



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Summary Impact Report

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Background

The 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021, provided $112 million to the City of Sacramento through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, which the City utilized to replace lost public sector revenue. The City received an additional $2.6 million in ARPA pass-through funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and County of Sacramento.

In October 2021, the City Council approved a resolution to establish the ARPA Reinvestment Fund and allocate $112 million to implement the approved ARP Framework and Funding Priorities.

Historical Timeline



ARPA at a Glance

This report shares information on the City's ARPA Reinvestment grants and projects through July 2026. It does not include data from all ARPA Reinvestment projects, as some will continue into 2027. Where applicable, the City aggregates data across projects, programs, and/or priorities to provide a high-level overview of ARPA Reinvestment fund impacts. Impacts may include activities supported through a combination of the ARPA Reinvestment and other funding sources.

ARPA Reinvestment projects support residents, businesses, and communities throughout Sacramento. The City implements programs and projects across multiple neighborhoods and priority areas to help ensure resources reach those most in need.



By The Numbers

$112M
Budgeted

100+
Projects Funded

85,000+
Residents Reached*

500+
Grants Provided

**Not unique*

Investing Across Sacramento

Key Funding Priorities

Small Business & Commercial Corridor Revitalization
Budget $28M

Arts & Creative Economy
Budget $11M

Youth, Workforce Training, and Gang Prevention
Budget $12M

Homeless & Housing Commitment
Budget $41M



Northgate Boulevard

Storefront Improvements

$200,000 in ARPA Funds
23 business recipients



North Sacramento

Food Assistance Program

$500,000 in ARPA Funds
335,000 pounds of food distributed



Downtown

Affordable Housing Project

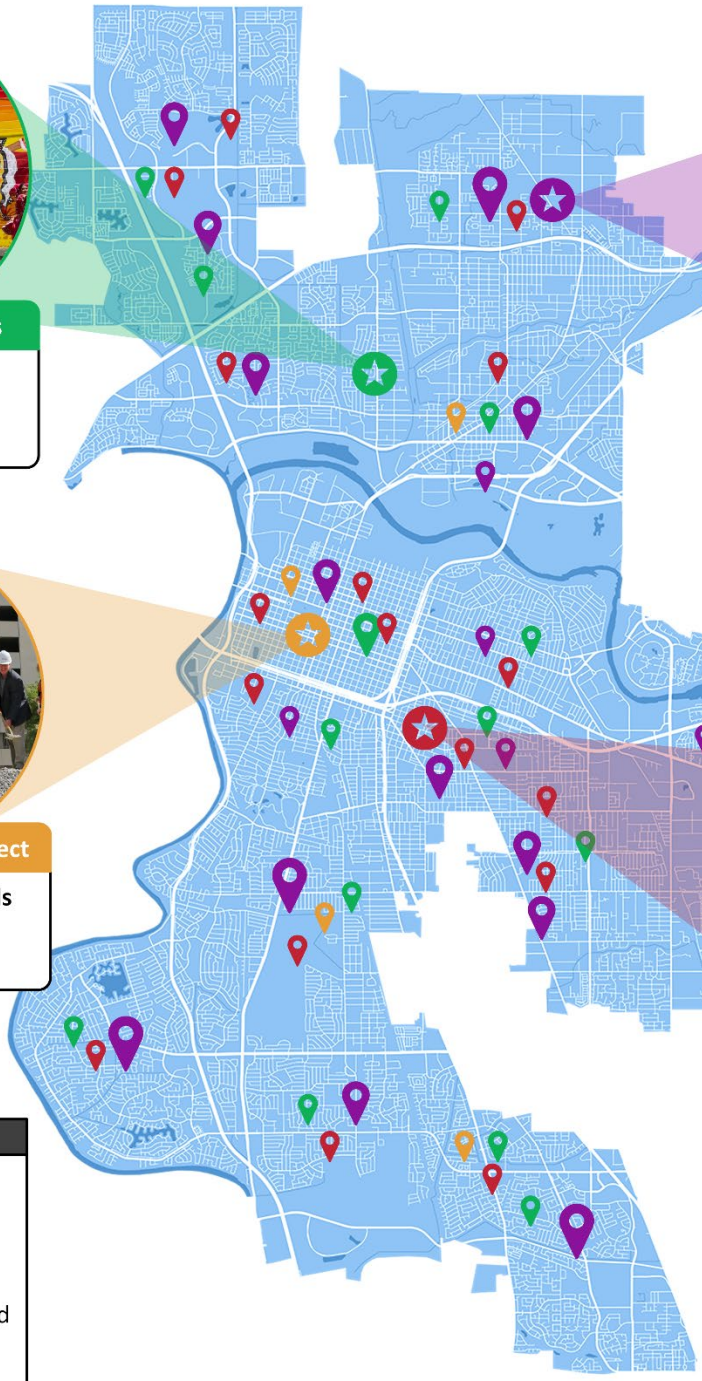
$3 million in ARPA Funds
241 units completed by Spring 2027



