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Subject: RE: Questions for Thursday's Budget and Finance Committee

Hi Clare,

Thank you for sending the agenda for tomorrow. I have this meeting on my calendar to attend, and our ARPA Contractor will be on the phone as well. I wanted to provide in advance the answers to the questions you mentioned in your previous email. Please let me know if your team has any further questions and I am happy to answer via email and/or during the meeting tomorrow.

- As we understand it, ARPA funds can be spent by organizations up to 12/31/26 but must be allocated by the Assembly by 12/31/24. Is this correct?
 - ALL ARPA funds have been appropriated by the Assembly.
 - All ARPA funds must be “obligated” (MOA verbiage encumbered) by 12/31/2024.
 - All subrecipients funds have been appropriated/obligated and disbursed externally.
 - All internal MOA funds have been appropriated, but not yet encumbered internally.
- What are the end dates set forth in the grant agreements?
 - There were a few ARPA 1 grant agreements that ended earlier than 2026. All these grant agreements have been spent in full and are now complete.
 - All remaining ARPA grant agreements have an end date of 12/31/2026.
- Do you anticipate that there will be leftover funds (such as funds that groups were unable to spend) that will need to be reallocated by the 12/31/24 deadline?
 - Currently, the only funding that could be reappropriated is funding appropriated to internal MOA departments that is not yet spent.

- Do you have a mechanism to determine if groups will be able to spend their funds on time and if they can't, do you have a way to get the funds back so they can be used by the 12/31/26 deadline?
 - Federal ARPA Guidelines allow for groups to spend ARPA funding until 12/31/2026.
 - Through quarterly expenditure reports, our office tracks spending for all subrecipients.
 - If groups do not spend their funding per their grant agreement, then the MOA could ask for a subrecipient to return the funding.
- Can you provide monthly reports at the Budget and Finance meetings on anticipated leftover funds so that the Assembly can reappropriate as needed without being rushed in December 2024?
 - I cannot provide monthly reports, but I can provide QUARTERLY reports on funding spent.
 - ARPA Guidelines require 4 quarterly expenditure reports from all subrecipients. This is when subrecipients provide the information to the MOA on their spending that quarter. This information is then utilized to submit the quarterly report due to the Treasury.
 - At this time, ARPA funds are not monitored monthly as we adhere to the federal guidelines that were set forth in the SLFRF guidelines.

Please see attached for the most recent ARPA Quarterly Report – Quarter 3, 2023

The yearly report is posted on the Municipality of Anchorage website. Please see link below.

[Municipality of Anchorage 2022 ARPA SLFRF Recovery Plan 7-28-22.pdf](#)

Thank you,



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Hi Trista,

On behalf of Budget and Finance Committee Co-Chairs Zaletel and Brawley, I'm checking to confirm that you have this Thursday's Budget and Finance Committee meeting on your schedule – there's an update on ARPA on the agenda. To help you prepare, here are some of the questions the Chairs plan to ask:

- As we understand it, ARPA funds can be spent by organizations up to 12/31/26, but must be allocated by the Assembly by 12/31/24. Is this correct?
- What are the end dates set forth in the grant agreements?
- Do you anticipate that there will be leftover funds (such as funds that groups were unable to spend) that will need to be reallocated by the 12/31/24 deadline?
- Do you have a mechanism to determine if groups will be able to spend their funds on time and if they can't, do you have a way to get the funds back so they can be used by the 12/31/26 deadline?
- Can you provide monthly reports at the Budget and Finance meetings on anticipated leftover funds so that the Assembly can reappropriate as needed without being rushed in December 2024?

Thanks,

Clare



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