



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AGENDA
of
February 12, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Special Meeting** on **February 12, 2024**, beginning at **4:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers** at **1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via videoconference hosted through Zoom (councilzoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque City Council intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public and the meeting will be broadcast at this location, on Channel 16, and via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6G8ypjyEDo>).

The Council will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PRESENTATIONS
 - 4.I. La Marque Safe City Initiative Update
La Marque Safe City Initiative (LMSCI)--Update Eff 2-12-2024
 - 4.II. ARPA Expenditures Presentation
Presentation of applicable ARPA expenditures with recommendation from City Manager
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072(Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development)
6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on February 9, 2024 before 4:00 p.m.

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk

La Marque Safe City Initiative
(Final Goals—Effective February 3, 2022)

LMSCI Update as of February 12, 2024

- **Goal #1:** (Consists of items A through E—Internal Operational Goals)

A. Reintroduce *Community Oriented Policing*.

- 1st Year Goal (2022): Introduce three (3) Community Watch Areas with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area.

1st Year Goals achieved: Four (4) have been implemented: #5 is a WIP for this year.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: Eight Community Watch Areas have been introduced.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

Business Corridor—North Community Watch (Community Watch #9.)

Works in Progress (relating to Community Oriented Policing):

Gulfway Plaza (Outlet Mall), Community Watch #10 to be implemented on/about mid-March 2024.

*Both Community Watch areas house retail stores/shops and will be assigned their personal fully trained Community Policing Officers.

- 3rd Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): A total of nine (9) Community Watch Areas will be instituted with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area.
- 5th Year Goal (As of December 31, 2026): A total of 15 Community Watch Areas will be instituted with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area.

B. Reintroduce *CompStat* program.

- 1st Year Goal (2022): CompStat program fully instituted and active.

1st Year Goals achieved: Five (5) CompStat Briefings have been conducted.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: Eighteen (18) CompStat Briefings have been conducted.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024: Twenty (20) CompStat Briefings have been conducted.

- 3rd Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): CompStat operation evolves into inviting Mayor and Council Members attending the monthly meetings if so desired.
- 5th Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Assessment of program and modification, as necessary.

C. Establish a fully trained “Gang” Unit.

- 1st Year Goal (2022): Two (2) of three (3) Officers are fully trained in gang operations to include: maintaining a working relationship with schools, social services agencies, community-based organizations, and other criminal justice organizations in a systematic approach to the prevention, intervention, and suppression of criminal gang activity. relating to identification, operations, and finally interdiction. At year end, Gang Unit conducts survey to determine gangs in operation to establish a “baseline” of gang membership and activities.

1st Year Goals achieved: Two (2) Officers are now fully trained Gang Unit Officers. Survey will be conducted in December 2022.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: Though three (3) fully trained “gang operations officers” was the initial goal, at this juncture the department has four (4). As for the status of “gangs in operation” at this juncture, commentary relating to this information will be provided during the 10-23-2023 City Council Meeting.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

Documented number of gangs in COLM: 49

Documented number of gang members in COLM: 113

Largest documented gangs in COLM: #1 = Bloods; #2 = Crips.

Works in Progress:

Gang posture for the COLM will be communicated during the upcoming “LMSCI Summit—2024” to be conducted on a date to be announced

- 3rd Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): All three (3) Officers are trained in gang operations. Survey conducted by Gang Unit with a goal of discerning a 15% reduction in gang membership and activities from year #1 initial survey.
- 5th Year Goal (As of December 31, 2026): Acquire one (1) Gang Unit Officer in a full-time status working with two (2) Gang Unit Officers that serve on a part time basis. Survey conducted by Gang Unit with a goal of discerning a 20% reduction in gang membership and activities from year #1 initial survey.

D. Hire a contractor to assist to perform “crime analyst” functions.

1st Year Goal (2022): This contractor will assist in formulating & delivering crime statistics for CompStat meetings.

1st Year Goals achieved: This was performed and initiated during May 2022.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: “No match” grant for \$300K has been awarded to LMPD for a full-time Crime Analyst for a 3-year period.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

The former Crime Analyst (contractor Eric Robicheaux) has departed employment. Currently Dr. Shannon Davenport is assisting our agency as a contractor and acquiring “data/information-based policing” training. A budget amendment will be introduced to approve hiring a Crime Analyst funded by the \$300K “no-match” federal grant.

3rd Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): Contractor will become a part-time employee.

5th Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Contractor will become a full-time employee.

E. Matriculate into the Texas Recognition Program.

(The *Law Enforcement Recognition Program* is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices).

1st Year Goal (2022): LMPD will initiate developing policies and procedures that align with the 170 standards.

1st Year Goals achieved: This has initiated and policies are being reviewed for implementation.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: Great progress being made on this matter: especially on Property Room operations via hiring a part-time employee to assist. The vision is to officially matriculate into this program during the first quarter of 2025 and complete the project NLT mid-2026.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

Effective October 1, 2023, a complete revision of the department’s policy manual has been conducted. The manual meets the criteria and standards of *Texas Police Chief Association’s Best Practices Accreditation Program*.

Works in Progress (relating to attaining accreditation):

1. Property Room (evidence) operations are tracking effectively.
2. Digitization of police department records (to transition hard-copy files to a modern electronic database) is currently in progress.

3rd Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): LMPD will officially matriculate into the program and complete the requirements for “recognition.”

5th Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): LMPD will have completed the recognition program and be working on its next assessment (after successfully completing recognition status an assessment is due every four [4] years.

- **Goal #2:**

Employ the department’s Special Response Team (SRT) as often as practicable to conduct “Directive Patrol Actions” (DPA’s) in drug & crime hot spots.

1st Year Goals achieved: Since January 2022, 18 SRT operations have been conducted.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: This is occurring on a bi-monthly basis: especially employing the SRT to conduct concentrated effort relating to traffic enforcement operations.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

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➤ 1st, 3rd, and 5th Year Goals are all standardized relating to conducting DPA's as often as practicable.

- **Goal #3.**

A. Apply for a grant to fund Officers to form three (3) Officer teams that will have a dual role for the Officers to serve as SRT members **and** Community Policing Officers (when not conducting SRT missions).

1st Year Goals achieved: Grant submitted.

B. Should grants not be available, budget for FY 2022/2023 to fund a minimum of one-three (3) Officer Team to operate full-time as per "Goal #3 A." above.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: "COPS Hiring Grant" totaling \$750 K was awarded to the COLM during October 2022 funding six (6) Community Policing Officers.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

Currently all six (6) Community Policing Officers have been hired and the city is receiving the benefit of the grant proceeds.

Works in Progress (relating to officers serving in role as both SRT and CPO's):

Tentatively, mid-CY 2024, a three (3) officer team will be implemented to initiate work as one of the teams that will have a dual role to serve as SRT members **and** Community Policing Officers (when not conducting SRT missions).

- **Goal #4:**

Conduct a study/cost analysis to assess our city's lighting needs and priorities. Goal will be to upgrade COLM streetlights (east & west side of city) with LED lights and install streetlights wherever deemed necessary.

➤ 1st Year Goal (2022): Consultant will complete needs assessment of lighting (and estimated cost) for the entire COLM: to include "safety lighting" for Omega Bay.

1st Year Goals achieved: Consultant has been acquired (Dinh Ho). LMPD Patrol Officers have provided PW locations of inoperative lights throughout the COLM: this is ongoing. City is now funding electricity expense for Omega Bay "safety lights".

- 2nd Year Goal (2023): Funding for this project will receive City Council action.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: Lighting improvements have been greatly enhanced: PW Director to provide brief verbal narrative.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024:

“Lights out and/or inoperative are being reported on a continuing basis by LMPD officers to Public Works.

Status of lighting (specific metrics) throughout the COLM will be presented by Public Works Director.

- 3rd Year Goal (As of January 1, 2024): Should funding be acquired contractors will initiate work.

5th Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Lighting project will be completed.

