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## **Westland Mayor William R. Wild Presents City Council a Resolution Allocating \$13 million in ARPA Funds**

**Westland, Michigan (April 4, 2022)** - As a part of this year's budget proposal, Mayor William R. Wild has presented to council a proposed resolution for consideration at the April 18th City Council meeting for the first allocation of \$13 million which was awarded to the City of Westland through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The second allocation of \$13 million is expected in May. Approval of the resolution would appropriate funding for:

- \$5 million for general fund support spread over three years (recovery of lost revenue associated with the pandemic)
- \$3.5 million for Public Safety and Public Services vehicles and equipment
- \$1.5 million for affordable housing & senior care through a collaboration with Presbyterian Village of Michigan
- \$1.25 million for building and property improvements at the Police Department, Golf Course and Ice Arena
- \$450,000 for Central City Park Pond Improvements
- \$400,000 for the purchase of residential basement flooding mitigation equipment
- \$350,000 for Hero Pay for all full-time employees (excluding elected officials)
- \$300,000 for the purchase of a tree truck/chipper to be used for power outage mitigation
- \$200,000 for public broadband infrastructure

If adopted, the City would adhere to its procurement policies and procedures and would provide a reconciliation to the City Council once items have been purchased, received and paid.

"The City of Westland is required to expend the entirety of its ARPA allocation by 2024," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "With the current lead time on the procurement of vehicles and equipment along with the need for engineering and construction planning to take place for other capital expenditures, it is necessary to begin acting on these matters as quickly as possible."

**To view the proposed Resolution, please [click here](#)**

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The City of Westland, Michigan's 10<sup>th</sup> largest city, has a population of more than 85,000 residents and is located in western Wayne County; just minutes from downtown Detroit, 2 airports, and major freeways. The City of Westland's Executive Branch is led by full-time Mayor William R. Wild, who was just re-elected to serve a four-year term in 2022. First elected in 2007, Mayor Wild is the City's longest-serving Mayor. The Legislative Branch consists of seven City Council members.