

Timeline Guidance for Nonprofit ARPA Proposals

The American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) has provided \$641 million in one-time funding to the City of Baltimore in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts. Mayor Brandon M. Scott has established the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs to administer this funding on behalf of the City via an application process. This document contains information on the timing of ARPA funded projects for nonprofit applicants.

When are nonprofit proposals due?

Nonprofit proposals will be accepted until December 31, 2021.

When will funds be awarded?

There is not a definitive date when Baltimore City will release ARPA-related funding decisions. There are several factors and processes that determine if and when a project will be funded. Projects will be funded only after a project has successfully moved through the entire process, including signing agreements. For more information on the application process, please see our infographic below:



What is the period of performance for ARPA funded projects?

All ARPA funds must be spent by December 31, 2026. However, the Recovery Office is encouraging nonprofits to expend all funds by December 31, 2024 for two general reasons: (1) the funds cannot be re-obligated after December 31, 2024 should there be underspend from the original awarded amount; and (2) any potential underspend can be used to fund other worthy projects that benefit the City of Baltimore and its residents.

How should nonprofits structure a project timeline in the proposal if there is not a specific date for when funds will be distributed?

Applicants can utilize generic terms such as "Week 1" or "Month 1" when outlining a project timeline. Nonprofits are encouraged to expend all funds by December 31, 2024. The Recovery Office estimates that most awardees will have up to three years to expend funds based on the recommended period of performance. Shorter timelines are also acceptable.