Oak Park

Everyday Creative

$750,000 in ARPA Funds
12-week entrepreneurs accelerator program



Key*

- Project highlight
- 1-100 people served
- 100-200 people served
- 200+ people served

**The map shows general location data for completed ARP projects that have provided location information.*

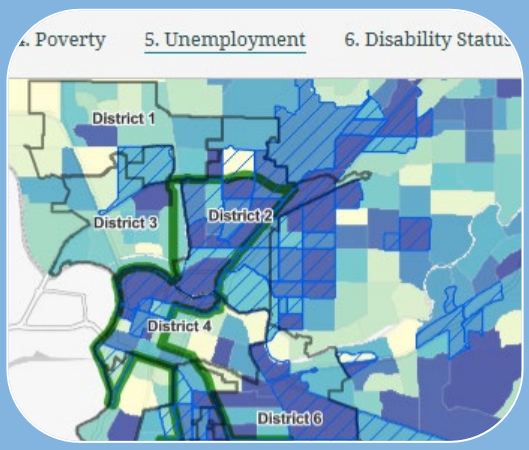
Communities Served



Sacramento's ARPA reinvestment programs reached a diverse range of residents and communities across the city. The figures below reflect completed programs and projects for which participants voluntarily provided demographic information. Participant counts may include individuals who received services through multiple programs.

- **14,000+** youths under the age of 18 received services or support
- **19,000+** program participants identified as a person of color
- **55%** of program participants identified as female, nonbinary, or another gender identity
- **21** priority neighborhoods were served through ARPA Reinvestment programs.

Explore Sacramento's Community Vulnerability Index



The Sacramento Community Vulnerability Index is a tool that shows specific economic disparities within Sacramento's communities and neighborhoods.

The index was designed to assist City leaders, community members, and local organizations make informed, equitable decisions by identifying varying levels of need across Sacramento neighborhoods.

Interim Rapid Response Tool (IRRT)

The IRRT was used to help the City of Sacramento incorporate equity considerations into its ARPA Reinvestment funding decisions.

The tool provided City staff and decision-makers with a practical framework and guiding questions to identify disparities, evaluate potential community impacts, and uncover any unintentional bias/consequences that may result in racial disparities or harm.

By encouraging intentional, equity-centered decision-making and ongoing evaluation, the IRRT helped ensure investments more effectively reached historically underserved communities and supported inclusive, community-focused outcomes across Sacramento.

Monitoring Progress & Impact

ARPA Reinvestment funding supports a wide range of projects and partnerships across Sacramento. The City defines each project with specific goals to assess community impact. City departments and program partners regularly report on implementation, expenditures, and outcomes. This ongoing monitoring enables the City to evaluate performance, identify emerging needs, and adjust strategies as projects continue to advance.

In 2023, the City launched the ARPA Community Impact Hub to share information about its ARPA Reinvestment priorities, outcomes, and accomplishments.





Explore Sacramento's ARPA Community Impact Hub

Visit the City's ARPA Community Impact Hub to view full dashboard reports on project outcomes, funding allocations, and performance results.

Small Business & Commercial Corridor Revitalization

Small businesses and commercial corridors remain essential to Sacramento's economic vitality and neighborhood stability. Through targeted ARPA Reinvestments, the City supported local businesses and key commercial areas including Northgate Boulevard, Del Paso Boulevard, Stockton Boulevard, Mack Road, and the Downtown core to strengthen economic activity, revitalize historically underinvested areas, and promote inclusive growth.

