



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**MICHELLE WU**

April 6, 2026

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the use of \$558.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the City of Boston. (**Docket #0491 filed on 3/2/2026**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



1. Confirmation as to the existence of any instances of possible misuse of funds from the \$558.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal grant funding from the United States Treasury and reported to the City of Boston or the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, including any nonprofit funding that was either returned or requested to be returned for any reason.

- The City reported to the Finance Commission suspected financial irregularities regarding one of the Main Street programs in April 2025. On April 30, 2025, the City of Boston Finance Commission issued a report of the "Investigation Into City of Boston Vendor Three Square Main Streets". A copy of the report is attached.

2. Whether the City of Boston communicated with any organization that received these grants to return the funds back to the city.

- We are unable to comment on this at this time.