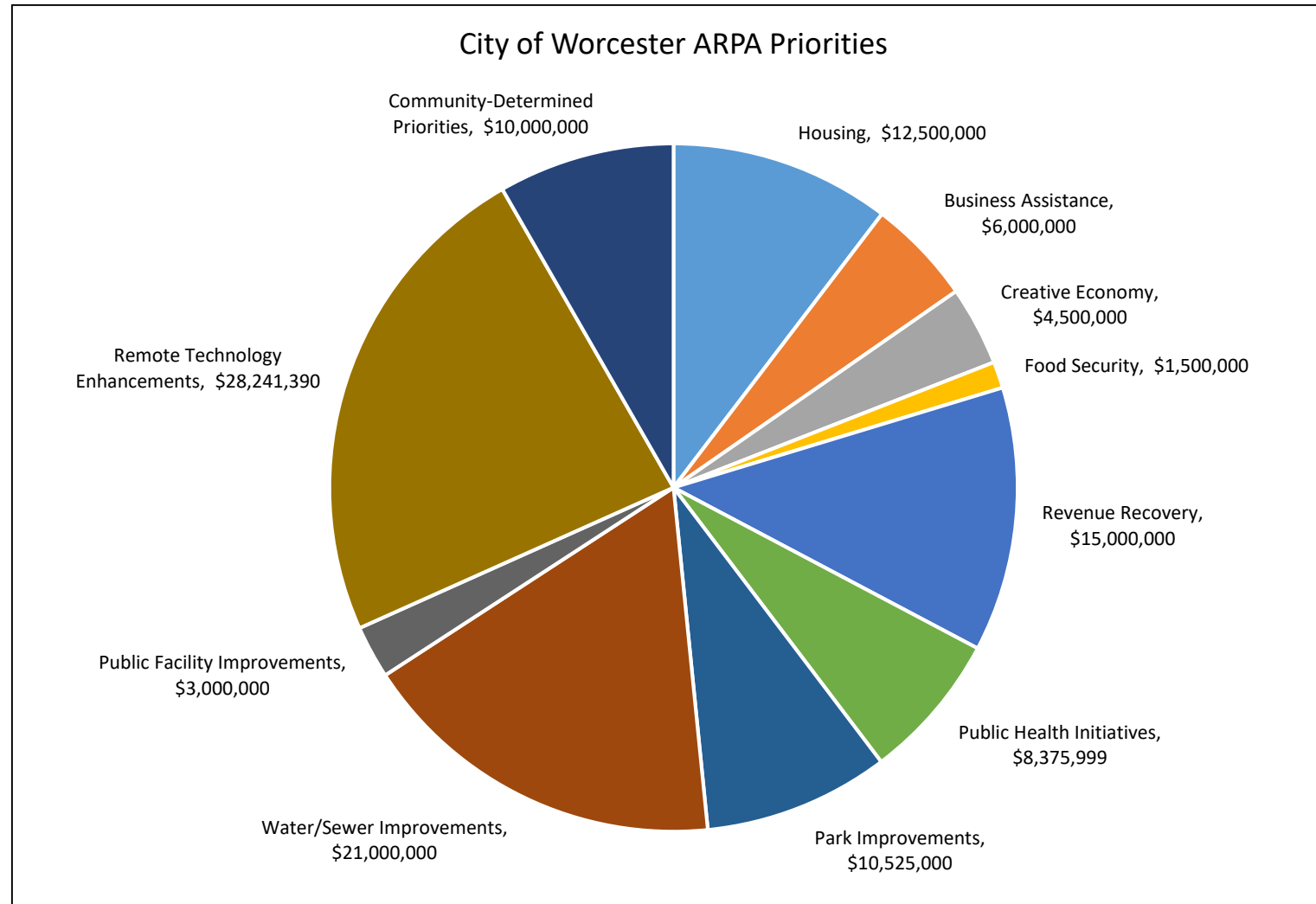
- Does the proposal combat the current pandemic or avoid/mitigate future pandemic conditions?
- Does the proposal address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic?
- Does the proposal promote equity within the community and target significantly impacted communities?
- Is the proposal located within or for the benefit of residents of Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)?

Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)



City of Worcester Budget Proposal - \$120M

(Unbudgeted funds of \$26M + \$10M of above for Community-Determined Priorities)



Public Comment Opportunities

City of Worcester ARPA Community Survey

- www.worcesterma.gov/arpa (available through 9/30/21)

City of Worcester Community Input Meetings

- August 23 – Burncoat High School
- September 9 – Boys & Girls Club
- September 16 – Worcester Senior Center
- September 27 – IBEW Local 96 - Mill Street
- September 30 – Worcester Technical High School

Other Funds for Strategic Consideration

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – City of Worcester applying for ~\$2.5M to date for direct pandemic activities.
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) – City of Worcester received \$16,341,767
- CARES Act Entitlement Programs – CDBG, HOME, ESG, etc.
- Worcester Public Schools - \$130,431,488 (CARES Act, ESSER)
- State ARPA Funds - \$8.7B
- Federal Build America Act of 2021 - \$1T