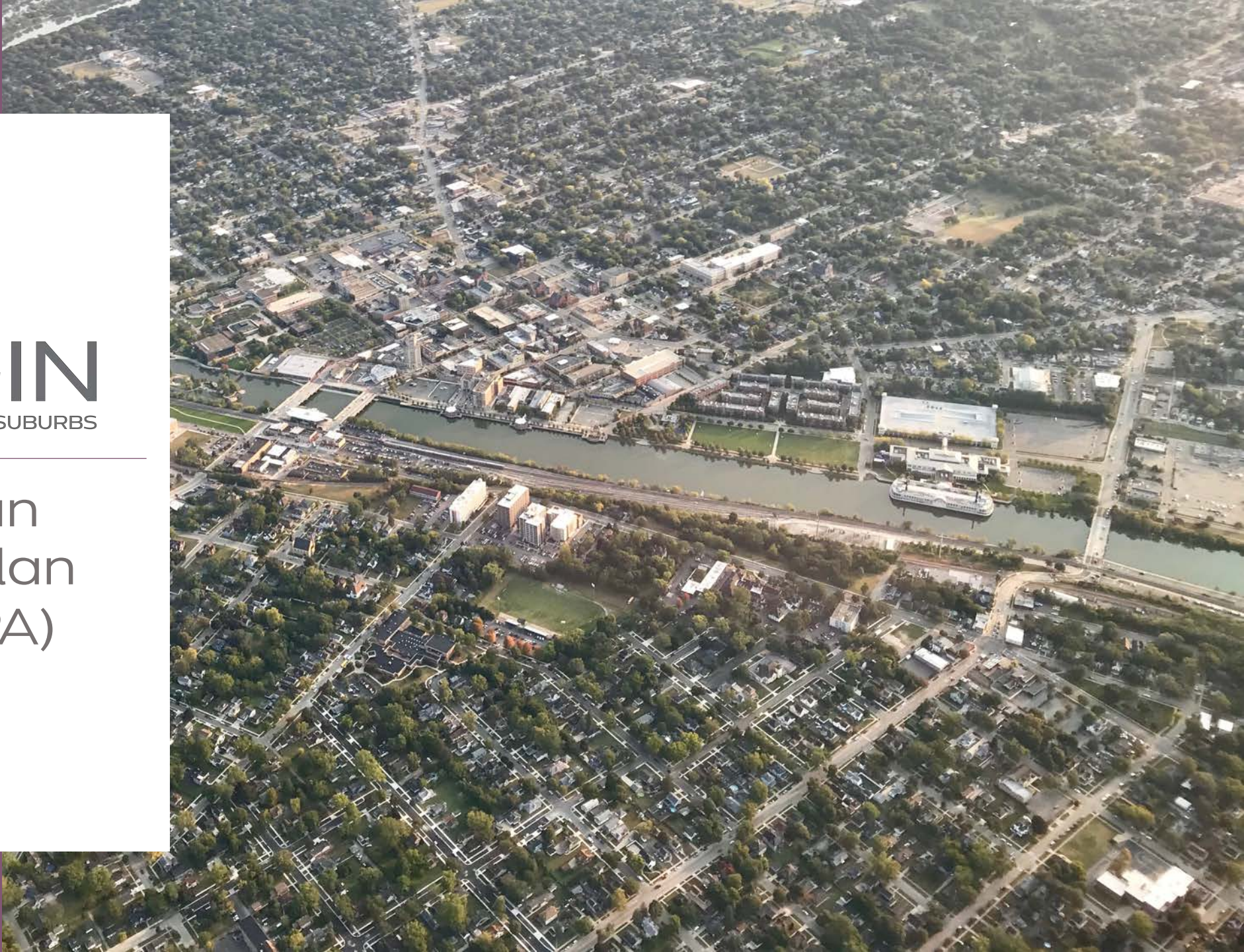




American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

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Agenda

ARPA

Operation

Reporting

Eligible Uses

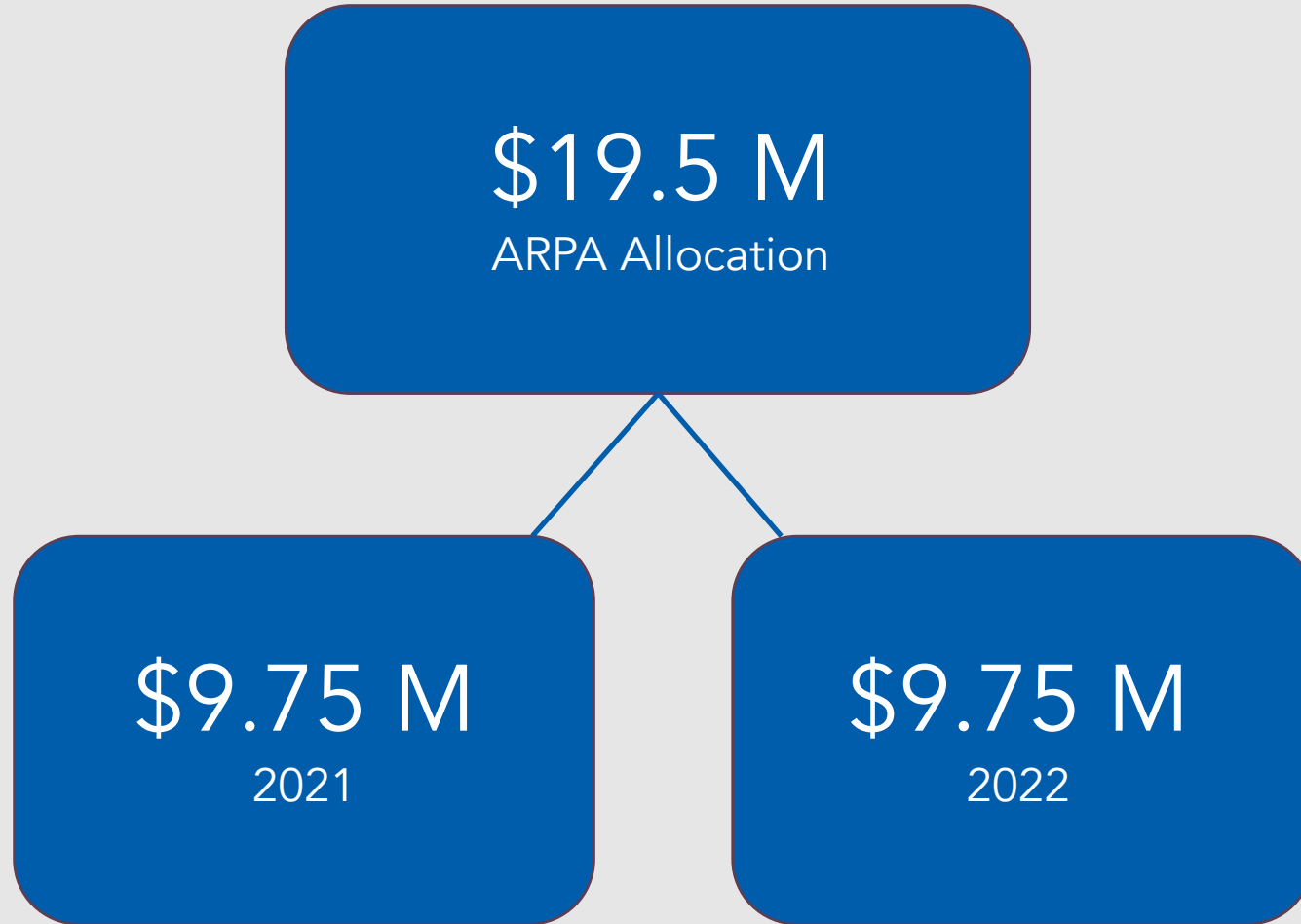
Recommendations

Discussion



OPERATION

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OPERATION

Two Tranches

- Incur expenditure obligations between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024
- All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026



