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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz
Members of Council

From: Finance Director Vernon Blaze

Date: Friday, September 2, 2022

Re: Finance Office and Related Topic Updates

Cuyahoga County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Cuyahoga County has allocated some of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to the various County Council Persons to utilize within their respective districts.

Independence is part of District 6, which is represented by Jack Schron, Jr. Mr. Schron has implemented an application submittal process for local units of government, non-profits, community, and economic development corporations within District 6 to apply for funds. Any single one of these entities are eligible to receive a maximum of \$250,000.

County Council District 6 consists of some 18 individual cities, villages and townships, plus an unknown number of non-profits, community, and economic development corporations. Therefore, the receipt of some, part or all of the maximum grant amount is not guaranteed.

The deadline for submission is today, and Independence submitted three (3) applications:



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- Engineering submitted for assistance with the Rockside Woods Blvd. North Sidewalks \$165,000.00
- Police submitted for assistance with the purchase of ten (10) closed circuit camera surveillance (CCTV) units 45,774.70
- Fire submitted for assistance with the purchase of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Decontamination Washer 34,924.00
\$245,698.70

In addition to the City itself submitting these three funding applications, the West Creek Conservancy has also submitted an application for its intent to work with the City in repurposing “The Mine” property.

The most specific the grant application materials indicate as far as when successful applications will be announced was “September.”

The following caveat was also provided:

“Projects funded will not be considered final until the legislation for the contract has been submitted to the full County Council for final approval. All approvals for contracts are subject to the regular Cuyahoga County legislative process set forth in the County Charter and County Code.”

The Finance Office thanks Engineer Ramm, Chief Butler, Chief Rega, their respective team members that assisted with putting the submittal applications together, and Economic Development Director Hyser for her assistance with the City’s applications and assisting Derek Schafer and his team with theirs.