

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

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**To:** Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force  
**From:** Bess Earl, Senior Grant Analyst  
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**REQUEST**

This report is intended to provide an update on the Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project pipeline and expenditure category allocations approved during the Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force Meeting on September 2, 2021.

**POLICY**

Milwaukee County Board file 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”

**BACKGROUND**

On September 2, 2021, the ARPA Task Force approved ARPA Expenditure Categories and a process for reviewing and recommending ARPA funding allocations. Since that time ARPA funding requests have been submitted based on the Milwaukee County ARPA Expenditure Categories (Community Support, COVID-19 Mitigation, Fund Administration, and Revenue Loss Recovery). This report serves to provide updates on projects approved for ARPA funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (Table A), ARPA Funding Allocated and Available as of July 6, 2022 (Diagram A), and Community Feedback submitted as of July 6, 2022 (Table B). Service Area subgroups continue to meet regularly. Updates on subgroup activities are provided below.

Milwaukee County receives project ideas and community priorities through the Milwaukee County ARPA Landing Page for the Community Support expenditure category. The Revenue Loss Recovery group also issued a Fiscal Health Project Challenge to garner project ideas. The Milwaukee County ARPA Landing Page was updated in May 2022 and includes an [ARPA Allocation Dashboard](#). The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel published an [article](#) featuring the Milwaukee County ARPA Allocation Dashboard on June 16, 2022.

**Table A: Projects Approved for ARPA Funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure Category</b>
Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	\$1,500,000	Community Support
Pilot Right to Counsel Program	\$2,749,729	Community Support
Credible Messenger Program	\$1,201,200	Community Support
Trauma Response Program	\$1,971,200	Community Support

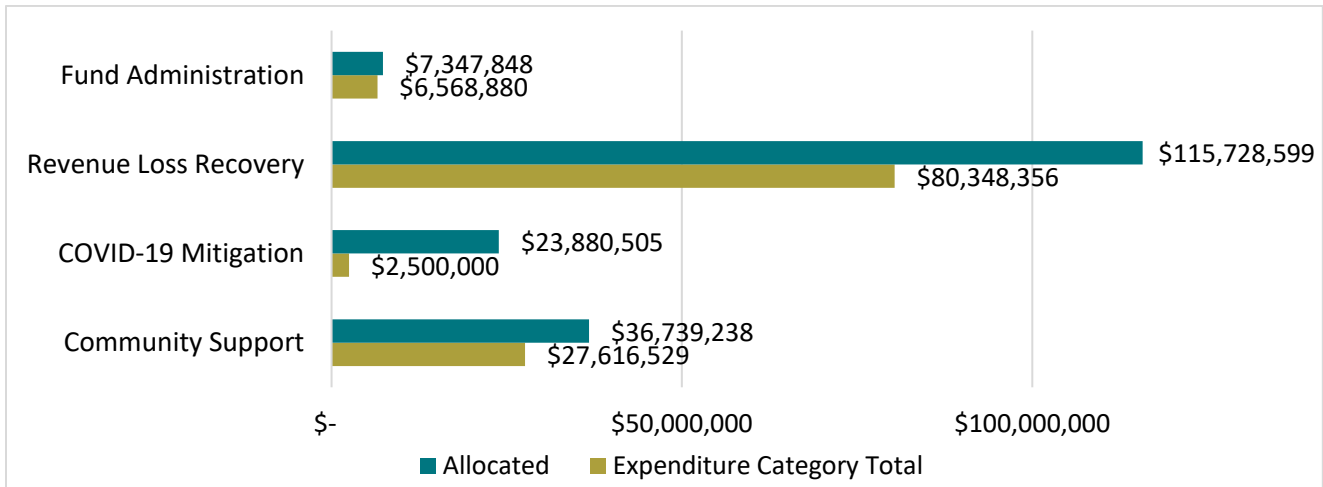
Emergency Health & Healing Campaign	\$545,600	Community Support
Safer Milwaukee Proposal	\$550,000	Community Support
Milwaukee Market Match	\$1,100,000	Community Support
Affordable Housing Development	\$15,000,000	Community Support
Foreclosure Rehabilitation	\$3,000,000	Community Support
<b>Community Support Total Allocation:</b>	<b>\$27,616,529</b>	
Emergency COVID-19 Mitigation Response	\$2,500,000	COVID-19 Mitigation
<b>COVID-19 Mitigation Total Allocation:</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	
Senior Grant Analyst	\$86,844	Fund Administration
ARPA Evaluation	\$4,000,000	Fund Administration
Grant Accounting Services	\$394,536	Fund Administration
Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships to Advance Health, Equity, and Community Resilience	\$2,087,500	Fund Administration
<b>Fund Administration Total Allocation:</b>	<b>\$6,568,880</b>	
Capital Program Management Office	\$500,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Premium Pay for Correction Officer Staff	\$4,039,955	Revenue Loss Recovery
IMSD Digital Transformation Evaluation & Projects <sup>1</sup>	\$10,500,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Marcia P. Cogg's Human Services Renovation <sup>2</sup>	\$32,335,694	Revenue Loss Recovery
Safe Routes to Parks Program	\$1,287,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Park Programming	\$1,149,500	Revenue Loss Recovery
Kitchen Equipment & Traying Station Across Correction Facilities	\$6,268,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Climate Action Plan & Lighting Upgrades	\$2,171,566	Revenue Loss Recovery
Courts Backlog Initiative & Grant Management	\$1,250,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
King Community Center Building Exterior Improvements (Parks)	\$1,515,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Boat Launch Electronic Pay Stations (Parks)	\$69,300	Revenue Loss Recovery
Golf Course Irrigation & Cart Path Construction (Parks)	\$6,435,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Conversion to Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail (Parks)	\$2,648,800	Revenue Loss Recovery
System Wide Steam Boiler Replacements (Parks)	\$1,474,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Energy Efficient Light Fixture Upgrades (Parks)	\$3,000,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Historical Society Records Management Improvements	\$696,534	Revenue Loss Recovery
MCDOT Fleet Management Building Solar PV System	\$125,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Medical Examiner Mass Spectrometer (LC-QToF)	\$550,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Zoo Point-of-Sale System	\$1,938,767	Revenue Loss Recovery

