

# Town of Lunenburg Park Commission

Ana Lockwood, Chair  
Dave Passios, Vice Chair  
Karin Menard, Clerk  
Chris Sullivan, Member



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approved 12/6/23

## MINUTES

April 11, 2023

### Joint meeting with Select Board

Ana Lockwood called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Present - A. Lockwood, K. Menard, D. Passios

A. Lockwood presented the attached power point presentation to the Select Board.

The board thanked Ms. Lockwood for the presentation. Mr. Alonzo asked what amount of ARPA funding is uncommitted. Ms. Lemieux stated \$2.3 million. ARPA funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Ms. Lockwood stated her best case scenario would be breaking ground next summer after baseball season.

Construction to completion would take 18 months; breaking ground by 2024 and completion by 2026.

Discussion about the grant application process and deadlines for applying. K. Menard noted that their April 19th meeting is a community meeting with WOLA via ZOOM and we are starting the schematic phase. This will be the first of multiple community meetings.

The Parks Commission also reported they are continuing on with their Earth Day projects and it's been very successful so far. Last week the Cub Scouts helped work on Veterans Park and two groups working at the Lane Property (Holman Street) removing invasive plants with more projects the upcoming weekend. More information is on the town website, Town Facebook page and also the Parks and Recreation page.

K. Menard motioned and D. Passios seconded to adjourn at 8:14pm. Passed 3-0.

# The Future of Lunenburg's *Marshall Park*



ARPA Funds & the Success of Marshall Park Renovation Project

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# Select Board Requests

- How far will ARPA funds get the project
- Sources of funding for the remainder of the project
- Grant information and deadlines
- Evidence that funding is needed right now