$6M+
Invested into Local Businesses

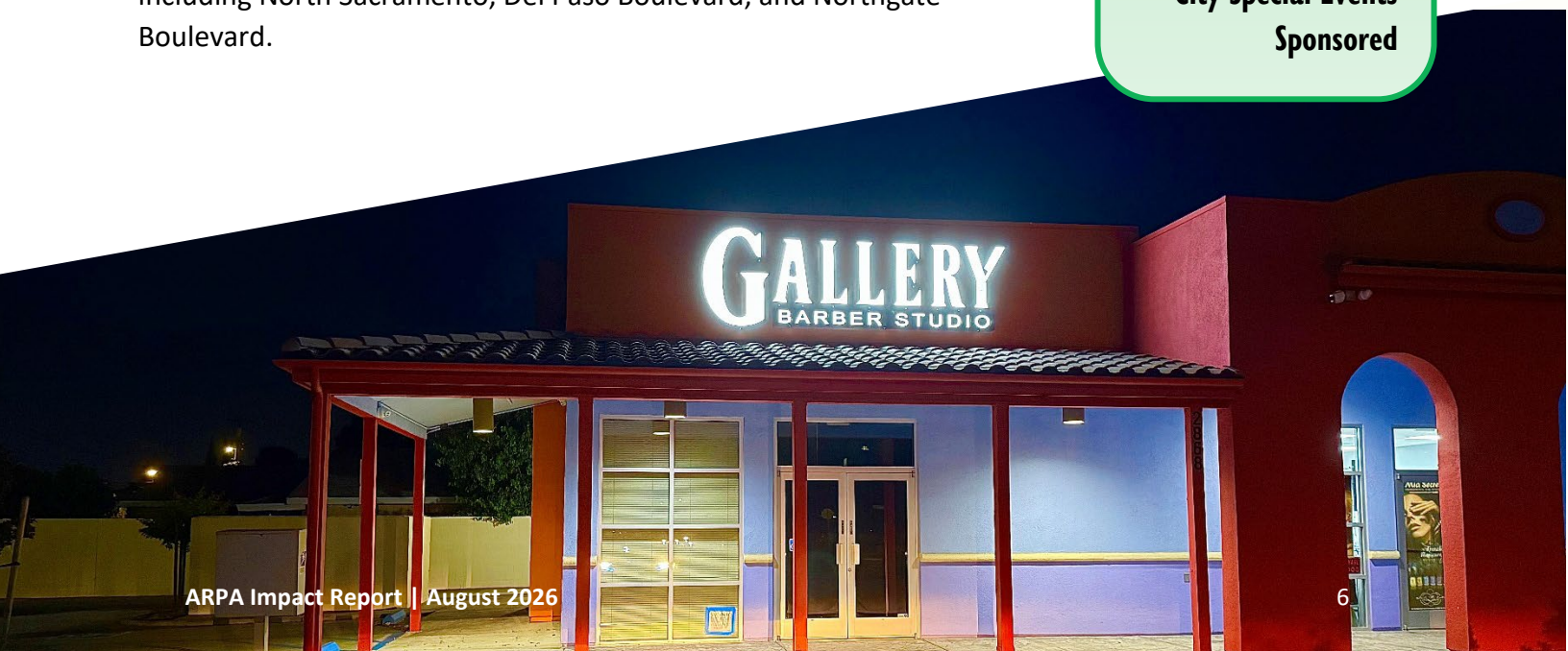
$6M+
Towards Safety, Modernization, & Beautification

900+
Small Businesses Assisted

120+
City Special Events Sponsored

Priority Outcomes

- Supported local small businesses in staying open, growing, and succeeding, with a focus on neighborhood corridors and downtown.
- Improved the cleanliness, safety, and overall appeal of commercial areas for shoppers, workers, and visitors.
- Revitalized storefronts and public spaces to increase foot traffic and economic activity.
- Expanded business support services, including coaching, technical assistance, and direct support for business owners with limited resources or language barriers.
- Directed investments to historically underinvested corridors, including North Sacramento, Del Paso Boulevard, and Northgate Boulevard.



Project Highlight: City of Festivals

The City of Festivals Grant Program activated public spaces, fostered community engagement, and stimulated economic recovery in Sacramento through special events. From August 2022 to December 2024, the program partnered with 90 organizations to deliver more than 120 festivals citywide, including cultural celebrations, community gatherings, educational and environmental activities, health and wellness events, and local business showcases.

These festivals created vibrant, inclusive opportunities for residents to connect while supporting social recovery and revitalizing neighborhood spaces. The events also created opportunities for small businesses, food vendors, and local artisans to promote their work and strengthen the local economy.

