

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2023 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers**

March 23, 2022

Question: In Development & Right of Way permitting (p. 13.73) we anticipate \$1.2 million in permitting revenue associated with the fiber installation. Yet, we are also budgeting \$432,000 for additional staff to manage the fiber installation. Is the anticipated revenue insufficient to address the staffing needs? Can you expand on the need to dedicate additional funding to this process despite the revenue generated through permitting fees?

Response:

The anticipated revenue could cover the \$432,000 for additional personnel. The FY 2023 Proposed Budget recommends using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding because construction oversight by the City is expected to be time-limited (beginning almost immediately and lasting 2-4 years given the franchisee's current plans) and fit within one of the primary goals for ARPA funding of investing in broadband infrastructure. Use of ARPA funds for this use allows the permitting fees to be used for other City needs.