<sup>1</sup> County Board Approved \$500,000 for Digital Transformation Evaluation and Authorized \$10,000,000 for Project for Set-Aside.

<sup>2</sup> County Board authorized transfer of funds into an allocated contingency account.

Milwaukee County Onsite Health Clinic	\$1,813,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Zoo Network Upgrade & Modernization	\$1,228,920	Revenue Loss Recovery
Facilities Management Division (FMD) Lead Drinking Water Testing in County facilities	\$227,260	Revenue Loss Recovery
<b>Revenue Loss Recovery Total Allocation:</b>	<b>\$80,348,356</b>	
<b>Total Amount Approved:</b>	<b>\$117,033,766</b>	

**Diagram A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available<sup>3</sup>**



**Service Area Subgroups Updates**

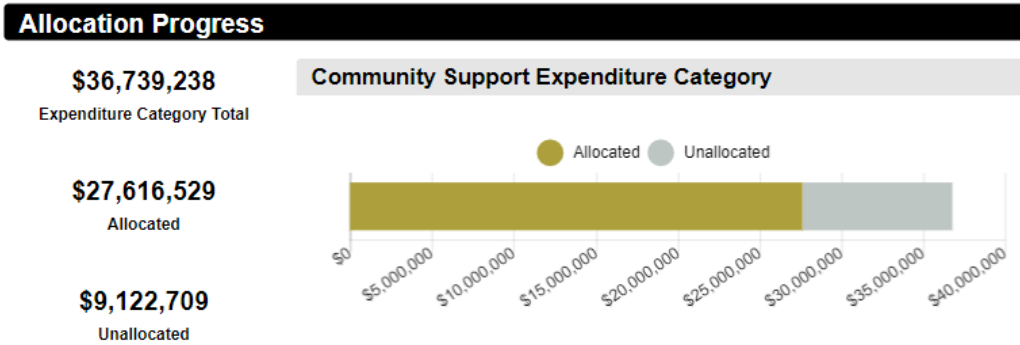
**Community Support.** The Household Assistance, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Other Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Subgroups continue to meet monthly to review projects (Appendix A). Community Support subgroups weigh project ideas against the criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force as well as all other submitted projects to determine the best use of ARPA funds. In May 2022, the Project Management office created a [Community Support Allocation Dashboard](#) that is available on the Milwaukee County ARPA [website](#) (Diagram B) The Community Support Dashboard includes real-time data on Milwaukee County’s Community Support project pipeline including a project description, the funding request amount, and status within the project pipeline.

