



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

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Segun Idowu
Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Chief Idowu,

I am writing today on the funds the City of Boston received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Boston received almost \$560 million in federal funds for pandemic recovery, which was committed by the end of 2024 and must be spent in full by the end of 2026. As you know, in May of 2025, it was reported that a Boston's Main Streets program allegedly misspent ARPA funds in the amount of \$32,000.

I remain concerned this is not an isolated incident. At this time, I am respectfully requesting confirmation as to whether any other similar cases were reported to your office and the city, including any nonprofit funding that was returned or requested to be returned for any reason. Additionally, whether the City of Boston communicated with any organization that received these funds to return the funds back to the city.

Please provide a complete written response to this request with any details explaining any misappropriation of funds, regardless of the amount. It is critical that Boston is in compliance with city, state, and federal regulations. We must demonstrate fiscal discipline, transparency and accountability. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,
Ed Flynn

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