$750,000	90+	120+
Used to support local festivals	Community Partners	Festivals Supported



Project Highlight: North Sacramento Transformative Reinvestment Grant

The North Sacramento Transformative Reinvestment Grant supported organizations and nonprofits in District 2 by creating and retaining jobs and expanding programs and services that strengthened neighborhood economic recovery. Grants funded the revitalization of underused spaces and scalable community programming. In March 2024, the City awarded grants to seven North Sacramento nonprofits:

- **916 Ink**: Delivered youth creative writing workshops that expanded access to positive, skill-building enrichment opportunities.
- **I Am Manpower**: Delivered youth football, dance, and fashion design cohorts that combined mentoring and life-skills education.
- **Studio T Arts & Entertainment**: Renovated its headquarters, expanding its instruction space and capabilities to support youth and young adult workforce training.
- **Greater Sacramento Urban League**: Helped fund pre-development plans to transform a vacant parcel into a community gathering space with an outdoor plaza.
- **Single Mom Strong**: Supported a full-day summer camp with staff funding, safety-focused facility improvements, and community outreach.
- **Mutual Assistance Network**: Expanded Firehouse Café hours and launched a youth barista workforce training program.
- **Sacramento Youth Center**: Sustained a café with staff funding and expanded the use of its event space for local community groups at a discounted rate.



Before and after images of Studio T Arts & Entertainment's renovated dance studio.

Arts & the Creative Economy

Sacramento's arts and creative economy plays a vital role in the city's cultural identity and economic vitality. Through targeted investments, the City supported local artists, creative organizations, and businesses to strengthen the sector and promote long-term growth and resilience.

Priority Outcomes

- Helped build stable and long-term earning capacity for artists, creative workers, and cultural organizations through direct support and skill-building.
- Strengthened local arts and cultural organizations to help rebuild audiences, expand programming, and support employment.
- Advanced cultural tourism and visibility for Sacramento's creative sector, increasing activity and local economic impact.

240+

Artists Provided Income or Career Assistance

$2M+

Paid to Individual Artists

120+

Artistic Organizations & Businesses Supported

300+

Artistic Events Supported



"The richness and variety of artists in our community is inspiring, and it shows the incredible depth of creativity that Sacramento has to offer."

– Melissa Cirone, Grants Program Manager

Arts Priority Project Highlights



Creative Growth Fellowship

Sacramento's Creative Growth Fellowship provided 200 local artists with $850 per month from September 2025 to August 2026. The program covered basic living and creative expenses, freeing artists to focus on their work. It also offered cohort-based networking and tailored professional development. The program helped artists grow and expand creative activity across Sacramento by increasing artistic production, visibility, and community engagement.



Seeding Creativity

From November 2022 to November 2023, the Seeding Creativity program provided $10,000 stipends to 43 artists living and working in Sacramento County. With the stipends, artists were able to research, create, or present new work to the City, ranging from creating short films to producing student art workshops. The program also offered career development training on entrepreneurial skills, developing art portfolios, and setting up collaborative networks. Artists were also matched with creative coaches and peer cohorts, participating in 12 mentorship sessions and 12 cohort meetings to help advance their artistic practice and professional growth.



Arts & Cultural Nonprofit Recovery

In partnership with Sacramento County, the City's Arts and Cultural Nonprofit Recovery Program supported more than 100 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations through April 2023 to December 2025. The program supported the long-term sustainability of arts organizations, expanded employment, and sustained access to arts programming across the County. Grants funded public performances, events, and exhibits, as well as the preservation of cultural, historical, and educational sites. Funding covered essential operating costs, such as salaries and benefits, artist and contractor fees, rent, utilities, and marketing. In turn, this helped organizations stay in business, hire or retain staff, and continue to provide their services to the community.

Project Highlight: Sound Business Summit

In November 2025, the Sound Business Summit delivered six free, in-person workshops helping Sacramento music creators build sustainable careers through business education, professional tools, and peer networking. Funded by the City of Sacramento ARPA Reinvestment Fund and hosted by Department of Sound, the program drew 275 applications and served 150 independent artists across in-person and online channels. Workshop topics covered royalties, licensing, distribution, income diversification, live performance strategy, and merchandising using CCE's "Making Money with Music" curriculum. Participants represented all eight Sacramento City Council Districts, with 31 percent of invited artists from Promise Zone addresses. Through a partnership with Venice Music, founded by Troy Carter, all 150 participants received complimentary 12-month Venice Pro memberships for unlimited distribution, analytics, and marketing tools. The program earned a 4.8/5.0 satisfaction rating and generated media coverage across eight outlets reaching over 192,000 viewers. 100 percent of survey respondents consented to follow-up contact. Department of Sound will host an alumni networking event in late 2026 at a Midtown Sacramento music venue to sustain peer connection and professional community.