- **Goal #5:**

- 1st Year Goal (2022):

A. Hire a Social Worker to fill the department’s already budgeted vacant position.

1st Year Goals achieved: Due to the “property tax roll back” election this goal could not be executed; however, the good news is that during recent Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations it was solidified that a joint COLM/Union committee would be formulated to hire (as a contractor) a qualified mental health professional that meets this committee’s needs and priorities. The goal is to have this contractor to provide such mental health services to COLM first responders (i.e., police, fire, EMS) on an as-needed basis.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: This goal is still a work in progress.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2024: This goal is still a work in progress.

B. Initiate an MOU with the Resource Crisis Center (RCC) that will work in partnership with the Social Worker. The RCC will (to the greatest extent possible) serve as the “hub”/key organizer in acquiring other social service agencies to assist the COLM with activities and socio-economic programs to enhance the quality of life of our residents: with an emphasis on developing youth advocacy programs/efforts for prevention, intervention, and treatment of juveniles—to include after-school curriculums (e.g., sports leagues, entertainment/youth centers, etc.) Supplementing all mentioned within this goal will be development of the following committees with an emphasis on youth advocacy: Community Action Team (CAT), Community Oriented Policing Leadership Committee/Chief’s Diversity Committee (members will serve on both committees), Chief’s Youth Advisory Committee, and finally, rejuvenating the La Marque Ministerial Association.

C. **1st Year Goals achieved:** Currently the RCC has introduced the “Be Strong” program at the La Marque High School and Sara Giles Middle School (in Texas City). This program essentially teaches skills to attendees (female students) to: 1. promote social norms that protect against violence; 2. prevent sexual violence; and finally, 3. provide opportunities to empower and support girls and women. The courses began the second week in September and will run for a period of 12 weeks (or 12 total classes), with the series ending the last week of November. The Middle School program is on Tuesdays and the High School is Wednesday. Each class is one hour in length.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: MOU has been officiated with the RCC of which, besides the above programs, now includes having an assigned certified *Crisis Intervention Specialist* (CIS) who has a desk at the police department and works two eight (8) hour shifts every other week. This subject matter expert serves as an advisor/consultant to officers (and will go on calls with officers as necessary) relating to matters relating to: family violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Additionally, an MOU has been officiated with the *Gulf Coast Center* to provide having an assigned certified *Mental Health Specialist* who has a desk at the police department and works every other week to cover both day and evening patrol shifts. This subject matter expert serves as an advisor/consultant to officers (and will go on calls with officers as necessary) relating to matters relating to mental health concerns.

Status of LMSCI as of 2-12-2023:

The RCC and GCC remain working in partnership with the LMPD via an MOU.

RCC continues to provide CIS personnel twice weekly with each CIS on duty for eight hours.

GCC assistance has transition to provide direct assistance via a dedicated email that is received by their CIS who provides dedicated support as requested.

Works in Progress (relating to developing overall proactive partnerships with pertinent coalitions):

1. On/about mid-late CY 2024, subject matter experts and LMPD executives appointed by Chief Aragon will implement a *Law Enforcement Police Explorer Post*.
 2. During CY 2024, subject matter experts and LMPD executives appointed by Chief Aragon will work on the feasibility of acquiring a *Boys & Girls Club* to be located in the COLM. Fruition of this club will tentatively take place during CY 2026.
 3. During CY 2024, subject matter experts and LMPD executives appointed by Chief Aragon will work on acquiring a working relationship and participation in the *Community in Schools* coalition.
 4. During CY 2024, subject matter experts and LMPD executives appointed by Chief Aragon will work on acquiring a working relationship and participation in the *Big Brothers & Big Sisters* coalition.
 5. During CY 2025 subject matter experts appointed by Chief Aragon will work on the feasibility of acquiring a *Police Athletic League* (PAL) to be located in the COLM. Fruition of this club will tentatively take place during CY 2027.
- 3rd Year Goal (As of January 1, 2024): At this juncture, several youth programs (e.g., a “Teen Center”) will have been instituted. Continuing assessment and as necessary modification of outreach programs that have been instituted.
- 5th Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Continuing assessment and as necessary modification of outreach programs that have been instituted.

Goals Relating to Crime Rates

Considering all 5 Goals relating to their positive effect on crime rates, it is hoped that the following prediction of preventing and controlling crime (portrayed as crime rates) is produced:

- 1st Year Goal (for entire CY year of 2021): Violent and Property Crime Rates for CY 2021 over 2020 will each be reduced a minimum of 2%.
- **1st Year Goals achieved:** Effective 10-1-2022, Violent Crime is down 8.1% compared to the same timeframe (i.e., January-September of 2021). Property Crime is up 12.1% over this same period.

Status of LMSCI as of 10-1-2023: Violent Crime Rate for CY 2021 over CY 2020 was reduced by 18%. Violent Crime Rate for CY 2022 over CY 2021 was reduced by 18%. Violent Crime Rate for period of September 2023 versus same monthly period for 2022 was reduced by 11%. (Property Crime Rate for same period was reduced by 43%.)

Status of LMSCI as of 12-31-2023:

The most recent crime statistic report for calendar year 2023 is depicted in a separate document and summarized below.

For the three (3) year period of calendar year 2021 through 2023 the following average crime rate reductions are: *Violent Crime* has been reduced 11%, *Property Crime* has been reduced 20%, and *Overall Crime* rate has been reduced 19%.

Works in Progress (related to preventing, interdicting, and controlling crime and the fear of crime):

1. “Eyes on La Marque” initiative—tentative implementation during CY 2024. This effort will in essence provide LMPD with a data base of citizens that have camera surveillance systems; consequently, law enforcement will expeditiously be cognizant of those that may have videos/photos of crimes that occurred in their immediate areas. **(A comprehensive overview of this initiative will be conducted at the February 26, 2024 City Council meeting.)**
2. Flock Camera Systems: This is a continuing effort for the next four to five years to strive for the acquisition of 10 per each CY from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
3. “Citizens on Patrol” initiative: —tentative implementation during CY 2024 for one (1) vehicle followed by a second vehicle during CY 2025. Participants will include graduates of the LMPD Citizens Police Academy and members of the LMPD Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). LMPD Policy mandating stringent procedures and mandatory training for all participants. Oversight of this program will be via the *Patrol Services Division Commander* and the *CPAAA Liaison Officer*.
4. Police Facility Enhancements: Improvements to acquire more space for department operations will be funded via budgetary and/or grant venues available.
5. Solar Powered Radar Sign: This is a CY 2024 or CY 2025 hopeful (approximately \$8,000) that will be purchased for this CY or CY 2025 from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
6. School Zone Flashers (requested by Texas City ISD): Requested are six (6) for schools within the COLM-cost is approximately \$72,000 from budgetary and/or grant venues available.

7. Unmanned Aerial System (Drone): To assist in high-risk apprehension situations and other emergency operations to include traffic reconstruction investigations. Hopeful for CY 2024 or CY 2025. Estimated cost: \$38,000 from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
 8. Camera Tower/Trailer: For placement in business locations and other high crime areas. Hopeful for CY 2025-- Estimated cost: \$38,000 from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
 9. Portable (handheld) Radios: The current radios are reaching their end of life and 40 need replacement (10 per year) over the following four calendar years: CY 2024 through CY 2027 @ (\$7,500 each) = \$75,000 per year from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
 10. Body Worn Cameras (BWC): The current BWC's are reaching their end of life and 60 need replacement (15 per year) over the following four calendar years: CY 2024 through CY 2027 @ (\$5,000 each) = \$75,000 per year from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
 11. All-Terrain Vehicle: For employment in off-the-road law enforcement operations. Hopeful for CY 2025-- Estimated cost: \$20,000 from budgetary and/or grant venues available.
- 3rd Year Goal (As of December 31, 2023): 1. Violent and Property Crime Rates for CY 2021, 2022, and 2023 will each year be reduced a minimum of 2% from the prior CY; 2. During this juncture [i.e., January 2023] a "citizen's survey" will be conducted by an external agency to measure "citizen's fear of crime," crime concerns, and recommendations from citizens.)
- 5th Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2025): 1. Violent and Property Crime Rates for CY 2024 and 2025 will each year be reduced a minimum of 2% from the prior CY; 2. Violent and Property Crime Rate for CY 2025 will be less than or equal to the Texas Violent and Property crime rates; 3. During this juncture (effective January 2025) a citizen's survey will be conducted by an external agency to measure "citizen's fear of crime," crime concerns, and recommendations from citizens.)

