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To: Thomas A. Golden Jr., City Manager,  
Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer

From: Brendan Flynn, ARPA Finance Manager

Re: ARPA Ad-Hoc Grant Program - Round One Financial Awards

Manager Golden,

I am pleased to report that the ARPA team has completed its review of the first round of ARPA Ad-Hoc grant applications and is ready to contact those applicants regarding the outcome. Round One will award roughly \$350,000 of ARPA funding for twelve applications.

For the Ad-Hoc grant program, the City of Lowell allocated a total of \$500,000 of ARPA funding, with a maximum award amount of \$30,000 per application. In total, the ARPA team received 27 applications, requesting \$795,000 in funds.

The Ad-Hoc grant program is a 'reimbursement-only' funding opportunity that was intended to inspire unique, yet lower cost projects and/or service programs, which support the community, but would potentially fall outside of traditional grant opportunities, and or any other ARPA funded grants. Additionally, the objective of the program must meet the underlying objectives of the ARPA program (as outlined by the US Treasury) and be aligned with Lowell's ARPA plan initiatives.

Round One review consisted of eighteen (18) Ad-Hoc applications, all of which were vetted by a 5-member review committee. Of the eighteen (18) that were reviewed, twelve (12) were approved for funding by the committee, representing a total of \$352,772. Funding of this round will be used to support a wide variety of projects and programs that address economic recovery efforts, mental health support, social equity, clothing and diapers for children in the city, cultural enrichment, food security, youth sports, green initiatives, and substance abuse prevention.

Round Two review will begin shortly and will consist of the remaining nine (9) Ad-Hoc grant applications. The same 5-member review team will be vetting these applications to ensure consistency across both rounds. A determination of the recipients from Round Two should be completed and available for your review sometime in early fall.

Respectfully,  
Brendan Flynn  
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