



Milwaukee County American Rescue Act Plan Funds Community Support Proposal Review Criteria

All proposed projects, programs, or services requesting Milwaukee County ARPA funds will be graded against the following criteria and discussed by the Service Area Subgroup aligned with the scope.

Item	Criterion	Points	
1	Requires a limited term (1-3 year) investment for implementation	Mandatory requirement	Grants & Special Projects (GSP) will review
2	Does not require ongoing financial commitment by the county after 2024	Mandatory requirement	GSP will review
3	Is within Milwaukee County's scope of services	Mandatory requirement	GSP will review
4	Fits in an Expenditure Categories assigned to the Service Area	Mandatory requirement	GSP will review
5	Aligns with ARPA Task Force guiding principles (HRA21-292)	Mandatory requirement	GSP will review
6	Criterion: Project Design	50	
6a	Addresses an urgent community need brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic	10	
6b	Provides a feasible solution to the demonstrated need	10	
6c	Has a concrete timeline with trackable milestones to ensure execution by 2026	10	
6d	Has trackable performance indicators (goals, objectives, outcomes, and outputs)	10	
6e	Has been coordinated with partners and includes matching funds or resources	10	
		Total Points Scored	
7	Criterion: Invest in Equity & Intentional Inclusion	40	
7a	Supports historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups	10	
7e	Enables the County to make progress towards achieving racial and health equity	5	
7f	Is informed by community input	5	
7g	Builds capacity of community organizations	5	

7h	Dismantles barriers to diverse and inclusive communities	5	
7i	Invests “upstream” to address root causes of health	5	
7j	Improves service delivery and reduces health disparities	5	
Total Points Scored			
8	Is an evidence-based strategy	10	Determine which of the three statements below best captures the proposal and provide the full 10. If the proposal does not meet criteria, select 0
8a	Strong evidence means the evidence-base that can support causal conclusions for the specific program proposed by the applicant with the highest level of confidence. This consists of one or more well-designed and well-implemented experimental studies conducted on the proposed program with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes.	10	
8b	Moderate evidence means that there is a reasonably developed evidence-base that can support causal conclusions. The evidence-base consists of one or more quasi-experimental studies with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes OR two or more nonexperimental studies with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes. Examples of research that meet the standards include well-designed and well-implemented quasiexperimental studies that compare outcomes between the group receiving the intervention and a matched comparison group (i.e., a similar population that does not receive the intervention).	10	
8c	Preliminary evidence means that the evidence-base can support conclusions about the program’s contribution to observed outcomes. The evidence base consists of at least one nonexperimental study. A study that	10	

	demonstrates improvement in program beneficiaries over time on one or more intended outcomes OR an implementation (process evaluation) study used to learn and improve program operations would constitute preliminary evidence. Examples of research that meet the standards include: (1) outcome studies that track program beneficiaries through a service pipeline and measure beneficiaries' responses at the end of the program; and (2) pre- and post-test research that determines whether beneficiaries have improved on an intended outcome.		
	Total Points Scored		
9	Additional consideration may be given to proposals that demonstrate cost-effective impact (total cost per resident who will benefit from the proposed project or service)	<i>Additional Consideration</i>	
10	Creates employment opportunities for Milwaukee County residents	<i>Additional Consideration</i>	
Total		100	