Official:



Randall Aragon
Chief of Police



LA MARQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

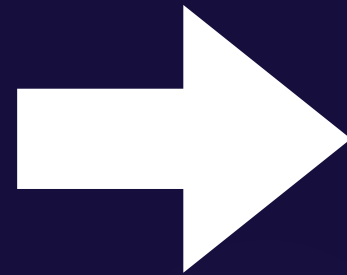
2023 Statistics Review



VIOLENT CRIME

2022

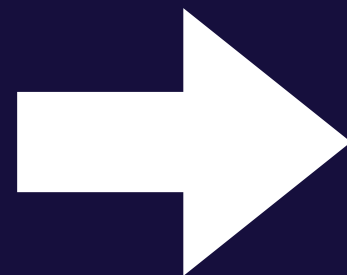
Violent Crime
Rate



530.19

2023

Violent Crime
Rate



528.29





VIOLENT CRIME

FROM 2022 TO
2023, THE
VIOLENT CRIME
RATE HAS
REMAINED
APPROXIMATELY
THE SAME.

2022

Violent Crime
Rate

0.36 %
Drop

2023

Violent Crime
Rate

VIOLENT CRIME

**VIOLENT CRIME AS DEFINED FOR THIS REPORT INCLUDES DOCUMENTED
INSTANCES OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF CRIME:**



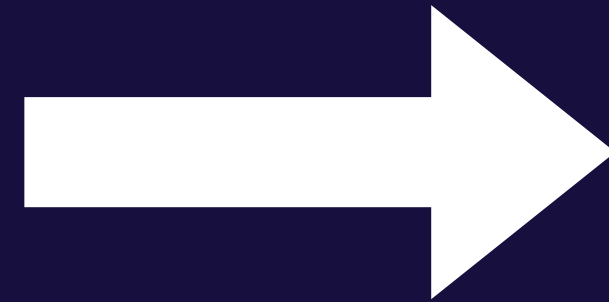
**SEXUAL ASSAULT
FORCIBLE RAPE
FORCIBLE SODOMY
FORCIBLE FONDLING
ROBBERY
MURDER
MANSLAUGHTER
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**



PROPERTY CRIME

2022

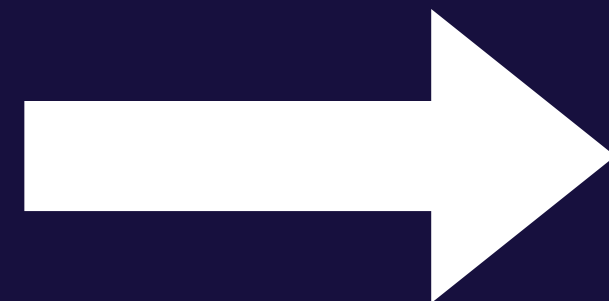
Property Crime Rate



3,048.62

2023

Property Crime Rate



1,797.18



PROPERTY CRIME

FROM 2022 TO 2023, THE
PROPERTY CRIME RATE HAS
DROPPED APPROXIMATELY FORTY
ONE PERCENT



2022

Property Crime Rate

41 %

Drop

2023

Property Crime Rate

PROPERTY CRIME

PROPERTY CRIME AS DEFINED FOR THIS REPORT INCLUDES DOCUMENTED INSTANCES OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF CRIME:

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
THEFT FROM BUILDING
THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (BMV)
THEFT - PICKPOCKET/PURSE SNATCHING
THEFT - SHOPLIFTING
BURGLARY



OVERALL CRIME

THE “OVERALL” CRIME RATE (PROPERTY AND VIOLENT CRIME COMBINED)
DECREASED 35%.

2022

Overall Crime Rate

35 %
Drop

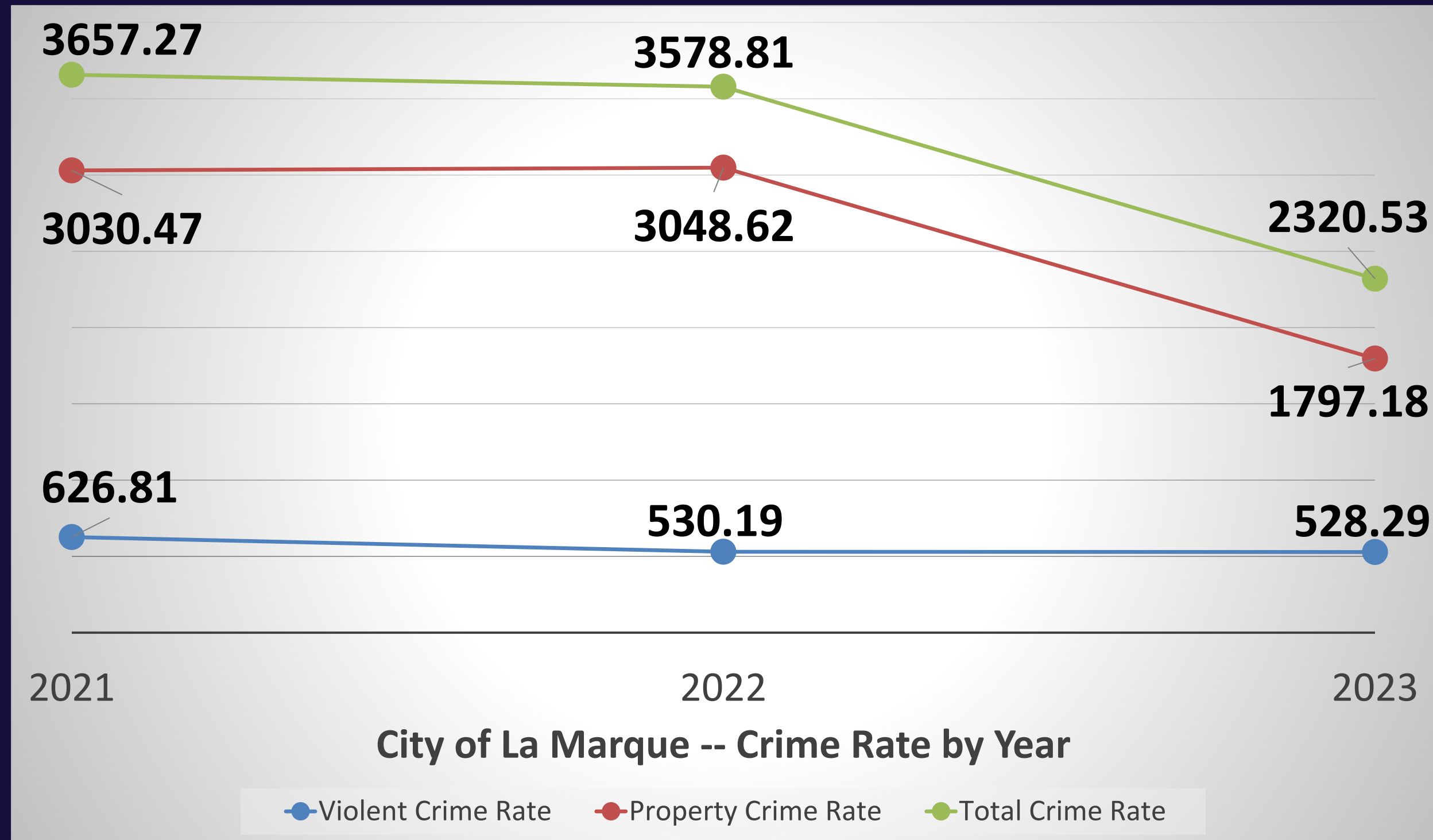
2023

Overall Crime Rate



OVERALL CRIME

EACH CRIME RATE (OVERALL, PROPERTY AND VIOLENT CRIME COMBINED) DECREASED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS (ON AVERAGE).

