

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

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**To:** Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force  
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**Subject:** Update on ARPA Service Area Subgroups  
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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 April 7, 2022 (Diagram A), Milwaukee County ARPA Project Pipeline (Table B), and Community Feedback submitted as of April 1, 2022 (Table C). Service Area subgroups continue to meet on a regular basis; updates on subgroup activities is provided below.

**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 <sup>1</sup> | \$545,600             | Community Support           |
| Safer Milwaukee Proposal <sup>2</sup>            | \$550,000             | Community Support           |

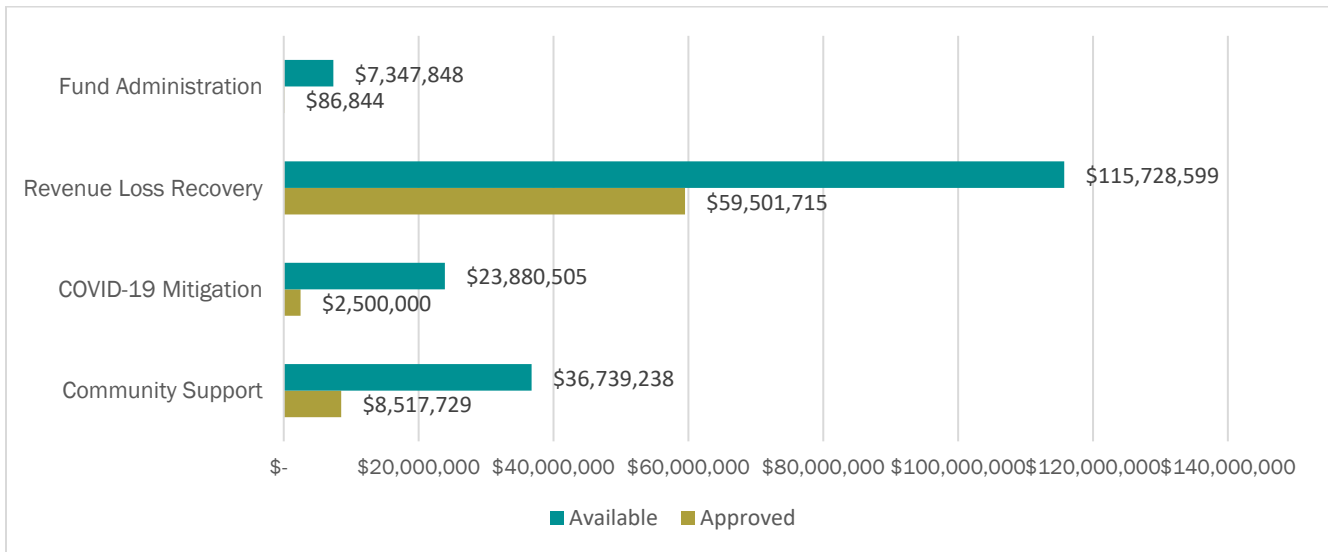
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<sup>1</sup> Project pending Milwaukee County Mental Health Board approval

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| Emergency COVID-19 Mitigation Response                           | \$2,500,000         | COVID-19 Mitigation   |
| Senior Grant Analyst   | \$86,844            | Fund Administration   |
| 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>3</sup>   | \$10,500,000        | Revenue Loss Recovery |
| Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Renovation <sup>4</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 |
| <b>Total Amount Allocated:</b>                                   | <b>\$70,606,288</b> |                       |

**Diagram A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available<sup>5</sup>**



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.

**Table B: Milwaukee County ARPA Project\* Pipeline by Expenditure Category<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>3</sup> County Board Approved \$500,000 for Digital Transformation Evaluation and Authorized \$10,000,000 for Project for Set-Aside.

<sup>4</sup> County Board authorized transfer of funds into an allocated contingency account.

<sup>5</sup> The numbers in this table represent projects approved by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as of April 1, 2022.

