

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: March 2, 2023

TO: Shawn Rolland, Co-Chair, Ricardo Diaz, Co-Chair,  
Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Task Force

FROM: Community Support Area Subgroup – Mental & Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: ARPA Community Support Strategy Recommendation

**REQUEST**

Requesting recommendation for the Mentor Greater Milwaukee – Building Mentoring Mindsets for \$262,500 within the Community Support Expenditure Category for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding consideration.

**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”

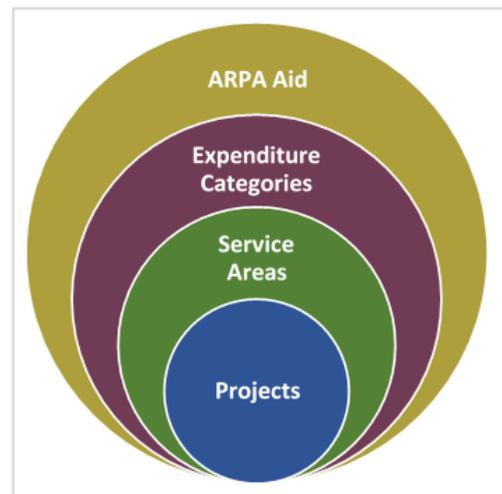
**BACKGROUND**

Milwaukee County received \$183 million between 2021-24 in federal ARPA aid. Approximately \$40,415,339 has been allotted for Community Support projects.

The Community Support Service Area subgroups were established to generate project-level allocation recommendations to respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector in Milwaukee County.

The Mental & Behavioral Health subgroup was formed with subject matter experts following the Community Support Service Area Subgroup Charter. Membership includes the following individuals:

**Diagram A: Illustration of Terms**



Name	Role & Title	Organization
Regina Whiyee	Lead Facilitator, Administrative Coordinator	Milwaukee County, CYFS
Lauren Hubbard	Lead Facilitator, Director of Community Crisis Services	Milwaukee County, BHS
Benjamin Porter	Partner, Program Officer	Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Kenneth Ginlack	Partner, Executive Director	Serenity Inns, Inc.
Kenyatta Sinclair	Partner, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer	Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Shalonda LeFlore	Partner, Clinical Director	St. Charles Youth & Family Services
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In December 2022 the subgroup reviewed the Mentor Greater Milwaukee – Building Mentoring Mindsets project proposal received from external sources to support Milwaukee County’s recovery in this service area. The subgroup followed the criteria set by the ARPA Task Force on September 2, 2021, to recommend these projects as high priority projects.

**PRIORITIZED PROJECTS**

The high-ranking project in this service area is listed below for recommendation. Please also note the attached project proposals (Attachment A), the criteria scoring rubric (Attachment B), and the Service Area subgroup review summary (Attachment C) provides further detail.

Project Name	Description	Budget
Mentor Greater Milwaukee – Building Mentoring Mindsets	Mentor Greater Milwaukee will offer workshops and trainings around the importance of youth mentoring in communities. The goal of these workshops and trainings is to help community residents feel more comfortable being a mentor throughout the City of Milwaukee. Mentor Greater Milwaukee will partner with Milwaukee County to provide direct mentoring support and training to County programs as well as support setting up a Mentoring Connector, an online mentor recruitment tool, to support staff with recruiting mentors.	\$262,500

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the recommendation for the Mentor Greater Milwaukee – Building Mentoring Mindsets to receive \$262,500 within the Community Support Expenditure Category.

**PREPARED BY:**

Bess Earl, Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance, Senior Grants Analyst

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the strategic plan:

2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity

2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions

3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Mentor Greater Milwaukee - Building Mentoring Mindsets Project Proposal

Attachment B: ARPA Proposal Review Criteria - Community Support Programs

Attachment C: Service Area Subgroup Review Project Summary