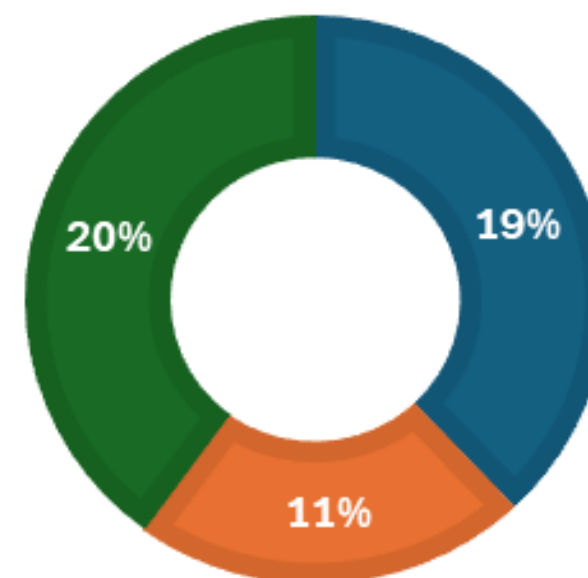


OVERALL CRIME

- THE VIOLENT CRIME RATE DECREASED AN AVERAGE OF 11% OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS
- THE PROPERTY CRIME RATE DECREASED AN AVERAGE OF 20% OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS
- THE OVERALL CRIME RATE HAS DECREASED AN AVERAGE OF 19% OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS

AVERAGE DROP OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD
(2021-2023)

■ Overall Crime Rate ■ Violent Crime Rate ■ Property Crime Rate



DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

THE LA MARQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT MADE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT AND THE INTERDICTION OF DANGEROUS INTOXICATED DRIVERS.

DURING 2023, THE LA MARQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED NINETY-EIGHT (98) INTOXICATION INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS.
2023 DWI ARRESTS TOTALED MORE THAN 2022 AND 2021 COMBINED.

98

DWI ARRESTS



DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED



2023

DWI ARRESTS

145 %
INCREASE

2022

DWI ARRESTS



DRUG OFFENSES

THE LA MARQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A TARGETED ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG RELATED OFFENSES.

THROUGH OUR PROACTIVE PATROL DIVISION, COMBINED WITH OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE, THE FBI SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE AND DEA TASK FORCE, DRUG OFFENSE ARRESTS HAS INCREASED 190% SINCE 2021.

177

DRUG ARRESTS

DRUG OFFENSES

2023

DRUG ARRESTS

26 %

INCREASE

2022

DRUG ARRESTS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

THE LA MARQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT REMAINED BUSY IN 2023, RESPONDING TO 14,167 CALLS FOR SERVICE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR.



A CALL FOR SERVICE IS DEFINED AS ANY REQUEST FOR POLICE SERVICES MADE BY THE PUBLIC.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFICER INITIATED ACTIVITY, SUCH AS EXTRA PATROLS, TRAFFIC STOPS, PEDESTRIAN STOPS, AND OTHER OFFICER INITIATED ACTIVITY.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

2023

Calls for Service

3%

INCREASE

2022

Calls for Service

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LA MARQUE SAFE CITY INITIATIVE

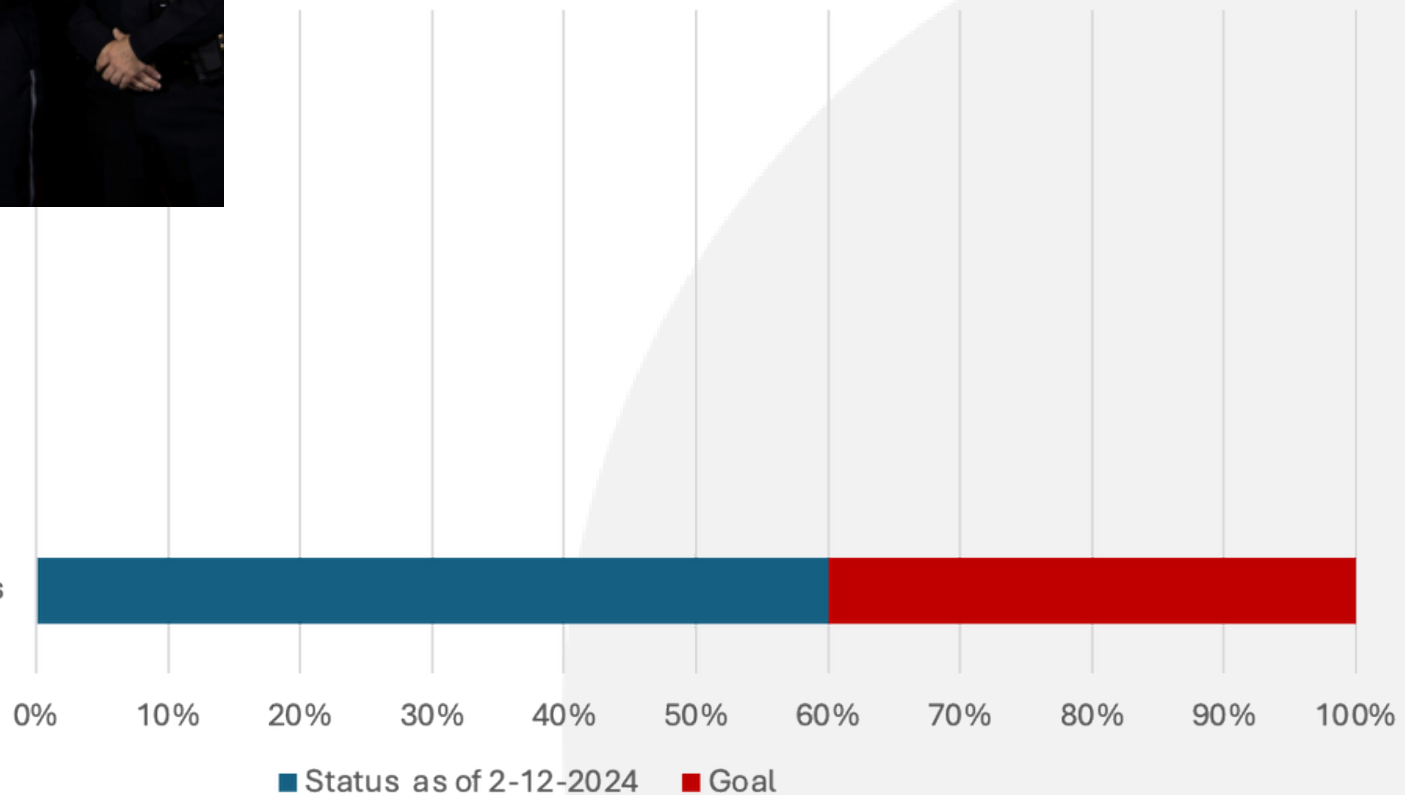
Chief Aragon

Internal Operational Goals

Goal#1-A: Reintroduce Community Oriented Policing

Community Watch Areas

Community Watch Areas



Internal Operational Goals

Goal#1-C: Fully Trained Gang Unit



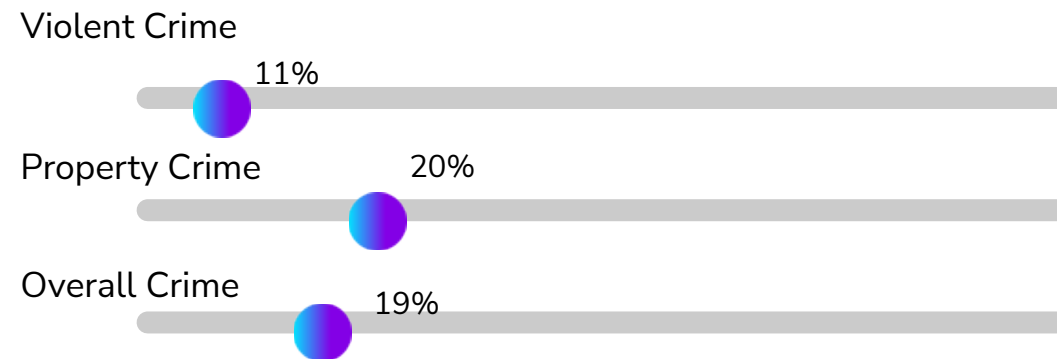
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Goals Relating to Crime

