

# CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ARPA PROJECTS

The ARPA Task Force will use these criteria to guide and facilitate the project selection process that will determine its recommendations for project funding. These criteria are not intended to be used as a rigid scoring matrix, but are intended to provide a basis for making qualitative judgments to help inform recommendations for funding.

## ARPA PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

- ☐ **Does this project comply with U.S. Department of Treasury Guidelines?** A yes/no or pass/fail criteria.
- ☐ **Does this project address an existing racial inequity or disparity?** If yes, the project will be viewed more favorably.
- ☐ **Will the project's benefits reach the most vulnerable/excluded/impacted groups?** If yes, the project will be viewed more favorably.
- ☐ **Does the project prioritize specific neighborhoods or geographic areas? If yes, what areas and what are the racial demographics of those areas?** If the project prioritizes areas with a larger share of the population from historically disadvantaged groups, it will be viewed more favorably.
- ☐ **How does the project advance the achievement of racial equity?** Projects that can clearly demonstrate how this can be achieved will be viewed more favorably.
- ☐ **Which priority area from the ARPA Task Force Survey does this project more closely align with?** Projects that most closely align with priority area that was rated as top priorities in the ARPA Task Force Survey will be viewed more favorably.
- ☐ **Does the project take place in or primarily benefit the residents of a Qualified Census Tract?** Projects that take place in or primarily benefit residents of a QCT will be viewed more favorably.
- ☐ **Can this project be completed before the deadline for expenditure of ARPA funds? Project Timeline:** Projects that run the risk of not being completed prior to the expiration of ARPA funds on December 31, 2026 will be viewed less favorably.
- ☐ **Does the project request include performance measures, both output and outcome measures, that clearly demonstrate the impact that the project will have on the City and its residents?** Projects that provide clear, meaningful, and realistic performance measures for their project will be viewed more favorably than those that do not.