REPORTING

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REPORTING

- **Interim Report**
- Initial Overview of status and uses of funding; with expenditure by category
- Due August 31, 2021

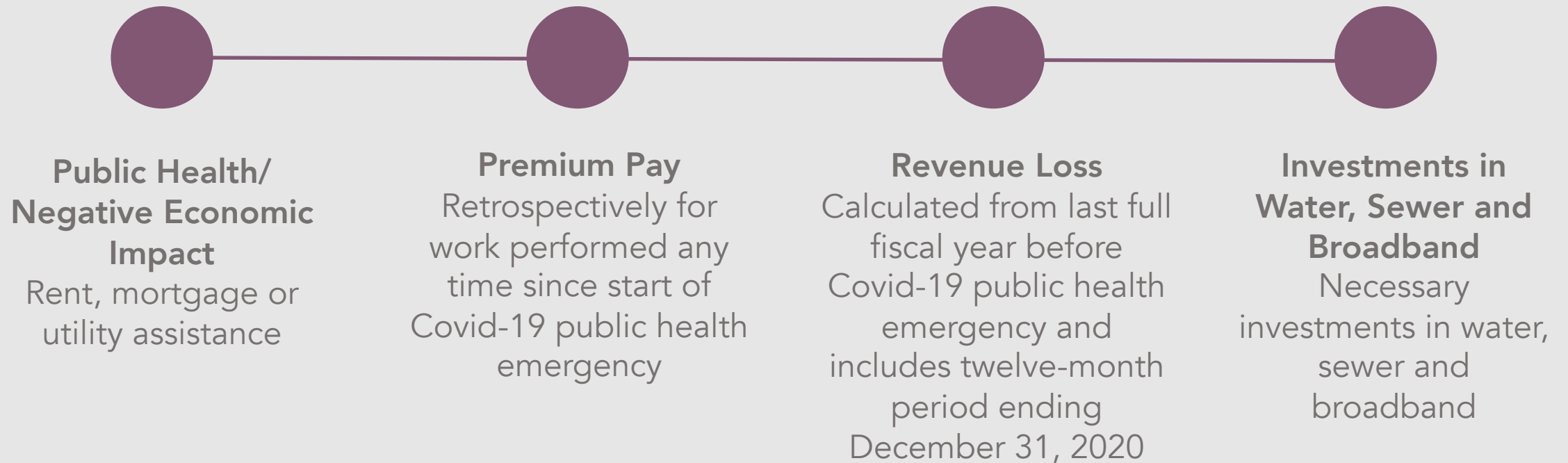
- **Project and Expenditure Report**
- Projects funded, expenditures and contract and subawards over \$50,000
- Due October 31, 2021 and annually afterwards