The following average crime rate for the three calendar years 2021 through 2023



Works in Progress

1



MId-Late CY 2024

Law Enforcement
Police Explorer Post

2



CY 2026

Boys and Girls Club

3



CY 2024

Community in Schools

4



CY 2024

Big Brothers & Big
Sisters

5



CY 2024

Police Athletic Club

*CY-Calendar Year

As Paul Harvey would say, “And now the rest of the story”

Chief Aragon will elaborate on the following topics below:



Initiatives that are a work in progress



Crime Stats



ARPA PROPOSAL

P R E S E N T A T I O N O F P R O J E C T S

Start Slide

ARPA

Historical Information

American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recover Funds (CLFRF) were announced for La Marque to receive \$4,291,404.85 through the Texas Department of Emergency Management (DEM).



The City of La Marque has earned \$177,193.52 from interest as of October 2023

Per contract, the City owes GrantWorks \$213,500. The available balance for projects is \$4,255,698.37.

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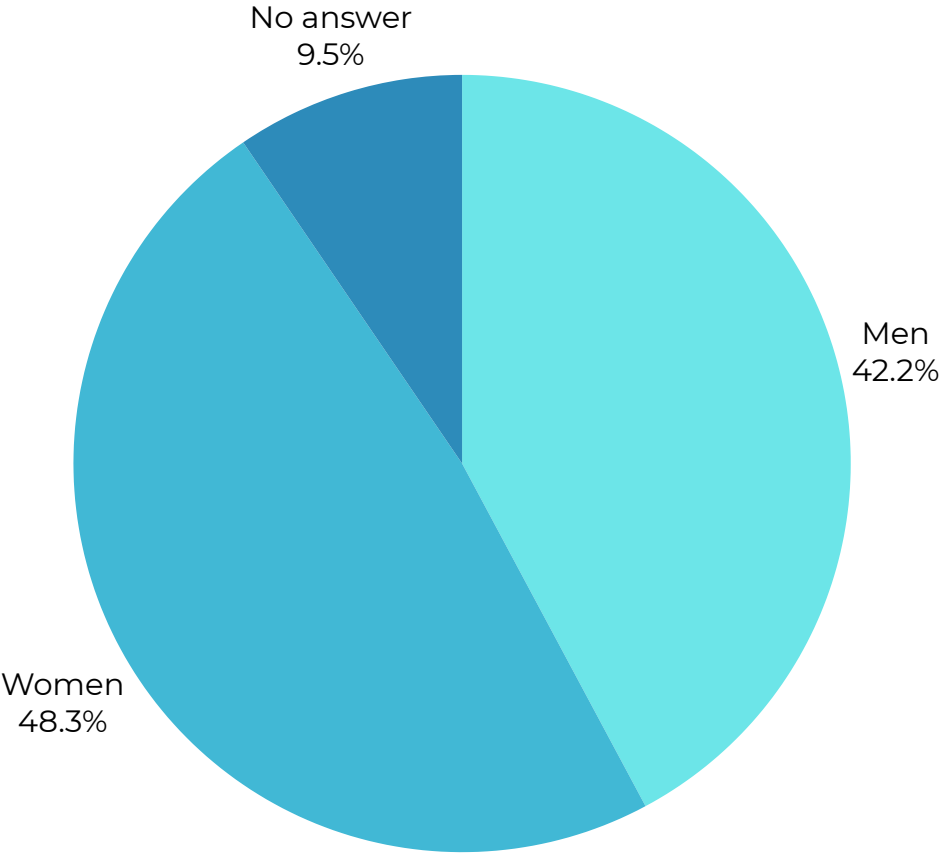
ARPA

Survey Analytics

Through Balancing Act, the City of La Marque was able to receive 147 submissions to the ARPA survey.

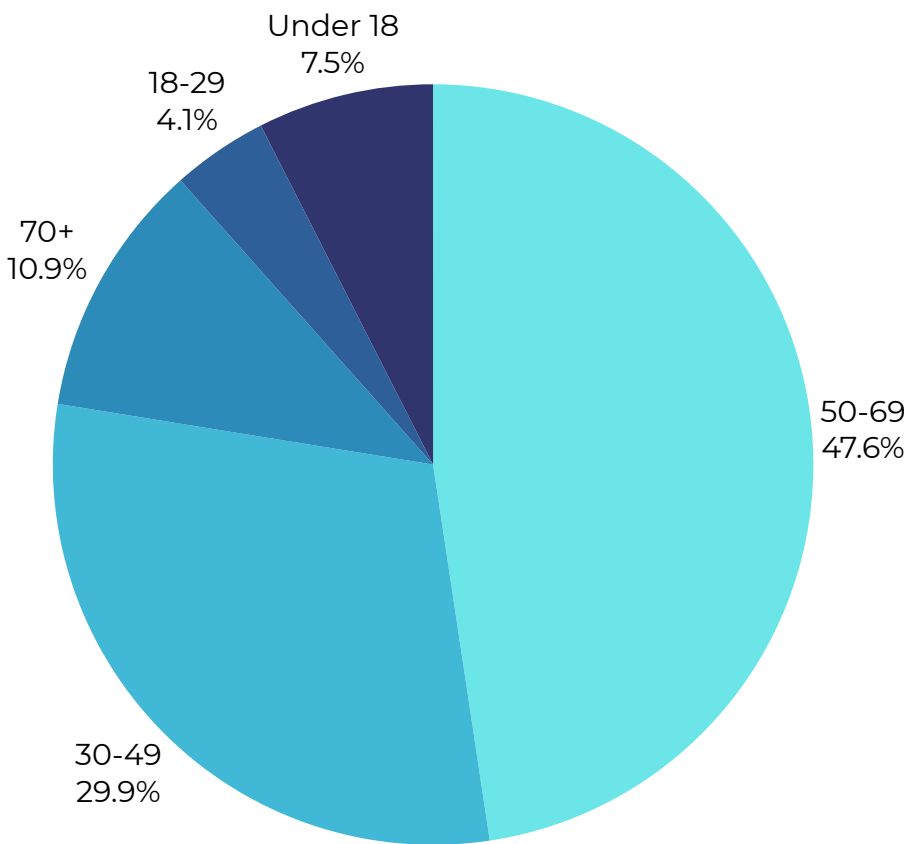
Gender of Respondents

Of individuals that answered the exit questions, 62 respondents were male and 71 respondents were female.



Age of Respondents

Almost half (47.6%) of respondents were between the ages of 50 and 69.