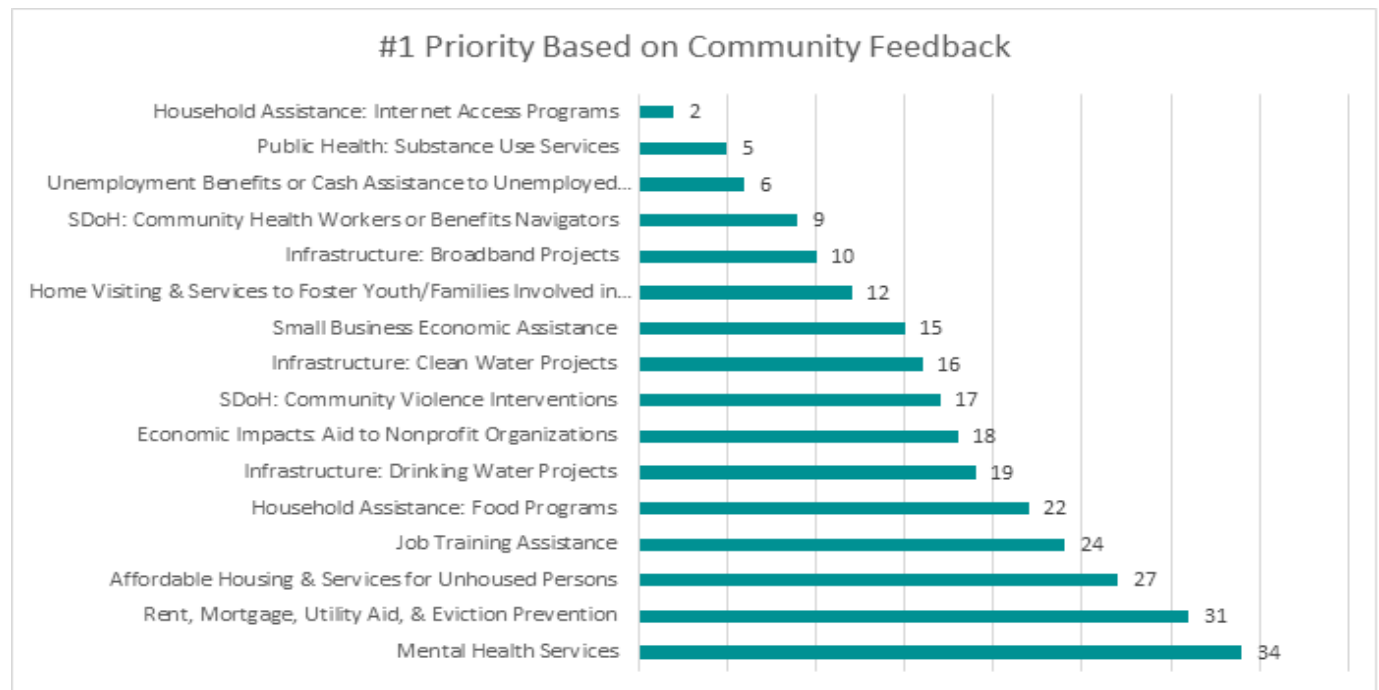
<sup>6</sup> The numbers in this table represent unduplicated projects as of April 1, 2022.

| Project Status                        | COVID-19 Mitigation |              | Community Support |              | Revenue Loss Recovery |              | Fund Administration |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                                       | # of Projects       | Total Amount | # of Projects     | Total Amount | # of Projects         | Total Amount | # of Projects       | Total Amount |
| Not Receiving ARPA Funds <sup>7</sup> | -                   | -            | 15                | \$29.8M      | 7                     | \$63.9M      | -                   | -            |
| Pending Subgroup Review               | -                   | -            | 1                 | TBD          | 2                     | \$2.7M       | -                   | -            |
| Reviewed & On Hold <sup>8</sup>       | -                   | -            | 9                 | \$3.4M       | 15                    | \$38.3M      | -                   | -            |
| Reviewed & Invited for Full Proposal  | -                   | -            | 10                | \$32.2M      | -                     | -            | -                   | -            |
| Pending ARPA Task Force Approval      | -                   | -            | 1                 | \$1M         | -                     | -            | -                   | -            |
| Pending Finance Committee Approval    | -                   | -            |                   |              | 1                     | \$18.2M      | 1                   | \$394,536    |
| Approved by Full Board                | 1                   | \$2.5M       | 6 <sup>9</sup>    | \$8.5M       | 8                     | \$58.2       | 1                   | \$86,844     |

The following table demonstrates the community priorities submitted through the Milwaukee County public webpage.

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

**Service Area Subgroups Updates**



<sup>7</sup> The project was not an eligible use of ARPA funds, the project submitter withdrew proposal, or the project was not recommended for Milwaukee County ARPA funds by Service Area Subgroups based on criteria set forth by ARPA Task Force and when weighed against other projects.

<sup>8</sup> The project idea/proposal requires more information and/or collaboration or should be put on hold at this time.

<sup>9</sup> Two Projects are pending Milwaukee County Mental Health Board approval

**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.

**COVID-19 Mitigation.** The COVID-19 Mitigation Subgroup continues to meet on a regular basis 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 April 1, 2022, the subgroup has reviewed 13 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds and approved \$391,082.25 in expenses of the \$2,500,000 COVID-19 Mitigation allocation approved by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

**Fund Administration.** The Fund Administration Subgroup continues to meet on a monthly basis 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 to meet U.S. Department of the Treasury evaluation requirements. The Grant Accounting Services project request is pending approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor.

**Revenue Loss Recovery.** The Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup created the Fiscal Health Project Challenge to improve Milwaukee County's fiscal position through cost savings, revenue generation, and operational improvements. Ten projects totaling \$18,204,901 are pending approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The third round of applications for the Fiscal Health Challenge are due on April 8, 2022. The Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup will review Fiscal Health Challenge Projects rated as a moderate priority in rounds one and two. In addition, the Subgroup will assess and recommend capital project expenses that will support the County's fiscal health.

**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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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix A: Community Support Service Area Project Descriptions