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## City to open application process for American Rescue Plan Act funding

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (June 25, 2021)** Beginning **Thursday, July 1**, any interested and eligible non-profit organizations within Winter Park city limits will be able to apply for organizational funding support from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The application will be accessible at [cityofwinterpark.org/ARPA](http://cityofwinterpark.org/ARPA). The purpose of this program is to offer financial aid to non-profit organizations that have been detrimentally impacted by the pandemic in efforts to assist in their recovery initiatives. This process is designed to ensure that the allocations of public funds derived from the ARPA are used strategically to offer services that are better provided by non-profit community partners while creating clear expectations and improved outcomes from the services rendered.

The City Commission has allocated a total of \$200,000 for this grant program and the maximum for any one applicant will be \$25,000 or half of the annual operating expenses of the applicant organization, whichever is lower. The dollar amount of grants will be based on the number of qualified applications received. Policy amendments or modifications are at the sole discretion of the City Commission. General requirements include but are not limited to:

- Must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) in good standing.
- Must be headquartered within the municipal boundaries of Winter Park.
- Must have been in operation for at least the last three years.
- Annual operating expenses do not exceed \$2 million.
- Must have a Board of Directors responsible for oversight.
- Must demonstrate a detrimental impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Must provide direct services to the Winter Park community.
- Must be a service providing non-profit, not a funding institution.
- Must sign a funding agreement with the city that will include, but is not limited to: general legal principles, reporting, access to financial records, and audit provisions if applicable.

**Applications** must be submitted by **5 p.m., Friday, July 30**. The city is under no requirement or expectation to provide funding to any organization and funding may vary depending upon the financial priorities of the city.

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