Youth, Workforce Training, & Gang Prevention

The City continues to invest in youth programs, workforce development, and gang prevention to address ongoing community needs. These efforts expanded employment and training opportunities, strengthened after-school and enrichment programs, and supported youth mental health and well-being. Investments also promoted other social services such as digital access, expanded childcare options, strengthened prevention and intervention services, and improved access to healthy food.

Priority Outcomes

- Expanded paid work experience, job training, and career pathways for youth and residents facing employment barriers.
- Increased after-school and youth enrichment opportunities, including promoting youth mental health and well-being.
- Helped reduce the digital divide by improving access to devices, internet, and digital support services.
- Expanded childcare options to support working families and early learning opportunities.
- Strengthened community-based gang prevention and intervention efforts.
- Expanded access to healthy food through stronger local food supports and community-based distribution.

1.6M+
Pounds of Food Distributed

142,000+
Hours of Youth Work Experience*

950+
Youth Social Development and Educational Events

80,000+
Hours of Youth Education and Assistance Services

500+
New Openings at Childcare Providers

*Include activities supported through the ARPA Reinvestment Fund and other funding sources

Youth Priority Project Highlights



Food Justice Grant Program

The program partnered with 17 organizations throughout 2023 and 2024 to help vulnerable communities combat food insecurity by improving access to nutritious food and strengthening the local food system. Grants supported the purchase and distribution of 1.3 million pounds of food to underserved communites. Partners served 147,472 meals, established new food pantries at affordable housing sites, and facilitated the use of SNAP benefits at farmers' markets. More information can be found at the Food Justice Grant Program website.



SacYouthWorks: Summer 2022

The program partnered with PRO Youth & Families and 33 community-based organizations to provide financial support, work-based learning, job-readiness training, and mental health guidance for youth ages 14–18 years old. The program served 712 participants, with 88 percent of youth partcipants feeling hopeful at program end through improvements to foundational skills like problem-solving teamwork, and time management.



Childcare Provider Stipend Program

Sacramento's Childcare Provider Stipend Program supported 152 licensed providers throughout 2023 with one-time $5,000–$7,500 stipends to help stabilize the local childcare sector. Program outreach generated 300 applications and successfully assisted 205 providers with one-on-one support sessions. The support increased the likelihood that providers maintained active licensure and contributed to the stability of Sacramento's licensed childcare capacity in high-need areas.

Homeless & Housing Commitment

Housing stability remains a critical priority as Sacramento continues to face pressure on its housing market and growing needs among residents experiencing homelessness. City investments expanded shelter capacity, strengthened outreach and supportive services, and advanced affordable housing strategies to help individuals and families move from homelessness to stable housing.

Priority Outcomes

- Improved pathways from unsafe outdoor living to safe shelters and stable housing through a coordinated, citywide approach.
- Expanded shelter options, including additional beds, spaces, and accommodations, with outreach and support services.
- Prioritized services for individuals and families, including women, children, and those experiencing substance use or serious mental health challenges.
- Aligned short-term shelter solutions with long-term affordable housing strategies by strengthening the City's housing funding tools.

$14M+

Invested Toward Shelter Programs, Street Clean-Up, and Addiction Treatment Services

40,000+

Bag of Trash or Large Items Cleaned from the Streets

350+

Low-Income Units Developed or Secured

1,100+

Individuals Provided Permanent or Temporary Housing



Project Highlight: City Motel Program

Together, the Motel Voucher Program and Step Up Outreach program (referred to as the City Motel Program) provided housing coordination and navigation services to unsheltered homeless individuals and families from 2023 to 2026. The program connected these groups with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services. In partnership with Step Up on Second Street, Inc. (Step Up), the program also delivered urgent, non-facility-based care and essential services for individuals sheltered at City Motel Voucher locations, with a focus on permanently housing chronically homeless individuals.

Using a Housing First model, Step Up rapidly moved participants into permanent housing and provided move-in support and other services to help individuals remain stably housed. Accomplishments include engaging with 359 landlords or property owners to secure 129 housing units and provide 1,100 individuals with permanent or temporary housing. The City extended the program three times beyond the ARPA Reinvestment initiative, assisting thousands more individuals.



"In the 18 months I, secured a housing voucher, left the motel for permanent housing, maintained a household budget, successfully parented two growing boys, and landed a new job." – Program Participant

Citywide Organizational Needs

The City allocated $20 million to support the internal capacity required to manage, deliver, and sustain ARPA Reinvestment funded programs. These investments help the City maintain essential operations, support its workforce, and strengthen systems that enable effective implementation and long-term impact.