As of July 6, 2022, the Community Support project pipeline includes:

- 6 Projects Pending Subgroup Review
- 10 Projects invited for a Full Project Proposal
- 3 Projects Pending County Board Approval
- 5 Projects on Hold
- 28 Inactive Project Proposals
- 9 Projects with Full Funding Approval

<sup>3</sup> The numbers in this table represent projects approved by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as of July 6, 2022.

**Diagram B: Milwaukee County ARPA Community Support Dashboard**



**Revenue Loss Recovery.** The Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup facilitated the Fiscal Health Project Challenge to improve Milwaukee County’s fiscal position through cost savings, revenue generation, and operational improvements. On June 23, 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved 13 projects identified through the Fiscal Health Challenge and presented by the Strategy, Budget, and Performance Department totaling \$21,996,141. The County Executive released a [press release](#) that was published by Urban Milwaukee on June 29, 2022, highlighting the projects approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

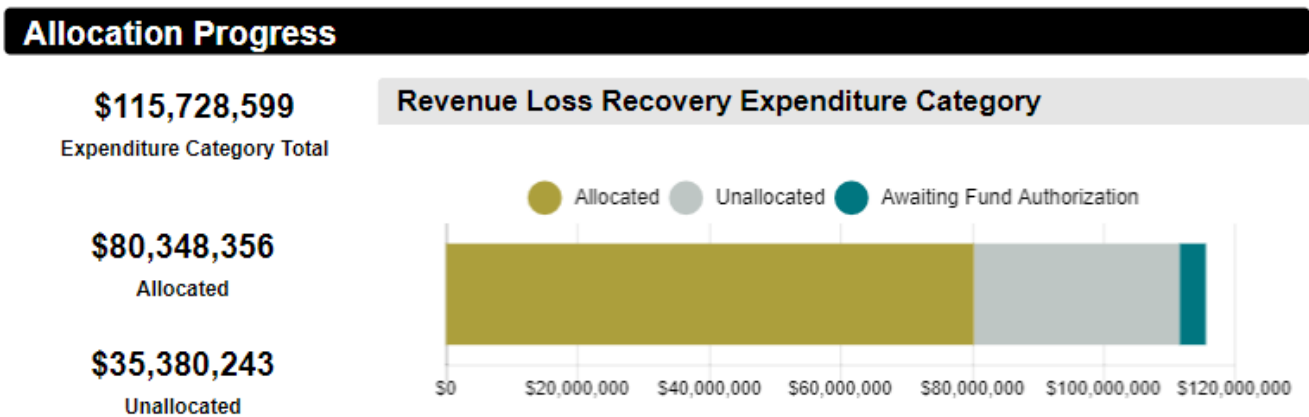
The Revenue Loss Recovery subgroup will continue to assess and recommend capital project expenses that will support the County’s fiscal health.

As of July 6, 2022, the Community Support project pipeline includes:

- 1 Project Pending ARPA Task Force Approval
- 1 Project Pending County Board Approval
- 19 Projects on Hold
- 8 Inactive Project Proposals
- 23 Projects with Full Funding Approval

In June 2022, the Project Management Office created a Revenue Loss Recovery Dashboard that will be published on the Milwaukee County APRA [website](#) (Diagram C).

