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City Awards Nonprofit ARPA Funds Totaling Over \$1.5 Million

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law. With this signing, the City was allocated \$16.4 million that will be received over a two-year period. In July of 2021, the City received our first disbursement of approximately \$8.2M. A portion of these funds are being distributed to qualified small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals who suffered economic hardships because of COVID-19.

The City is proud to distribute these funds to help organizations remain open and operating and keep Peachtree Corners' residents employed. To do this, the city created four distinct funds and grant application pathways:

- The **Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund** is to assist Peachtree Corners residents who have been severely impacted by COVID-19. Our funds will be awarded to qualifying nonprofits that will distribute them to individuals.
- The **Nonprofit Operating Fund** is to assist qualified nonprofits that have been especially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with funding for operating costs.
- The **Business Assistance Fund** is to assist small businesses within the Peachtree Corners city limits that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- The **Capital Project Fund** is to assist businesses and nonprofit organizations in modifying their facilities to address COVID-19 prevention measures such as upgrading ventilation systems, enabling social distancing, etc. or improving the exterior areas of their business.

The grant process launched on Friday, September 17, 2021, with applications due on October 29, 2021. The City received 96 applications requesting nearly \$12 million in funding. Because this far exceeded the City's total federal allotment for this round, careful evaluation of each proposal has been underway.

The City assembled internal and external teams of reviewers who used methods that the federal government uses to review competitive grant funding. Each reviewer evaluated the proposal based on the demonstration of need based on the impact of COVID-19 and the impact that they would have on the greater Peachtree Corners' community. To increase objectivity, each proposal had at least three reviewers.

Cory Salley, Peachtree Corners' finance director, notes, "This process has been beneficial to the City in better understanding our Peachtree Corners' businesses and the struggles that they face daily. As a result, we plan on creating additional opportunities and benefits for the Peachtree Corners community in addition to these grant awards."

The City has completed the process for nonprofits, and in all, 10 nonprofits were awarded a total of over \$1.5 Million in funding as follows:

- Robert D. Fowler Family Y - \$500,000
- Annandale at Suwanee, Inc. - \$200,000
- Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries - \$160,000
- Norcross High School Foundation for Excellence Operating - \$30,000
- Revved Up Kids 2021 - \$110,000

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- Peachtree Corners Baptist Church - \$175,000
- Norcross Youth Baseball Softball Association (NYBSA) - \$121,000
- Rainbow Village, Inc. - \$37,000
- Corners Outreach - \$150,000

The City is proud to distribute these funds to local nonprofits who support Peachtree Corners residents and the community. We are currently working towards the completion of the process for our local businesses and look forward to awarding their grant funds.