



# Upper Darby Township ARPA Spending

May 1, 2024

# Agenda

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# 1. Background - Why We're Here

- **On Monday, April 22, 2024, the CAO appeared at a hearing in the Court of Common Pleas on behalf of the Mayor, Council and Township regarding an Amended Emergency Complaint for Declaratory Judgments Ordering Immediate and Absolute Compliance with Upper Darby Ordinances ARPA 3139, 3141, 3142, 3143, 3144**
- **Initial contention was that money was not being spent on Fire, Police, and Watkins Center—the complaint was expanded to cover all ordinances**
- **The hearing was suspended for discussion in the Judge's Chambers whereby the judge ordered that for the next 4 meetings, the Township would provide information for public information and comment related to the status of ARPA spending--including amounts spent, amounts remaining, and, ultimately, final determinations for remaining funds--for projects designated in the above-mentioned ordinances**
- **Given the brevity of the new CAO's tenure, the Judge noted that the first of these reports would not be as detailed, as he understood that the new Mayor and CAO were getting up to speed on all of the issues related to operating the Township**
- **Transparency is the key – full summary spreadsheets available here and posted online – will be updated monthly**

## 2. Summary of ARPA Spending to Date

- Upper Darby awarded \$41,761,929
- Expended in 2022 - \$7,907,149.98 – 18.9%
- Expended in 2023 - \$8,824,997.39 – 21.1%
- Expended in 2024 (as of 4/25/24) - \$995,295.31 – 2.4%
- Encumbrance as of 4/25/24 - \$3,736,022.80 – 9%
- **Total committed funds - \$21,463,458 – 51.4%**

# 3. Methodology Going Forward

- Allocations were made to both departments and external parties with no formal intake, evaluation, and award structure in place—this slowed the process
- Federal dollars require accountability, reporting, eligibility analysis
- Upper Darby Township brought on UHY Consulting to serve as ARPA Compliance Advisor so that all potential projects and expenditures are vetted before award
- No cash allocations are awarded internally or externally – federal and state procurement rules that UDT operates by are utilized—from bidding to procurement
- Finance working with departments and active outside recipients

# Watkins Center Spending

- Awarded \$250,000
- No funds spent to date
- Assessing the Center to prioritize capital improvement needs

# Police Department Spending

- Amount awarded - \$4,150,000
- Amount spent in 2022 - \$72,470 <1%
- Amount spent in 2023 - \$1,792,944.84 – 43.2%
- Amount spent in 2024 - \$557,510.27 – 13.4%
- Encumbrances to date - \$238,398.42 – 5.7%
- **Total committed Police Funds - \$2,661,323.43 – 64.1%**
- Purchases include, vehicles, cameras, specialized equipment, police records storage, gun prevention and buy-back programs

# Fire Department Spending

- Amount Awarded - \$4,400,000
- Amount spent in 2022 – \$0
- Amount spent in 2023 - \$1,240,512.64 – 28.2%
- Amount spent in 2024 - \$255.00 - <1%
- Encumbrance to date - \$2,177, 526.06 – 49.5%
- **Total committed Fire Department Funds - \$3,418,294.70 – 77.%**

# Volunteer Fire Company Allocations

- \$500,000 allocated @ \$100,000 per fire house
- Delays in spending due to Township conducting necessary due diligence to ensure Fire Company's were operationally and fiscally capable of undertaking projects
- Fire Companies completed due diligence screening in December 2023
- Mayor Brown approved moving forward in January 2024, pending review by the CAO

# Status by Company

Fire Company	Proposed Project	Estimate Costs	Status	
Garrettford-Drexel Hill	Resurface parking lot; Resurface bay floors; Replace alarm boards cabinets	\$75,000; \$35,000; \$25,000 respectively	CoStars vendors have been identified	UHY evaluating their submittals
Highland Park	HVAC, roof repairs, floor remediation		Updating quotes	
Upper Darby	Roof Replacement	\$100,000+	Updating quotes	
Cardington-Stonehurst	Roof Repair or Replacement		Obtaining quotes	
Primos-Secane-Westbrook	Roof Repair and general maintenance		Obtaining quotes	