# Source of Funding:

Combination of Public & Private Grants

ARPA Funds

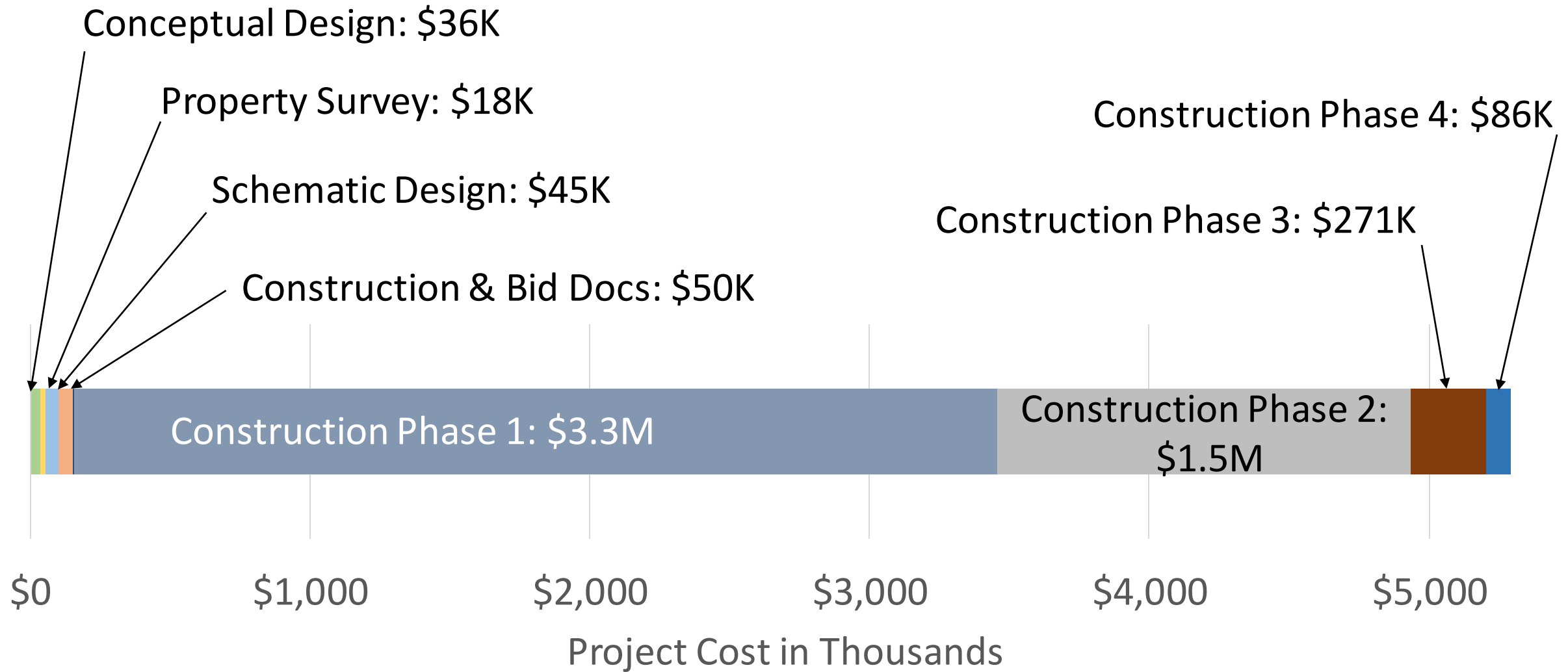
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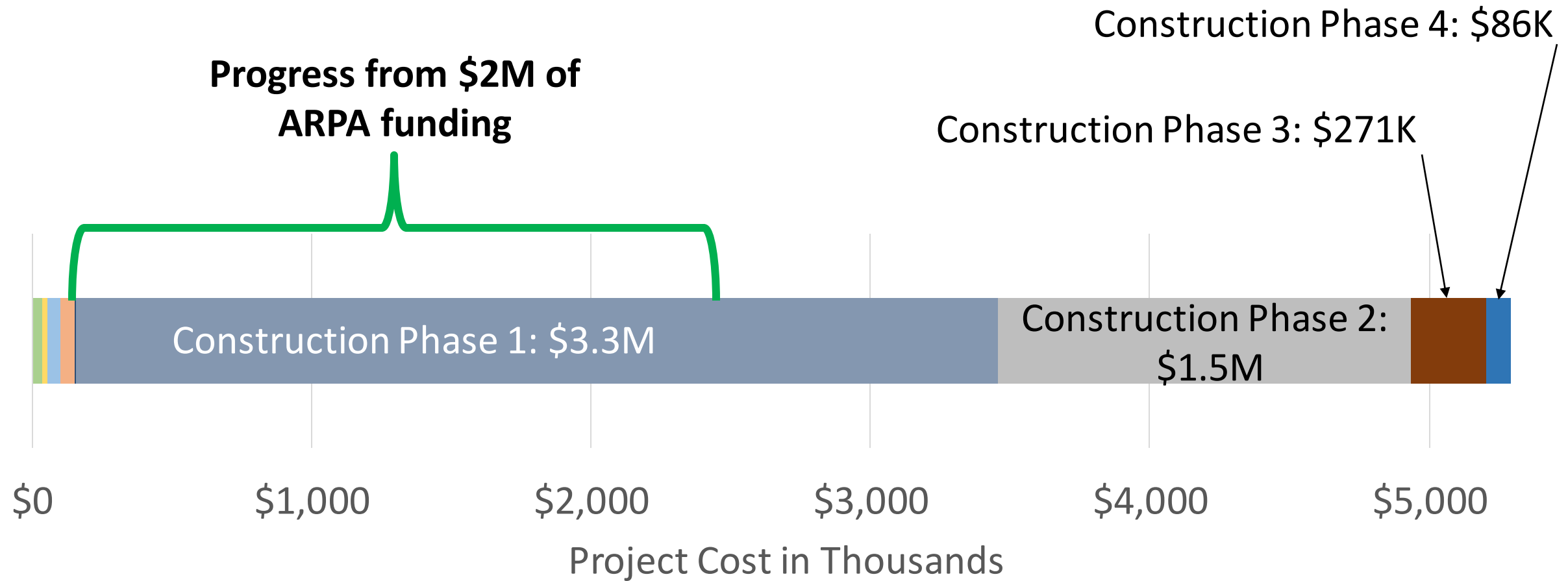
- Our Policy: Cap of 4% for Net Regular Debt to Levy
  - ✓ If the Marshall Park renovation construction is fully debt funded by the town, \$5.2 mil, it would represent 1.68% of the levy
- Our Policy: Cap of 14% for Aggregate Debt Service Costs to Total Levy
  - ✓ If the Marshall Park renovation construction is fully debt funded by the town, \$5.2 mil, it would represent 1.53% of total levy

