

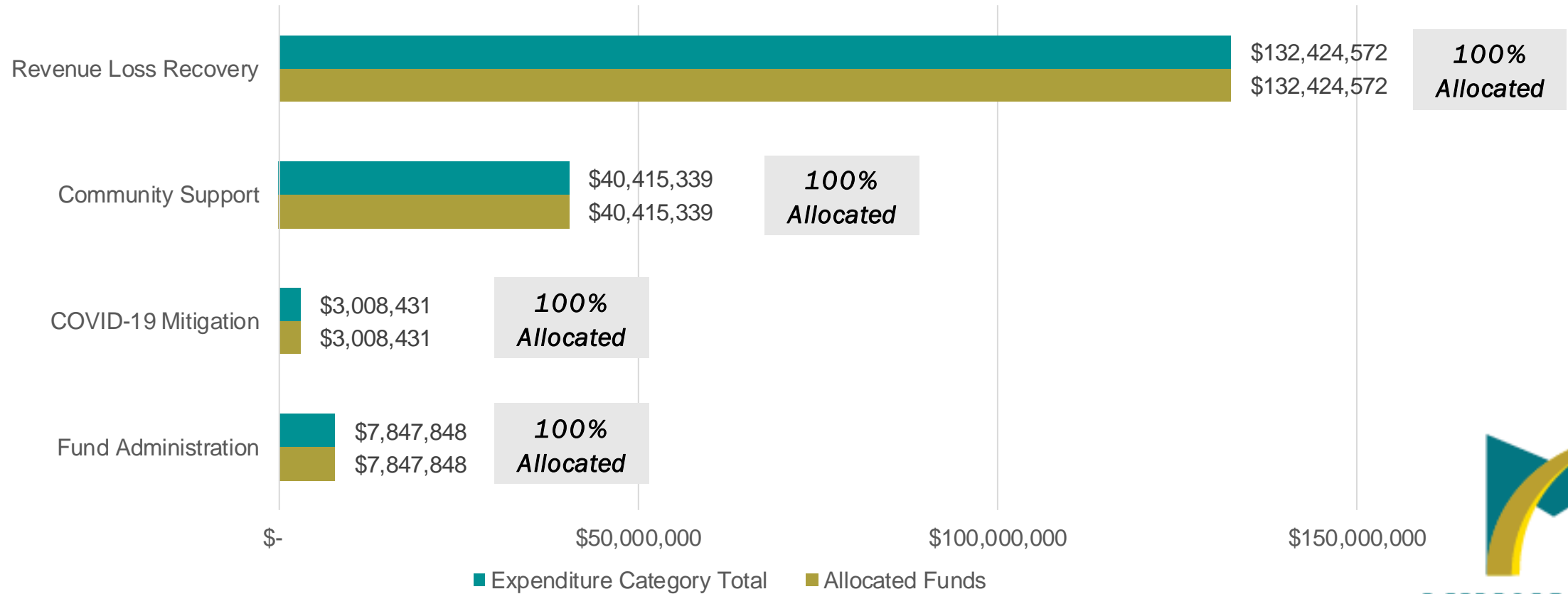
# ARPA Task Force Report

Community Support Project Reallocation Recommendation  
December 7, 2023



# Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

## ARPA Allocation Progress



# **Recommended Community Support Projects Reallocation**



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# Table A: ARPA Funded Project Recommendations

Project Name	Description	Budget
1AR43 - Reducing Medical Debt	The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved ARPA funding to purchase and forgive Milwaukee County residents' medical debt (file <a href="#">23-377</a> ). The Reducing Medical Debt project will not be implemented due to hospital systems expressing a preference to promote their charity care programs, which would also address medical debt concerns targeted by the ARPA project.	(\$1,613,900)
1AR02 - Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved APRA funding to create an emergency flexible housing subsidy pool (file <a href="#">21-861</a> ). Funding will increase the ability to help unhoused individuals and families through a master leasing strategy. The additional funding is needed to maintain programming and is anticipated to house 55 additional unsheltered or housing insecure households through September 30, 2026.	\$613,900
1AR05 - Credible Messenger Program	The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved APRA funding to work with youth in the justice system who have been negatively impacted by racial inequities across all systems (file <a href="#">22-418</a> ). Funding will support an evidence-based approach to Community Violence Interventions (CVI). This includes investing in the Credible Messengers and Advance Peace evidence based CVI approaches. The additional funding is needed to maintain programming and fidelity to the evidence-based model through September 30, 2026.	\$1,000,000
Net Fiscal Impact		\$0

# Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Project

- Reallocating to this project will increase DHHS' ability to house unsheltered individuals and families.
- With the “master leasing” approach, Milwaukee County is listed as the lessee on certain affordable rental units, which enables quickly housing people and families in need. This greatly reduces barriers to housing.
- Lease agreements are a stable and predictable form of encumbering funds.
- An estimated 55 more people will be housed with the reallocated funds.



# Credible Messenger Project

- The project is designed to support evidence-based approaches to Community Violence Interventions (CVI).
- The project is already supporting Credible Messenger teams, but needs additional funding to implement the evidence-based model, Advance Peace.
- The evaluation of Credible Messenger's pilot period showed that 77% of youth desisted, meaning no adjudicated re-offense.



