



**Agenda Item:** Budget Amendment

**Title:** Resolution 2023-11 Budget Amendment - Amendment pertaining to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move to approve Resolution 2023-11 amending \$3,500,000 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and amending the Wyoming Ave. project to total appropriations of \$4,939,499 for the City of Laramie, WY and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

To provide ARPA funding to assist in investment of infrastructure.

**Background:**

The State received \$524 Million in ARPA funds to-date, with another \$534 Million anticipated during 2022. The Governor's focus on funding criteria: long term impact or rate of return, support stimulus over relief, where possible leverage dollars through matching or buy-in programs, benefit a wide group of citizens.

Treasury Guidance is limited on how the City can spend the funding. The basic guideline for ARPA is as follows:

- 1) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- 2) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency.
- 3) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency.
- 4) To make the necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

The State of Wyoming legislature has allocated an additional \$50 Million for cities and towns toward capital projects, water projects or noncapital projects and the State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) has now opened applications to receive this funding.

This budget amendment is required so applications to the State reflect current cost. Public Works projects have had significant cost increases on projects that have been out to bid. Many of these projects have been scoped down, tabled, or prioritized over other projects.

The City is submitting a SLIB application for Wyoming Ave. to receive ARPA funding and construction engineering estimates now require a budget amendment to the original 2023 adopted budget. The City will amend this project by \$785,081. The City is requesting \$3,500,000 in ARPA funding for this project. The additional funding is necessary as other critical Specific Purpose Tax projects have had significant overruns; the City has already delayed or cut scope from other projects. With the funding from ARPA this project can move forward.

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

The City had initially budgeted for critical infrastructure projects with assumptions those projects would receive ARPA funding from the State. Amend budget per W.S. 16-4-112. 16-4-113.

**BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**

**REVENUE**

GRANTS	\$ 3,500,000	ARPA
Enterprise Match funds	\$ 990,000	WTWLSO
Specific Purpose Tax fund	\$ 255,081	SPTWLD
Consensu Funding - 15443	\$ 15,305	SPTWLD
Consensu Funding - 13427	\$ 179,113	SPTWLD
<b>Total FY 2023 Sources</b>	<b>\$ 4,939,499</b>	
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**EXPENSE**

**Budgeted Expenditure (approved and adopted by Council)**

Current Adopted	\$ 990,000	WTWLSO
Current Adopted	\$ 3,164,418	SPTWLD
Amendment FY 2023	\$ 785,081	
<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>\$4,939,499.00</b>	Adjusted Engineering estimates

**Responsible Staff:**

Malea Brown, Chief Operating Officer  
 Brooks Webb, Public Works Director

Attachments:

Budget Resolution 2023-11