If ARPA and grant funds are used, these numbers will be lower

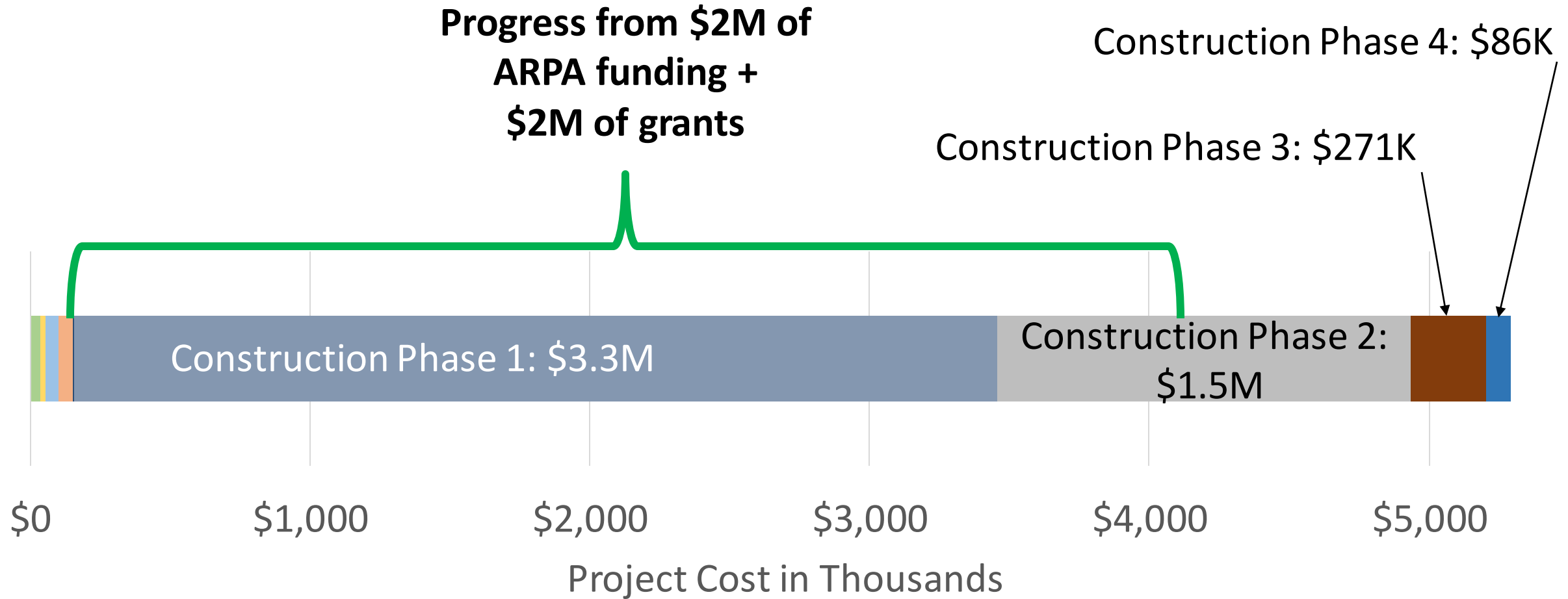
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