

ARP FUNDING PROPOSAL

CITY OF ERIE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

\$1.82 MIL



Acquire/demolish an additional 85 properties within the city's Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) over the next 3 years.

\$2.27 MIL



Increase new workforce housing in the city's QCTs by 100 dwelling units over the next 3 years.

\$2.31 MIL



Decrease the number of poor or unsound rental units by 28 per year for the next 3 years (84 total).

\$3.03 MIL



Rehabilitate 102 owner-occupied homes over 3 years, primarily located in the city's QCTs.

\$500K



Support at least 18 additional minority and small business contractors that are located within the City of Erie.

\$3.18 MIL



Make 180 homes lead-safe and healthy.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS FUNDING PROPOSAL

This proposal will position the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie to **become the City's primary provider of essential housing resources for the City of Erie and its residents.** The goals of this work are directly related to the City's Activating our Vision and will lead to stronger neighborhoods and an increased demand to live and work in the City while improving the quality of life.

All programs funded by ARP will be built around an equitable and inclusive focus on assistance to marginalized populations, particularly those living or working within Qualified Census Tracts (QCT). The Board of Directors will **establish an equity policy** and work directly with the **Erie Neighborhood Growth Partnership (ENGP)** to develop programmatic benchmarks and goals for each of the 8 housing programs.

THE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF ARP FUNDING

The ARP funding is to be spent primarily on those most adversely impacted, for economic recovery from COVID, and on infrastructure so that those who were hardest hit can recover and our economy can bounce back. The purpose of the funding is to:

- Address COVID Public Health
- Provide services to disproportionately-impacted communities
- Address COVID economic impact to support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Invest in infrastructure

\$990K



Help 84 new homes in the city be purchased for owner occupancy over the next 3 years through low-interest loans.

\$990K



Assist 60 homes or small businesses with bringing their properties up to code over the next 3 years.

WHAT CAN ARP FUNDING BE USED FOR?

- Support COVID-19 mitigation efforts to decrease spread of the virus, medical expenses, behavioral health, and certain public health and safety staff.
- Address health disparities and the social determinants of health, build stronger neighborhoods and communities, address educational disparities, and promote healthy childhood environments.
- Address negative economic impacts caused by COVID, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- Replace lost public sector revenue based on reduction in revenue due to the pandemic.
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expand access to broadband internet.

WHAT ARP FUNDING CANNOT BE USED FOR

US Treasury regulations have outlined things that the ARP funding **CANNOT be used to:**

- Plug holes in the Refuse or Sewer Funds
- Eliminate tax or fee increases
- Pay down debt
- Shore up the pensions
- Create rainy day funds
- Pay legal costs



ARP funding cannot be used to plug these holes

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS FUNDING PROPOSAL?

- Millions of dollars is redeployed year after year using this initial one-time investment
- Decreased demand from code enforcement for severe property maintenance issues will save the City money as officers are able to address code issues early in the process
- Increase population with new home incentives
- Increase value of homes with loans and grants
- Promote new investment by neighboring property
- Improve resolution of code violations
- Improve quality of rental housing with loans
- Increase Property investment by using a comprehensive approach to housing
- Increase jobs for minority and immigrant population
- Support services for new or struggling homeowners will include financial literacy counseling and minor home repair training

WHY DO WE NEED TO OBLIGATE FUNDS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR?

Starting in 2022 the area north of 6th Street in East Bayfront, downtown, and West Bayfront will no longer be considered a Qualified Census Tract (QCT).

It is vital to pass this before the end of the year **to maximize our impact. If not, it will be difficult to fund projects outside of QCTs.**

We will be closely monitoring and reporting on how the funds are being spent and have the ability to renegotiate at any time.