



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Council Session

## Item I-2

**#2023-71 - Consideration of Approving the Final Allocation of the ARPA Funds**

Staff Contact: Laura McAloon

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Laura D. McAloon, Interim City Administrator/City Attorney

**Meeting:** March 14, 2023

**Subject:** Allocation of ARPA Funds

**Presenter(s):** Laura D. McAloon, Interim City Administrator/City Attorney

## **Background**

City Administration presented its recommendation to Council for the allocation of the remaining American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds of approximately \$5,500,000 on January 24, 2023. The Administration's recommendation was to allocate all of the ARPA funds to the \$5,500,000 financial commitment of the City to the funding of public infrastructure improvements within the Conestoga Marketplace redevelopment area.

On February 28, 2023, the Council heard a presentation from Central Community College about the planned improvements to its Grand Island campus and a request that the City contribute \$550,000 to the public infrastructure improvements that will be made to the campus.

## **Discussion**

Based on the discussion by Council following the two presentations referenced above, City Administration has prepared a proposed resolution allocating \$5,000,000 of the remaining ARPA funds to Woodsonia Hwy 281 LLC's Conestoga Marketplace infrastructure reimbursements and \$500,000 of the remaining ARPA funds to Central Community College's infrastructure improvements on its Grand Island Campus. Any funds not spent on the two infrastructure projects would be allocated to the General Fund for operations. The ARPA funds must be allocated to eligible projects no later than December 31, 2024 and disbursed by December 31, 2026.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Postpone the issue to future date
3. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration has no position.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution allocating the City's remaining ARPA funds.

## RESOLUTION 2023-71

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2022-341, the City approved a Redevelopment Plan for all of Area No. 28 for the Conestoga Marketplace project and committed up to \$5,500,000 in reimbursements for public infrastructure acquisition and construction related to the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2023 Central Community College (CCC) came before City Council to provide a detailed cost estimate and request funding for infrastructure improvements on the CCC Grand Island campus in the total amount of \$550,000; and

WHEREAS, the City has remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$5,500,000 and the City Council now wishes to allocate the remaining ARPA funds to the Conestoga Marketplace redevelopment project and to the CCC Grand Island campus project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City's remaining ARPA funds shall be allocated as follows:

1. Up to \$5,000,000 to the City's contributions to the Conestoga Marketplace Redevelopment Plan.
2. Up to \$500,000 to the City's contributions to the Central Community College Grand Island Campus infrastructure improvements.
3. Should any ARPA funds remain unallocated or unspent after the City has satisfied its reimbursement obligations to Conestoga Marketplace and Central Community College, such funds shall be deposited to the City's General Fund for City operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and his designees are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 14, 2023.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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Jill Granere, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 10, 2023	☐ City Attorney