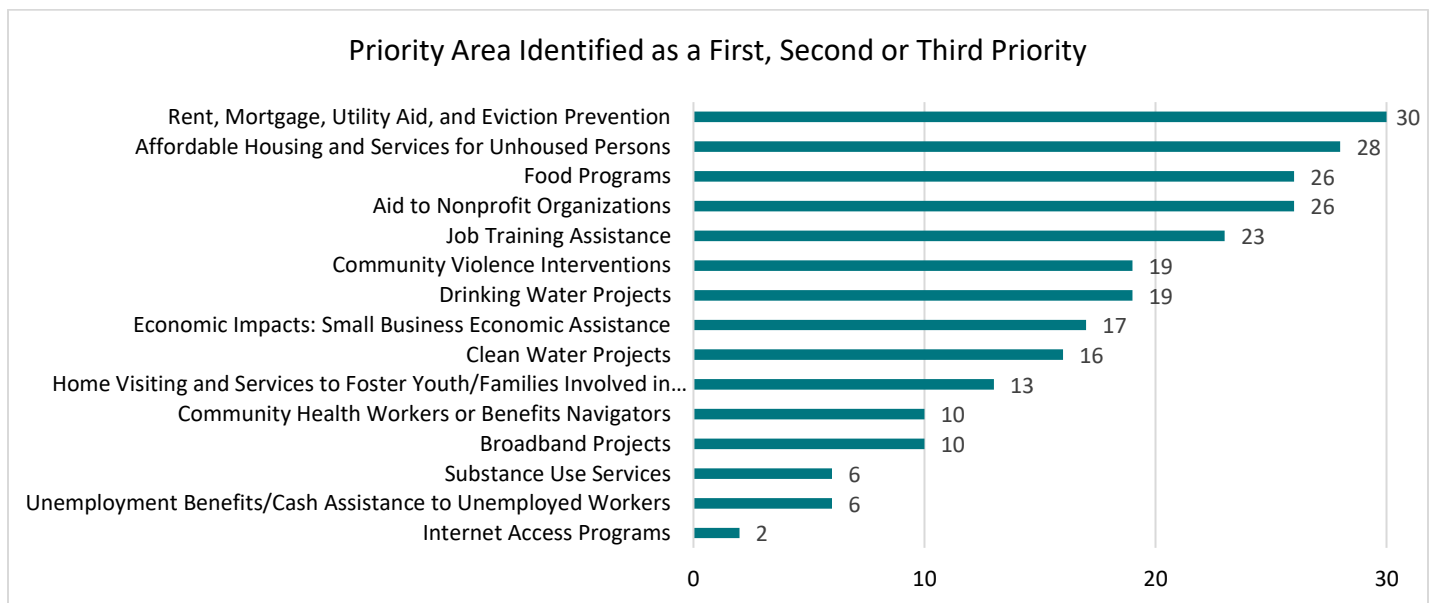
**Diagram C: Milwaukee County ARPA Revenue Loss Recovery Dashboard**



**COVID-19 Mitigation.** The COVID-19 Mitigation Subgroup continues to meet regularly to review projects and evaluate the most efficient way to approve project submissions. The subgroup continues to review membership that aligns with the COVID-19 Mitigation Charter. As of July 6, 2022, the subgroup has reviewed 18 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds and approved \$1,069,718 in expenses of the \$2,500,000 COVID-19 Mitigation allocation approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

**Fund Administration.** The Fund Administration Subgroup continues to meet monthly to discuss the following topics and related funding requests: Community Support Subgroup Progress, Community Engagement, Fiscal Tracking, Program and Fund Evaluation, Treasury Reporting, and Federal, State & Local Collaboration. The subgroup is preparing to release an Evaluation Request for Proposals (RFP) to meet the U.S. Department of the Treasury evaluation requirements with the \$4,000,000. On June 23, 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved \$2,087,500 of the \$7,347,848 to build a sustainable model for equitable community engagement that centers on community health and resilience, and that builds leadership, organizational, and advocacy capacity of County residents and vulnerable communities to be full and equal partners in determining and implementing strategies for COVID response and recovery. On behalf of Milwaukee County, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance will submit the quarterly State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Report and Annual Recovery Plan Performance Report by July 31, 2022. The following table demonstrates the community priorities submitted through the Milwaukee County public webpage (Table C).

**Table C: Milwaukee County ARPA Community Engagement Feedback**



**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational item.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

N/A

**TERMS**

The term of the ARPA Task Force began on July 13, 2021. The Task Force will endure until all of the ARPA monies are fully allocated.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

N/A

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