



City's ARPA application period comes to a close

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The application period for community proposals related to the Dayton Recovery Plan, the framework to be constructed for local use of American Rescue Plan Act funding, closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29.

As of 5 p.m. today, 166 applications were received, with funding requests totaling \$311.5 million. Applications represented investment requests including west, northwest, and tornado-impacted areas of Dayton, as well as black- and brown-owned businesses.

Following the posting of an online public survey on June 28, a schedule of seven community input meetings were held across the city. On Sept. 16, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released and publicized, and 10 Zoom-based office consults and live technical assistance workshops were held in August and September. The online application portal at daytonohio.gov/arpadayton was launched Sept. 27, with feedback and requests for more information provided to applicants Oct. 15 to 22. A final technical assistance workshop was held Oct. 27.

The City also presented information at a neighborhood presidents' forum and has made efforts to ensure inclusivity in the process. Information on ARPA and the application process was also sent to city residents via the City newsletter mailed to all residential addresses.

The City has acknowledged that technical issues with the online application form were encountered by a number of applicants, resulting in the need to submit another application. City staff communicated with these applicants, providing guidance on how to resubmit applications with assurance that complete applications were properly received.

Final approvals are expected by the first quarter of 2022, allowing the completion of the Dayton Recovery Plan sorely needed by the community.

While the timeline is rigorous, the City requires timely submission of applications in order to have sufficient reviewing opportunities, a process that may require several months. The City of Dayton's careful attention to the timeline is reflective of its commitment to strong stewardship of this extraordinary funding opportunity.

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