Priority Outcomes

- Supported essential City operations and workforce needs to ensure continuity of services and effective program delivery.
- Strengthened internal systems, staffing, and operational capacity to manage programs efficiently and responsibly.

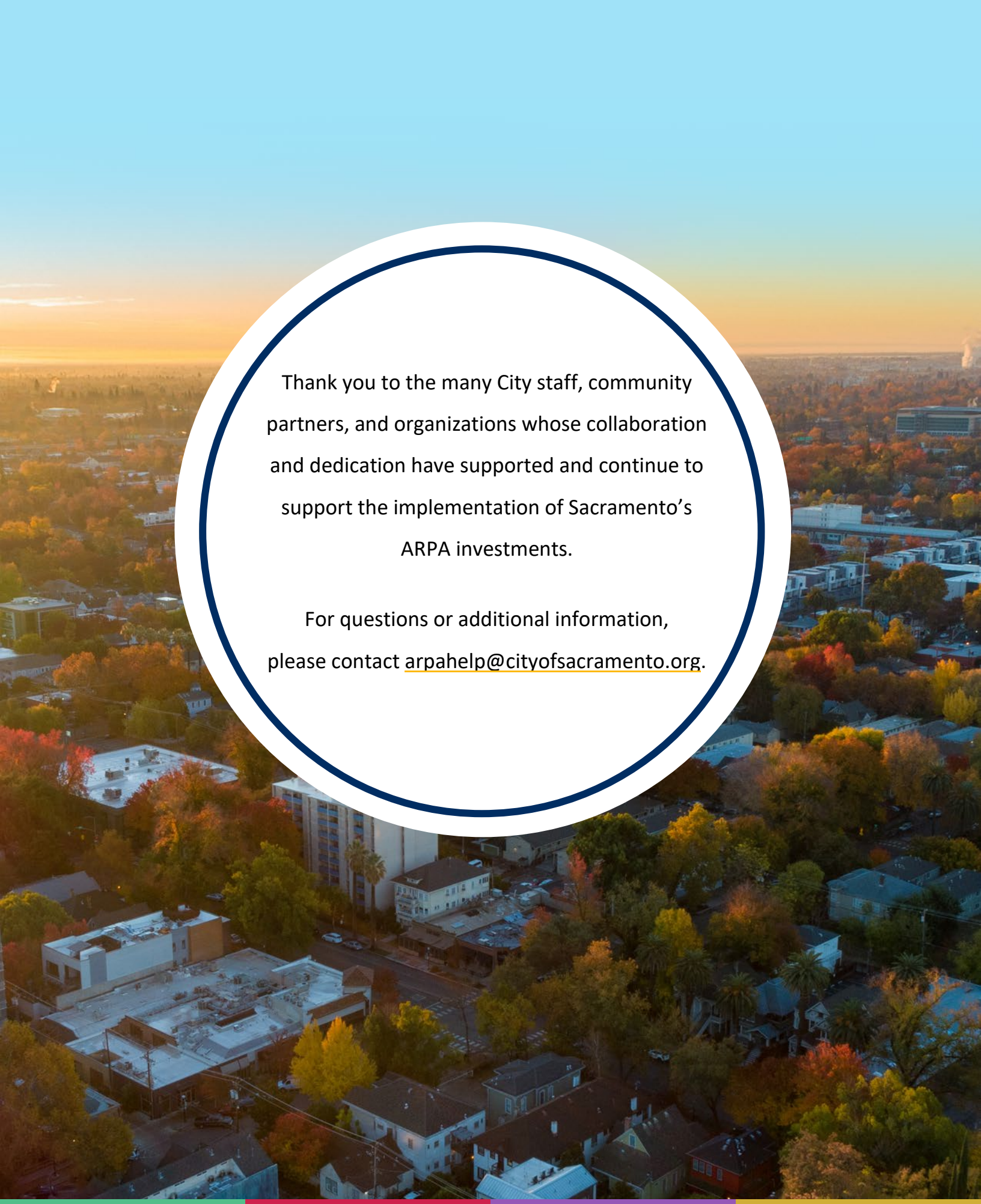
$7M+

Invested in Police Staffing, Transparency, and Legal Compliance

$1.3M+

Invested in Grantmaking Capacity and Business Support





Thank you to the many City staff, community partners, and organizations whose collaboration and dedication have supported and continue to support the implementation of Sacramento's ARPA investments.

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