

Eligibility/Timeliness (Project Must Answer Yes to These 2 Statements to Proceed)

Project is Eligible under ARPA Interim Final Rule Criteria	Project is NOT eligible under ARPA Interim Final Rule Criteria
Project funds will be expended by 12/31/26	Project funds will NOT be expended by 12/31/26

Decision Criteria						
<i>Tangible Impact</i>	<i>Impact</i>	<i>Com Need¹</i>	<i>Alignment²</i>	<i>ROI</i>	<i>Efficiency</i>	<i>Change</i>
0 Project has no tangible impact on Fitchburg residents or businesses	Project impacts are only immediate (<1 year) in nature	Project does not respond to a salient community need, and does not reach a population of disproportionate impact (i.e. Qualified Census Tracts)	Project is not aligned to the goals of any City strategic plan	Project leverages no additional funding to expand impact	Project expends resources in a manner that far outweighs the impact of the project	This project would happen anyway.
1 Project has a small, indirect benefit on the majority of Fitchburg residents or businesses	Project will have impacts on the City or residents/businesses that are short-term (1-5 years) in nature	Project reaches a population of disproportionate impact, but does not respond to a salient community need	Project is somewhat aligned to the goals of a City strategic plan	Project leverages at least 50% additional funding to expand impact	Impact less than the resource expenditure	
2 Project has an large indirect benefit for a majority of Fitchburg residents/businesses and/or a large direct impact on a neighborhood	Project will have impacts on the City or residents/businesses that are medium-term (6-10 years) in nature	Project reaches a population of disproportionate impact, and somewhat responds to a salient community need	Project is clearly aligned to the goals of a City strategic plan	Project leveraged at least a 1:1 match to expand impact	Impact commensurate with the resource expenditure	
3 Project has a large direct benefit to a majority of Fitchburg residents or businesses	Project will have impacts on the City or residents/businesses that are long-term (10+ years) in nature	Project reaches a population of disproportionate impact and responds to a salient community need	Project is clearly aligned to the goals of multiple City strategic plans	Project leverages a greater than 1:1 ratio match to expand impact	Impact far greater than the resource expenditure	This project would not be possible without ARPA funds

^{1 2} Community Need and Project Alignment resources can be found at fitchburgma.gov/ARPA