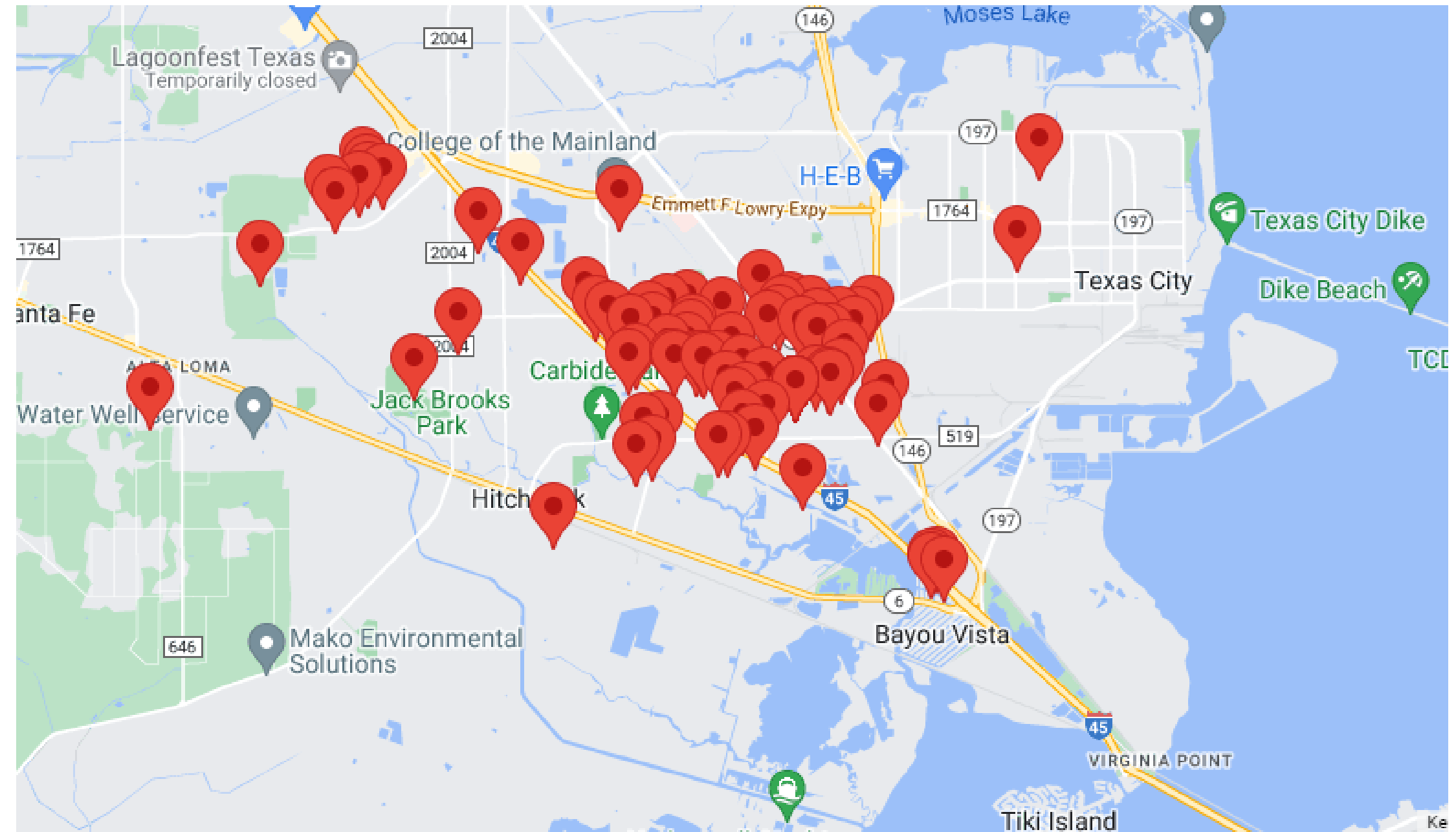


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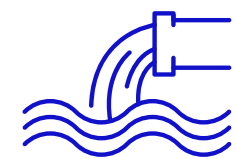
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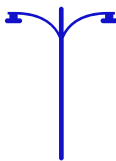
Survey Results

	Votes ↓	Project
	111	Water Line Repairs
	88	Street lights Phase 1 of 3
	78	Stormwater Phase 1 of 20
	77	Street repair Phase 2 of 10



Project 01

Water line repairs were voted most popular among residents with 111 votes. 76% of people who took the survey voted for waterline repairs.



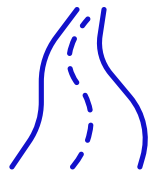
Project 02

Street lights received 88 votes overall.



Project 03

Stormwater repairs received 78 votes.



Project 04

Street repairs received 77 votes.

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS TO FUND

P R E S E N T A T I O N O F P R O J E C T S

Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Water Line Repairs

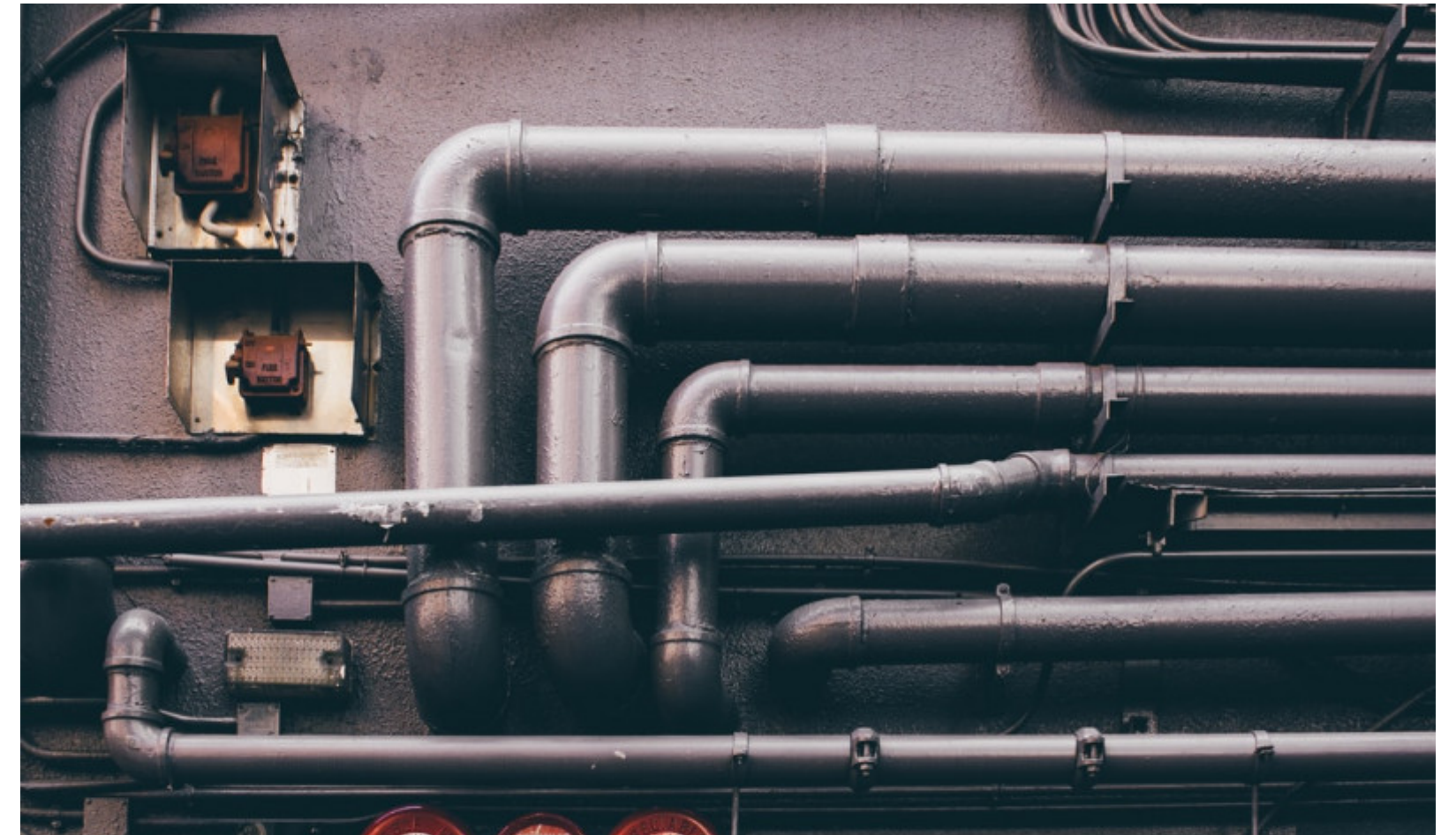
Following community meeting on capital improvements needed for the city, it was found that we need to focus on taking next steps towards water line repair in the city to repair aging infrastructure that has been neglected for over half a century. This amount will help us take the first step in doing so.