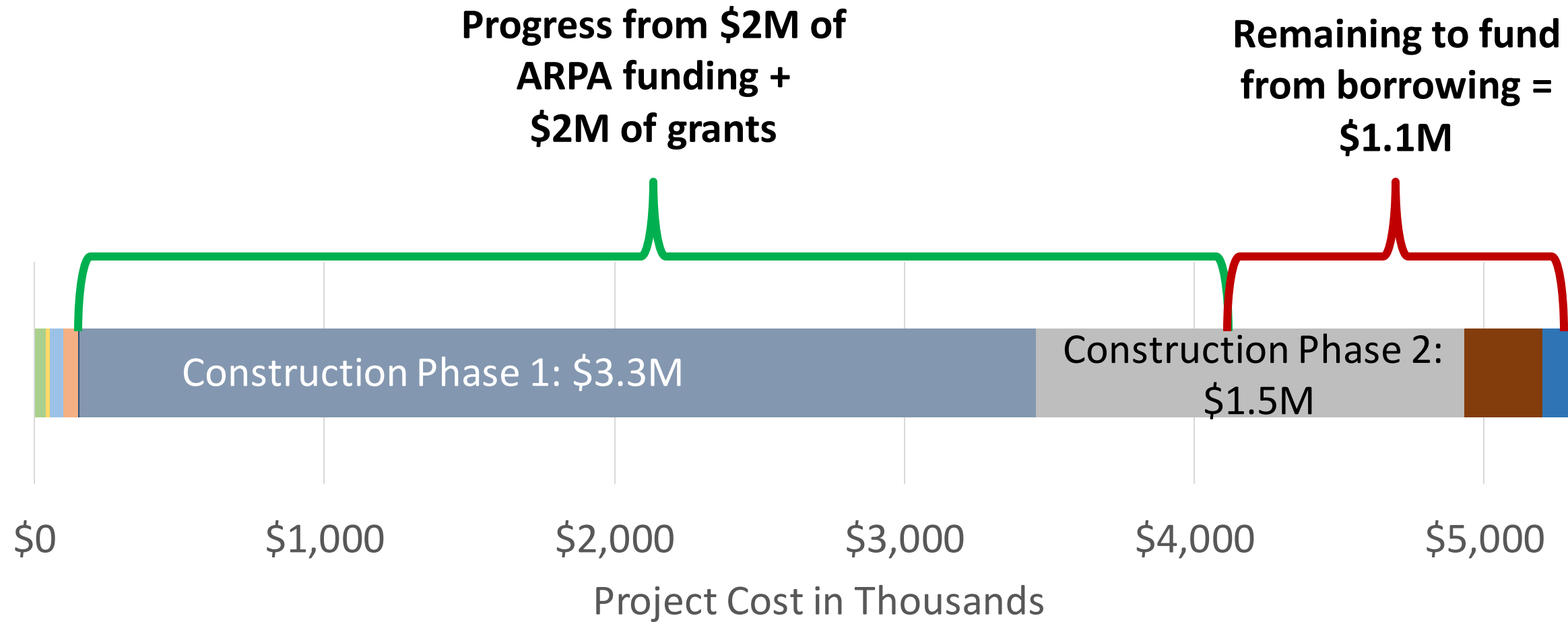
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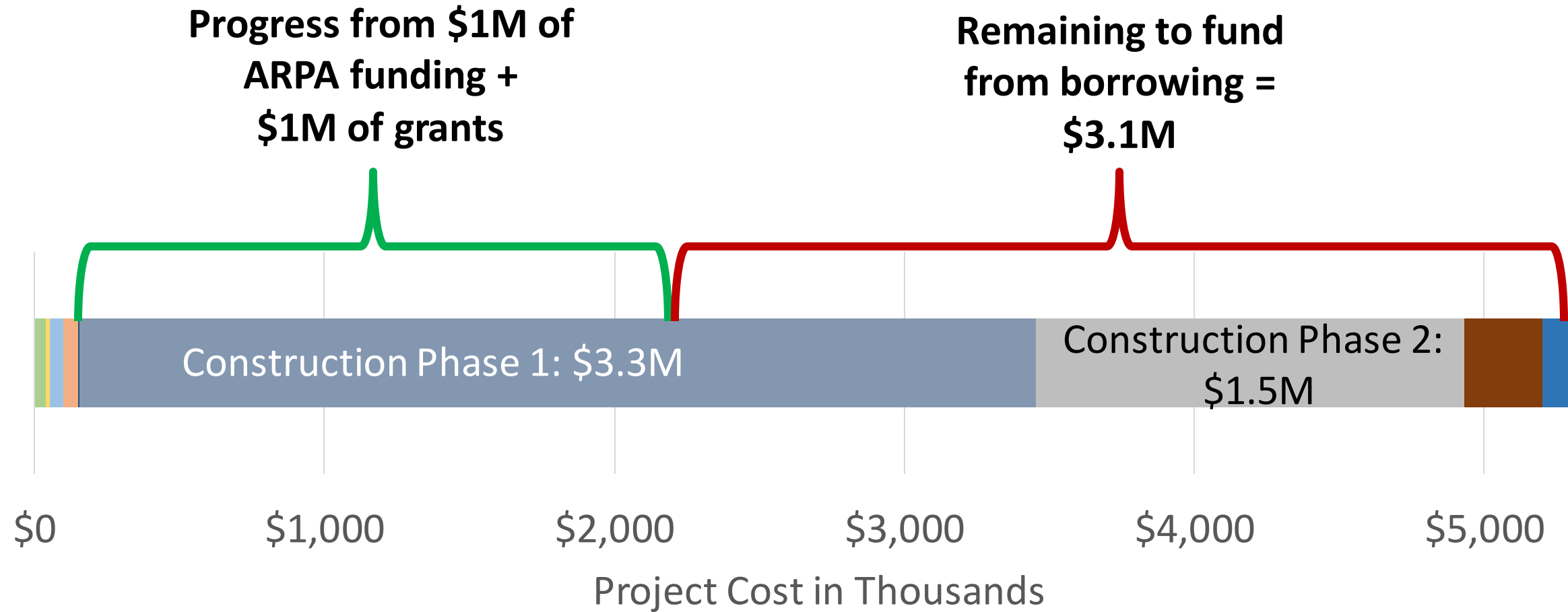