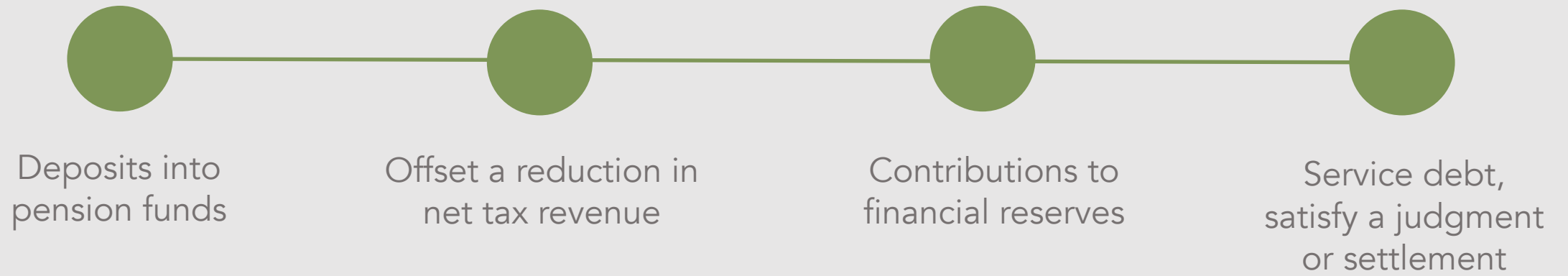
ELIGIBLE USES

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Eligible Uses



Ineligible Uses



Premium Pay and Revenue Loss

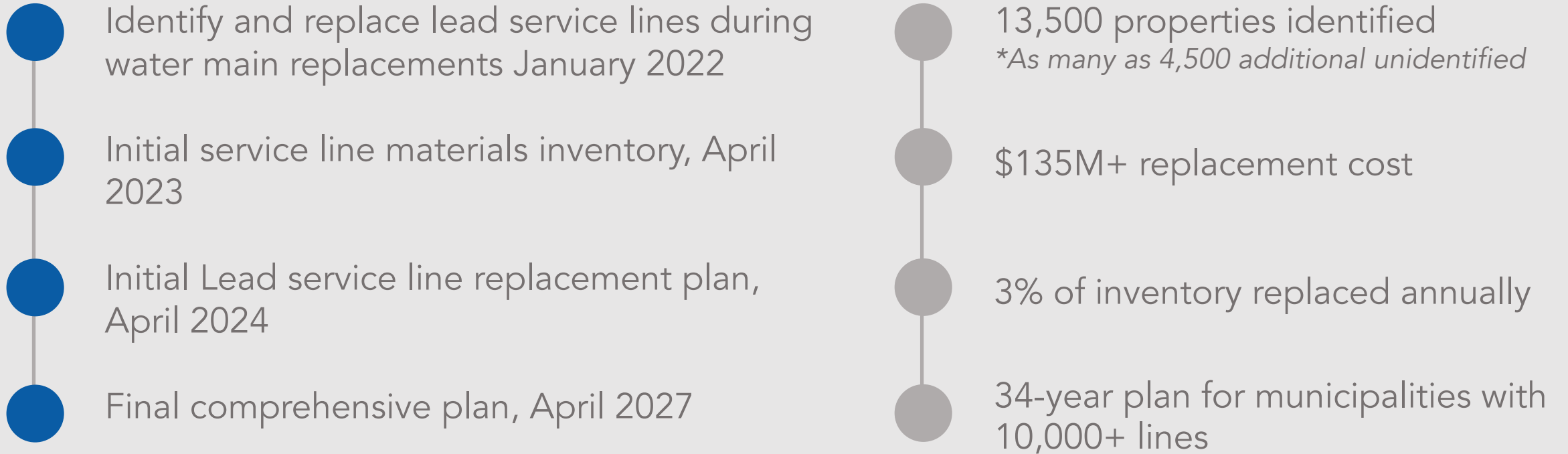
Neither being recommended for consideration

City's 2020 expenditure reductions—including employee furloughs, zero wage increases—enabled City to end 2020 budget year without a loss.

City's frontline employees shared risks similar with employees in essential Elgin businesses that are not receiving premium pay for the work they performed during the pandemic.

Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act

MANDATES FULL LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT



INVESTMENTS IN WATER, SEWER AND BROADBAND

Combined Sewer Separation

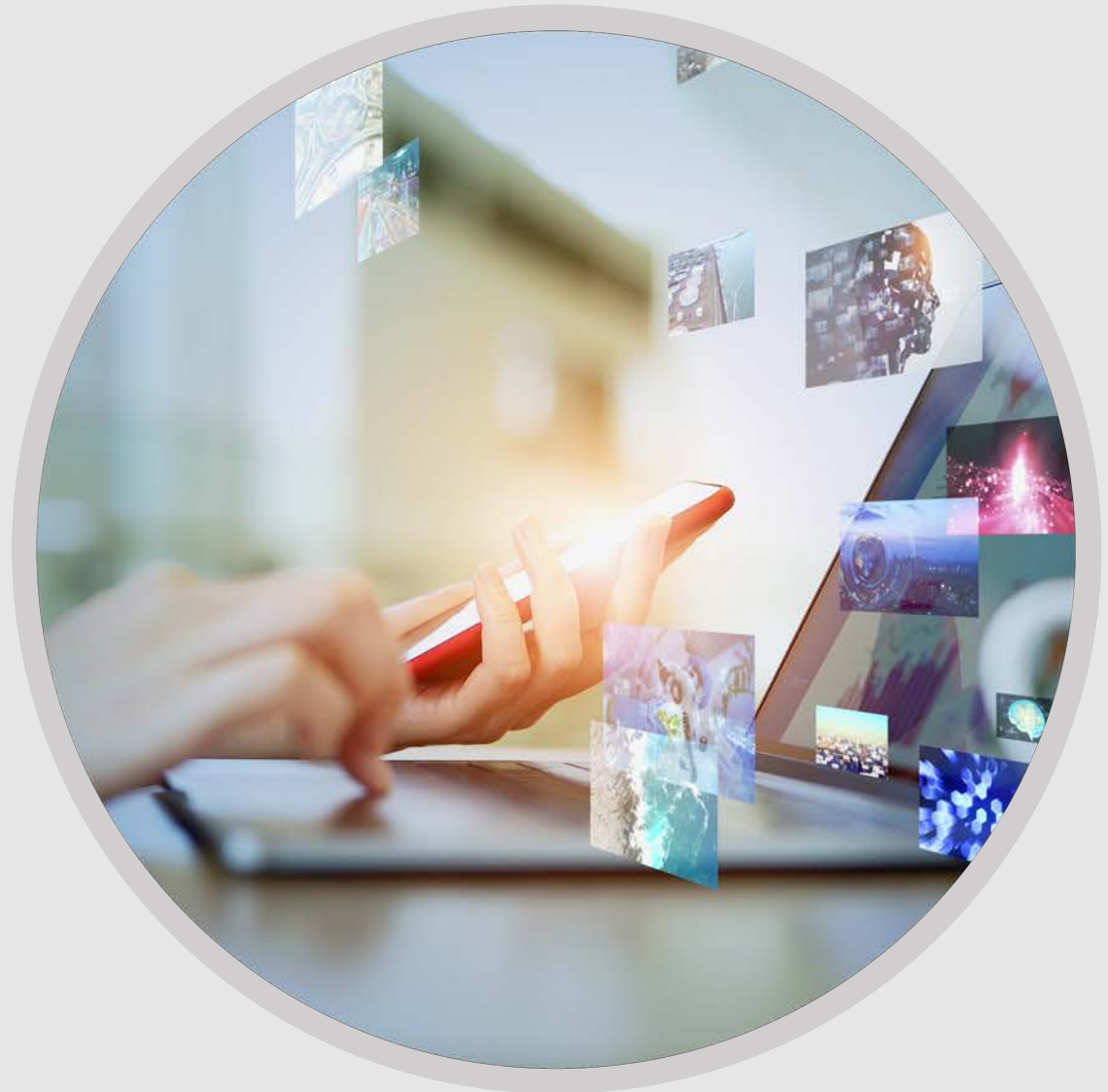
- Single most important initiative for preserving and enhancing quality of the Fox River
- Ten combined sewer outfalls discharge sewage overflow into the Fox River
- City agreement with EPA mandates an average of no more than four overflows annually by 2031
- \$90 million for remaining combined sewer replacement



INVESTMENTS IN WATER, SEWER
AND BROADBAND

Broadband

- “Under the interim final rule, eligible projects are expected to focus on locations that are unserved or underserved.”
- Elgin ITS Director Jeff Massey’s knowledge of the incidence of Elgin’s broadband coverage indicates there are no unserved or underserved areas of significance within the city.