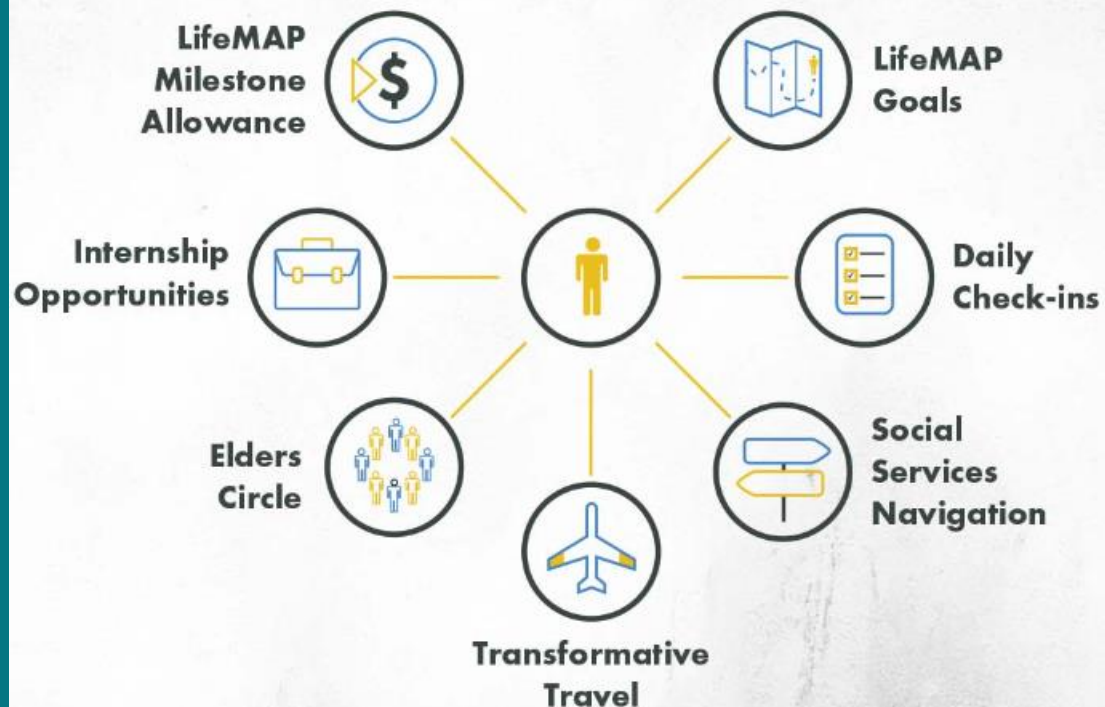
# Credible Messenger Project

- The Advance Peace violence prevention model interrupts gun violence by investing in the development, health and well-being of those at the center of the crisis in a way that alters their life trajectories.
- Advance Peace has been implemented in more than 10 U.S. cities, and is one of the leading models for violence prevention/intervention.
- Where Advance Peace is in place, gun violence is being reduced between 20 and 80 percent within two years of launch.
- At this time, expanding the amount of funding for Advance Peace in the Credible Messenger ARPA Project is DHHS' only way to implement the model with fidelity.



# Advance Peace

## Seven touchpoints:



*"When one truly desires to live, better decisions are made, lives are changed, and conditions are created that help to transform a city."*

-DeVone Boggan, Founder of Advance Peace



# Advance Peace Results

- Five years after the program's founding in Richmond, CA, homicides dropped by nearly 60%.
- In Sacramento, gun homicides and assaults were reduced by 21% in the 18-month fellowship compared to the average from the same period in the previous 4 years.
- Economic analysis shows that for every dollar the city of Sacramento spent on Advance Peace, they received between \$18-41 dollars in return.
- During 2019, Advance Peace helped the City of Stockton prevent 32 murders through interrupting imminent gun conflicts, mediated 136 community conflicts that could have escalated into violence, and helped avoid retaliatory violence by responding to 72 shootings.
- At the conclusion of the Sacramento Fellowship, indicators of healing included that 72% reported an improved outlook on life (i.e., hope), and 68% reported peaceful resolution of a conflict that previously might have resulted in gun use.
- 2022 research suggests that Advance Peace allowed its implementation areas to avoid the pandemic-related increases in gun homicides that most U.S. cities experienced.

# Expected Outcomes

Advance Peace Measurable Outcomes		Data Sources
1	Target of 85% of Fellows engage with staff at least 5 hrs/wk (target of 8hrs/wk avg.)	Neighborhood Change Agents (NCAs) track contact hours in AP data system
2	Target of 75% of Fellows are enrolled and complete at least 12 weeks of Life Skills training	NCAs track hours in AP data system
3	Target of 100% of Fellows alive by fellowship end.	NCAs track incidents in AP data system
4	75% of Fellows will have no gun-related injuries or hospitalizations after becoming a fellow.	NCAs track injuries in AP data system
5	75% of enrolled Fellows have no new gun charges after becoming a Fellow.	NCAs track gun charges in AP data system
6	75% of enrolled Fellows engage in lifesaving, pro-social activities.	NCAs track Fellow activities/engagements in AP data system
7	75% of enrolled Fellows show attitude change toward violence and other anti-social behavior.	NCAs record pre/post assessment data in AP data system
8	75% of enrolled Fellows demonstrate knowledge of appropriate responses to violence.	NCAs record assessment data in AP data system
<i>Note: Assessments in 7 &amp; 8 are standard tools of the AP model designed by the AP Evaluator. NCA=Neighborhood Change Agent (similar to a case manager).</i>		





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