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**Total Cost to Town = \$1.3M**

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**Total Cost to Town = \$3.3M**

# **\$2 million in ARPA Funds Now Means**

**Demonstrating community support** for the strongest grant applications

**Maximizing grants opportunities** with a dollar-for-dollar match

**Minimizing borrowing** to \$1M, as opposed to \$5M

**Breaking ground** on the project within the next calendar year

# Detailed Grant Information

# What makes a funding application attractive?

- **ARPA** give us the funding needed to apply for matching grants without obstacles or delays
- **Project Merits:** Multi-generational, accessible for all, adds multiple uses to a centrally located public park
- **Project Readiness:** Shovel Ready projects receive higher marks
- **Community Support:** Ability to show community support also receives higher marks
- **Having an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan**

# GRANTS AVAILABLE



## Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)

**January 2024**  
**Up to \$1 million** for projects  
that have significant impact on  
climate resiliency



## Parkland Acquisitions & Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant

**June 2023**  
**Up to \$400K** for communities  
that are larger than 35,000  
residents or projects with more  
than 100 parking spaces. Cannot  
be applied to same project  
features as the LWCF Grant.



## AARP Community Challenge

**\$15K - \$50K**  
**January 2024**  
We would apply for  
the Pickleball courts.



## Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act Improvement

**Up to \$250K**  
**August 20223**  
Playground,  
walking path, parking lot

# GRANTS AVAILABLE



**MassTrails Grant**



**The Stanton Foundation**



**USDA Loans & Grants**

**November 2023**  
**Up to \$60K**  
Trails leading to a viewing dock  
at Marshall Pond

**OPEN**  
**\$100K - \$250K**  
Dog Park

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**No max Amount.**  
Bathrooms, water and sewer  
connections

# Up to \$2 million in funding opportunities



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**USDA Loans & Grants  
No Max**

**Questions?**

# Phases and Costs



# Phase 1

- Parking for 94 vehicles with lot wide enough for emergency vehicles
- ADA compliant walkway to park
- Basketball Court
- Pickleball Courts
- Pavillion
- Bathrooms
- Concession Stand / Restroom Building
- Universally accessible playground

Phase 1 Cost: \$3.3mil

# Phase 2

- Parking for 38 cars off Chestnut St.
- Upgrades and reorientation of the 90' Baseball field and Softball field
- ADA compliant walking paths

Phase 2 Cost: \$1.48mil





## Phase 3

- Dog Park
- 4 ft wide walking path to Marshall Pond
- Overlook/Platform toward southern end of Marshall Pond

Phase 3 Cost: \$270k

# Phase 4

- Pocket park along Highland St.
- Overlook/Platform on northern end of Marshall Pond
- Small Parking lot for a couple of cars
- Phase 4 Cost: \$86k



*Support*

*Marshall Park*