



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Youth Sports Grant Guidelines

Overview

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law providing the City of Phoenix with nearly \$396 million over the next two years. The first allocation of \$198 million was received in May 2021 of which \$28,800,000 has been dedicated to youth and education programs. The Parks and Recreation Department (Parks Department) was allocated a total of \$500,000 dollars to provide free and affordable youth sports opportunities for Phoenix youth.

The Parks Department will utilize a portion of these funds to offer Parks Department sponsored youth sports opportunities. The Department will also award grants to non-profit organizations to deliver free and/or affordable sports opportunities to Phoenix youth. While the funds can be utilized through December 31, 2024, grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis and may be depleted prior to then.

ARPA Funds Regulations

Due to the nature of the funds, there are specific regulations associated with the allocation of the funds. The following is a list of ways the funds may/may not be applied:

- Organizations must be a non-profit registered in the State of Arizona to apply
- Funds are to be spent solely for the approved purpose of providing free and/or affordable youth sports opportunities to Phoenix youth
- Funds are not allowed to be spent on for-profit organizations or leagues
- Funds can be spent on direct program materials, equipment, and staffing (i.e. sporting equipment, jerseys, supplies, and referees)
- Funds must provide universal access to safe and reliable programming across the City of Phoenix (associated facilities must be ADA compliant).
- Program providers will be required to report their efforts to help close equity gaps in community's that need safe and reliable programming the most.
- All funds must be tracked to ensure legal use of funds and to support potential audits
- Financial, performance and compliance reporting will be required. Note: Full recipient compliance and reporting Guidance can be found below:

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On June 17, 2021, Treasury released the [Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) for this program. The guidance provides additional detail and clarification for each recipient's compliance and reporting responsibilities, and should be read in concert with the Award Terms and Conditions, the authorizing statute, the [Interim Final Rule](#) (IFR).

ARPA Funds Tracking

Part of the allocation of ARPA funds includes the requirement to track the funds to ensure all dollars are being spent for their intended purpose. Funds allocated to non-profit organizations and Phoenix schools will be monitored by the Parks Department to guarantee funds are being spent as intended. Monthly reports (standard reporting template to be provided) showing any expenditure of ARPA funds will be required of all recipients.

Application for ARPA Funds

A submittal of a grant application and approval from the Parks and Recreation Department will be needed to receive APRA funds for the youth sports opportunities grant.

Please note the rolling application deadlines below.

Deadline #1: December 3, 2021. Applicants will be notified of decisions by January 7, 2022.

Deadline #2: February 4, 2022. Applicants will be notified of decisions by March 11, 2022.

Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Once funds have been utilized the Parks Department will remove the online application. If funding remains available after March 11, 2022 additional application deadlines will be announced.

Please contact pk.arpa@phoenix.gov if you have questions or need assistance applying for grant opportunities.