PUBLIC HEALTH/NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Affordable Housing

2021 CDBG Programming

- Affordable Housing Fund \$337,000
- Healthy Homes Rehab Program \$620,000
- E. Chicago Street Planning Study \$75,000

FHA relaxing way it assesses
student-loan debt when weighing
eligibility for homebuying assistance
Helps lower-income borrowers and
narrows racial gap in home ownership

PUBLIC HEALTH/NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Affordable Housing

CRA being rewritten by Federal Reserve for hundreds of billions of dollars in lending and investment in lower-income neighborhoods.

- CRA is 1977 law aimed at ending “redlining”—banks’ practice of avoiding lending in certain areas, often minority neighborhoods.
- Proposed changes updating rules from law enacted more than 40 years ago, before advent of the internet, when most banking was conducted at local branches.

IL bill providing property tax incentives for developers setting aside some units in their projects for low- to moderate-income residents.

- 30-year reduction in property tax assessments—and lower taxes as a result—for setting aside 20 percent of units for tenants earning 60 percent or less of median income.
- Bill also includes tax breaks designed to spark construction or preservation of affordable housing in less expensive neighborhoods and in areas that are gentrifying.

Existing Financial Assistance Programs



City of Elgin Water Bill Assistance Program
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP)
COVID-19 Pandemic Health Navigator Program (PHNP)



IHDA Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Ecker)
Salvation Army*
Help for Illinois Families*
St. Vincent DePaul*
Elgin Township*
Hanover Township*
Two Rivers Head Start*
COVID-19 Pandemic Health Navigator Program (PHNP)



Nearly 30 food pantries and soup kettles in Elgin

- Food for Greater Elgin
- Elgin Cooperative Ministries Soup Kettles
- Northern Illinois Food Bank

COVID-19 Pandemic Health Navigator Program (PHNP)

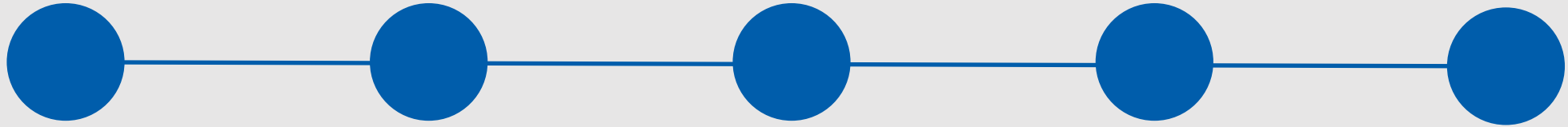
* = Rent/Mortgage, Utilities and Food

2020-2021 City of Elgin Pandemic Recovery Funding \$710,000



PUBLIC HEALTH/NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Mental Health/708 Board



Named for the House of Representatives Resolution 708 that created such entities

708 boards respond to the local mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability needs of their constituents

Small tax of up to 0.15 percent of the assessed value of a home (~\$80–\$90 per year on average) is collected

708 board then responsible for putting out a request for proposals that will stipulate who is eligible for funding

Elgin Township and Dundee Township voters approved referendum in March 2020*

PUBLIC HEALTH/NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Mental Health/708 Board

Elgin Township
and Dundee
Township voters
approved
referendum in
March 2020

- Kane County Clerk's Office refused to levy the voter-approved tax, citing a mistake in the way the referendum question was worded on the ballot.
- Contention is Property Tax Extension Limitation Law guidelines—also known as the Tax Cap Law—not followed. As a result, voters may not have realized a “yes” vote would increase their property taxes.
- First court hearing on August 20th.

PUBLIC HEALTH/NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Homelessness

Services to address
homelessness

Supportive Housing

- Surplus/Repurposed City properties
- Preliminary discussions with providers and State



RECOMMENDATIONS

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Collaborative Project Proposal

Preliminary Concept





BUILDINGS

- A** DEMOLISH LARKIN CENTER

AREAS

- 2** SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS
- 11** STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

TRAILS

- BIKE TRAIL**
- WALKING TRAIL**

PARKING

- 87** TOTAL PARKING SPACES



ELGIN
THE CITY IN THE SUBURBS