Water Line Repair Requested Allocation

\$1,000,000 Requested

Water Line Repair Current Allocation

\$1,000,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Street Lights

The city has lighting challenges which presents safety and security vulnerabilities for residents and business owners. Lighting has often been used as a deterrent to crime and driver/pedestrian accidents occurring after dark and La Marque has many dark areas in densely populated and traveled areas. This project aims to address city's lighting need in a 3 phased approach with the 1st proposed phase initially estimated to cost \$275-300K

Street Light Requested Allocation

\$275,000 Requested

Street Light Current Allocation

\$164,698.37 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Street Repair

Repair and maintenance of streets. Could include resurfacing or reconstruction of streets with the use of chip seal, paving, overlay, inlay of asphalt, and the replacement of concrete.

Street Repair Requested Allocation

\$1,000,000 Requested

Street Repair Current Allocation

\$75,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Sidewalk Repair

This would be the initial work in hopes of creating an annual budget to repair existing sidewalks.

Sidewalk Repair Requested Allocation

\$100,000 Requested

Sidewalk Repair Current Allocation

\$50,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Concrete Saw

A concrete saw is used to perform street patch repairs as well as waterline repairs. It is designed to be operated by a single person and is pushed along the surface to be cut, allowing for easy and accurate control.

Concrete Saw Requested Allocation

\$15,000 Requested

Concrete Saw Current Allocation

\$15,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Asphalt Roller

A compactor-type engineering vehicle. Equipment to be used for in-house street repair initiatives including larger patch work.

Asphalt Roller Requested Allocation

\$60,000 Requested

Asphalt Roller Current Allocation

\$60,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Skid Steer

Commonly used for landscaping and contouring. Primarily to aid with drainage efforts and restoration assistance on water line repairs.

Skid Steer Requested Allocation

\$75,000 Requested

Skid Steer Current Allocation

\$75,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

DuraPatcher Pot-hole Trailer Patcher

To aid with the pot hole repair in the city, have researched a more efficient way to address pot holes that are becoming more prevalent with our aging infrastructure. This machine will allow us to take the next step in offering routine pot hole repair in a more efficient manner moving forward.

Pot-hole Patcher Requested Allocation

\$105,000 Requested

Pot-hole Patcher Current Allocation

\$105,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Mini-Excavator

This piece of equipment would be in lieu of purchasing another backhoe. It would assist in both water line replacement efforts as well as drainage assistance.

Mini-Excavator Requested Allocation

\$175,000 Requested

Mini-Excavator Current Allocation

\$175,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Renovation of Public Works Service Center

Currently roof is ripped apart presents safety concerns. The service center serves as coverage to protect over \$1.5m of equipment not including new equipment we hope to add to our maintenance fleet.

Service Center Requested Allocation

\$350,000 Requested

Service Center Current Allocation

\$275,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Ambulance Remount

An ambulance remount involves removing the existing ambulance module or box from an existing chassis and remounting it onto a new chassis. It extends the life of the ambulance, saving time and money and helps avoid a costly new vehicle purchase.

Ambulance Remount Requested Allocation

\$290,000 Requested

Ambulance Remount Current Allocation

\$178,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Fire/EMS Stretchers

With new ambulance remounts, new stretchers are also needed. This would replace one hydraulic stretcher. These stretchers are needed to ensure proper standard of care.

Stretcher Replacement Requested Allocation

\$30,000 Requested

Fire/EMS Stretcher Current Allocation

\$30,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

CPR Devices and Defibrulators

Electrical heart monitoring machines that will help improve the standard of care and quality of medical care delivered to the citizens. It will also add lifesaving AED's to various city buildings.

CPR Devices and Defibrulators Requested Allocation

\$90,000 Requested

CPR Devices and Defibrulators Current Allocation

\$90,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Jaw of Life for Fire/EMS

Jaws of Life are a hydraulic apparatus used to pry apart the wreckage of crashed vehicles in order to free people trapped inside. Our current unit is over 20 years old. Extrication tools made prior to 2010 cannot cut the Ultra High Strength Steel use in electric cars.

Jaws of Life Requested Allocation

\$135,000 Requested

Jaws of Life Current Allocation

\$135,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Police Station

Funding would go towards constructing a new police station. The current facility was constructed in 1970 and is lacking space, modern working conditions, and provides limited accommodations for handicapped visitors. The current facility is in need of massive repairs, and refurbishment. The facility has an outdated and poorly functioning air conditioning and circulation and has a unmanageable rodent problem.

Police Station Requested Allocation

\$1,000,000 Requested

Police Station Current Allocation

\$500,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Financial Software Replacement

Current software that the City utilizes may be unavailable by 2026. New software is needed to replace obsolete software and continue to operate multiple departments (Human Resources, Utility Billing, and Finance). It takes 12-18 months to implement new software.

Software Replacement Requested Allocation

\$200,000 Requested

Software Replacement Current Allocation

\$485,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Utility Client Software Upgrade

With this upgrade, citizens can set a threshold for their usage as well as receive notifications via the portal, text or email. Alerts can be sent to multiple recipients. Citizens can monitor multiple meters in one application as well as view and export usage and trends on an hourly, daily, weekly, yearly basis.

Utility Client Software Requested Allocation

\$48,000 Requested

Utility Client Software Current Allocation

\$48,000 Recommended for first year and integration fees.



UNFUNDED PROJECTS

P R E S E N T A T I O N O F P R O J E C T S

Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Fire Ladder Truck

This will improve the service delivery to the local business owners and help decrease our ISO rating in an attempt to save all citizens money on their insurance the lower ISO rating will also help draw bigger business to the city of La Marque.

Fire Ladder Truck Requested Allocation

\$1,800,000 Requested

Fire Ladder Truck Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Fire/EMS Radios

The radios will increase our ability to communicate with other departments on different frequency by upgrading some of our existing older radios.

Radios Requested Allocation

\$25,000 Requested

Radios Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Police Software Upgrades

The Police record management software handles all police reports, dispatch operation, and police records. The current system will no longer function by 2025 and no longer be serviced by the provider.

Software Replacement Requested Allocation

\$244,000 Requested

Police Software Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

AXON Body Worn Cameras

Replacement and upgrades for body worn cameras for current sworn officers. Cameras are needed operationally so that all officers can have needed equipment.

AXON Body Worn Camera Requested Allocation
\$80,000 Requested

AXON Body Worn Camera Current Allocation
\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Motorola Radios

Two-way radios for police officers to help ensure communication and safety during emergency response. Current radios need to be replaced due to manufacture upgrades and advancements.

Motorola Radios Requested Allocation

\$40,000 Requested

Motorola Radios Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Infrared Drone

Air vehicle and associated equipment that would be remotely piloted to assist in enforcing laws and other law enforcement duties. Will assist in conducting surveillance during hazardous law enforcement operations such as conducting search warrants, high risk apprehensions, and other critical situations that require an “eyes on” approach.

Infrared Drone Requested Allocation

\$48,000 Requested

Infrared Drone Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Digitize Police Records

Police records are required to be maintained for long periods of time, forever in some cases. As a result of multiple Record Management Systems over the past twenty years, the police department has excessive amounts of paper documents. Digitization is needed to reduce storage and protect from loss of records.

Digitizing Requested Allocation

\$75,000 Requested

Digitizing Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Dash Cameras

Dash camera systems are needed to provide safety for patrol officers, generate admissible evidence, and allow for greater community transparency. Units need to be outfitted with dash cameras as some units do not currently have any installed.

Dash Cameras Requested Allocation

\$50,000 Requested

Dash Cameras Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Electronic Citation Devices, Printers, and Warranties

Last purchased in 2017, ticket writers are needed to assist in outfitting police vehicles to ensure efficiency in traffic stops. Overuse has worn down current equipment and replacement is needed.

Citation Devices Requested Allocation

\$40,000 Requested

Citation Devices Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

K-9 Officer

Trained police dog that can assist law enforcement in search and rescue. The department's current K-9 ("Edo") has attained the age of retirement and is also currently suffering medical concerns; consequently, Edo must be retired.

