

ARPA Funding Process

Amount

- Legislative intent and commitment from Governor to using \$200 million* for Climate Action
- Additional funds have been set aside for water investments, affordable housing and broadband

Role of Council

- Offer recommendation on priority actions for this specific funding source
- Council can decide level of detail and specificity of its recommendation
- This is a collaborative effort with the Governor, not part of the GWSA requirement

Criteria for Selecting Actions

- Must meet the federal guidelines for ARPA funds (in particular, have an infrastructure focus and serve low-income Vermonters)
- Must be ready/close to implementation – must be obligated by end-2024

*Varying amounts from Governor and legislature

ARPA – Council Conversations

Today

- Learn about funding conditions
- Discuss/decide what **type** of recommendation the Council seeks to make (i.e., include dollar amounts, offer a list with/without relative priority, indicate estimated cost of fully funding the action, etc...)
- Discuss initial ideas about potential recommendations

Next two weeks

- Subcommittees can put forward priorities to the Council
- 12/21 meeting of Council will focus on reaching consensus on the recommendation
- Memo will be developed to forward to Governor and legislature from Council