K-9 Requested Allocation

\$20,000 Requested

K-9 Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Outfitting Police Cars

The police department has cars that have been ordered that will need internal remodel. This will construct a safe space for transportation of people. Outfitting also includes laptop, radio, and other essential equipment.

Outfitting Requested Allocation

\$100,000 Requested

Outfitting Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Digitizing Aging Records

In-line with state mandates

Reduce need for additional operating
and staff space

Protect from loss in case of significant
emergency incident

Digitizing Records Requested Allocation

\$50,000 Requested

Digitizing Records Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Fencing at Mahan Park

Repair of unsafe infrastructure. Fencing has currently been torn down, but it has not been replaced.

Fencing Requested Allocation

\$50,000 Requested

Fencing at Mahan Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Parks Upgrades

Provide equitable and necessary upgrades to parks across the city as per the first phase of the newly adopted Conceptual Parks Master Plan as allotted funds would allow. Initial improvements at City Parks, investing 5% towards a \$12.5M Parks Revitalization Plan based on the newly adopted Parks Master Plan.

Parks Requested Allocation

\$450,000 Requested

Parks Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Stormwater

In line with our Capital Improvement Plan, our 1st priority project based on need would be Wisteria and Lake Roads which we have identified for an estimated total of \$440,000.

Stormwater Requested Allocation

\$440,000 Requested

Stormwater Current Allocation

\$0 Recommended



OTHER RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

P R E S E N T A T I O N O F P R O J E C T S

Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Flock Cameras

License plate cameras that are motion activated to detect license plates and take pictures. This system assists law enforcement in finding stolen vehicles, wanted offenders, and missing people. This would purchase 40 cameras to place throughout the City.

Flock Camera Current Allocation

\$120,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Asphalt Zipper

Asphalt Zipper machines simultaneously cut a straight edge and pulverize asphalt into reusable material, virtually eliminating saw cutting, chunking, trucking and disposal costs.

Asphalt Zipper Current Allocation

\$50,000 Recommended



Description of Submitted ARPA Projects

Thermal Imagers

A type of camera that can help render infrared radiation as visible light, allowing firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers.

Thermal Imager Current Allocation

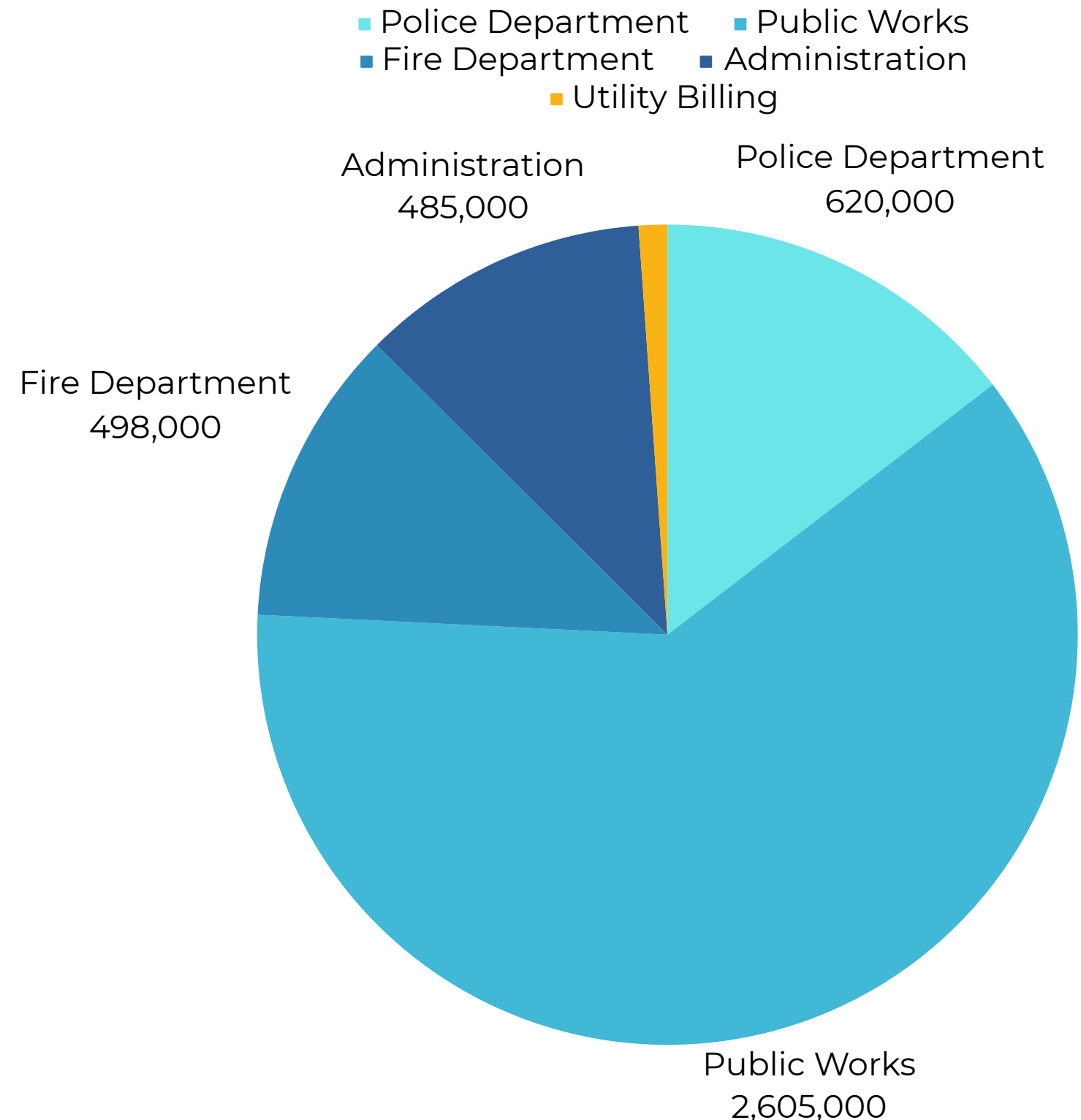
\$65,000 Recommended



TOTAL OF ALL PROJECTS

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS

Total of all Recommended ARPA Projects



Dept	Pending Expenditures/Encumbrances	Initial Estimated Amount	2nd Round Estimated Amount	3rd Round Estimated Amount
PD	Outfitting Police Cars	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
PD	Police Software	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 122,000.00	\$ -
PD	Digitizing PD Records	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
PD	Police Station Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
PD	Flock Cameras	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
PD	AXON Bodyworn Cameras	\$80,000.00	-	-
PD	Motorola Radios	\$40,000.00	-	-
PD	Infrared Drone	\$38,000	-	-
PD	Dash Cams	\$50,000.00	-	-
PD	Electronic Citation Devices, Printers, and Warranties	\$40,000.00	-	-
PD	K9 Officer	\$20,000.00	-	-
PD	Crime/Lock Hide Signage	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Library	15 Passenger Van	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Library	Recreation Trailer	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
PW	Street Repair	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
PW	Remove Fleet Center Gas Tank	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	
PW	Remove Stonewall Ground Storage Tank	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	
PW	Remove Bayou Rd. Ground Storage Tank	\$ 250,000.00		
PW	Remove 2004 Ground Storage Tank	\$ 100,000.00		
PW	Mosquito Truck	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
PW	Pothole Trailer	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
PW	Asphalt Zipper	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
PW	Water/Sewer Repair	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
PW	GLO Grant Matches	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 560,000.00
PW	Skid Steer	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
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PW	Service Center	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 275,000.00
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PW	Sidewalk Repair	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
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FD	Life Pak / City Facility AED's	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
FD	Stretcher	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
FD	Thermal Imagers	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Admin	Digitizing Records	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Admin	HR, Finance, UB, & Admin Software	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 485,000.00
UB	Water Usage Client Software	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
UB	Kiosks	\$ 47,856.00	\$ -	\$ -
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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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