

American Rescue Plan Act

The [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) of 2021](#) was signed into law by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to provide support to individuals, families and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Milwaukee County will directly receive \$183 million in ARPA funding through the federal government's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds are intended to allow flexibility for jurisdictions to meet local needs and fund local solutions to support families, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers and the communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Funds must be encumbered by Dec. 31, 2024 and spent by Dec. 31, 2026. According to guidance released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, ARPA funds may be used to:

Support public health expenditures, such as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff

Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector

Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic

Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors

Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

SLFRF Report

ARPA Task Force

On June 24, 2021, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a [resolution](#) to establish the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Task Force. The task force will use a public process to make non-binding recommendations for ARPA allocations to the County Board of Supervisors. Milwaukee County will leverage its vision and strategic plan to ensure allocations advance the county's vision: By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee will be the healthiest county in Wisconsin.

The ARPA Task Force is comprised of six members or their designees:

County Board Chairperson

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson has designated Supervisor Shawn Rolland as her representative

County Executive

County Executive David Crowley has designated Ricardo Diaz, retired Executive Director of the United Community Center, as his representative

Chairperson, Committee on Finance

Supervisor Jason Haas

Director, Department of Administrative Services

DAS Director Aaron Hertzberg has designated Grants & Special Projects Division Director Ashley Adsit as his representative

Comptroller

Scott Manske

Director, Office on African American Affairs

Jeffery Roman

Task Force Meetings

Public comment is welcome at all task force meetings. To sign up to provide public comment at ARPA Task Force meetings, go [here](#).

Press Releases

July 22, 2021 | [Milwaukee County's American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Task Force will launch on Aug. 12](#)

July 19, 2021 | [County Executive David Crowley Signs "Right to Counsel" into Law](#)

July 13, 2021 | [County Executive David Crowley Signs County Board Resolution Creating ARPA Task Force](#)

June 24, 2021 | [Chairwoman Nicholson Proposal Creating ARPA Task Force Adopted by County Board](#)

News

July 26, 2021 | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | [Housing alliance calls for Milwaukee to steer half of \\$394M in federal stimulus dollars toward affordable homes](#)

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Informational Presentations to the ARPA Task Force

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+ What are we spending money on specific to the public health emergency?

+ How does ARPA spending relate to Milwaukee County's long-term goals?

ARPA Community Engagement

Milwaukee County values the input of our residents about how we spend and invest ARPA funds. Please join us to share your priorities and ideas!

Community Engagement Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m., ARPA Town Hall hosted by Supervisors Liz Sumner and Sheldon Wasserman

[Register](#)

Thursday, Oct. 21, 6 - 7:30 p.m., County Budget Town Hall hosted by Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson

Monday, Oct. 25, 6 - 7:30 p.m., ARPA Town Hall hosted by Supervisor Felicia Martin and the ARPA Task Force, joined by local, state, and federal officials

Engagement With Public Boards and Commissions

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1 - 3 p.m., [Intergovernmental Cooperation Council \(ICC\)](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 9:30 - 11 a.m., [Milwaukee Community Justice Council \(CJC\)](#)

Thursday, Oct. 28, 9 - 11 a.m., [Milwaukee County Mental Health Board](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - Noon, [Aging and Disability Resource Center Board](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - Noon, [Combined Community Services Board](#)

Additional Outreach to Community-Based Groups

Wednesday, Oct. 13, [African American Round Table \(AART\)](#)

Friday, Nov. 12, Milwaukee Community Resilience Imperative

Thursday, Nov. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., [Social Development Commission \(SDC\) Board of Commissioners](#)

Share Your Priorities & Ideas With the ARPA Task Force

Milwaukee County wants to understand your priorities and ideas on how to allocate \$36.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to Community Support programs through 2024. Through this form, you can rank your priorities and offer ideas to be considered by Milwaukee County's ARPA Task Force.

Our goal is to allocate ARPA funds in support of Milwaukee County's strategic vision to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity. More specifically, we are seeking ideas that will help us meet urgent pandemic-related community needs and enable our county to:

Invest "upstream" to address root causes of health disparities

Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

[View ARPA Guidelines for Spending](#)

[View a Presentation on Milwaukee County's Financial Position](#)

[View ARPA Task Force Spending Categories](#)

ARPA funds will not solve the extreme fiscal challenges faced by the County. We will we not be able to fund all or even most of the ideas we will receive from residents. However, there is an opportunity to make an impact by investing in areas that will save money over time and reserve valuable tax-payer dollars for preventative, upstream investments that improve health and racial equity outcomes for residents.

Thank you for your willingness to share your input and ideas!

Sincerely,
Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force Members

Contact Information

The information provided below will only be used to verify residency within Milwaukee County and will not be publicly disseminated.

What is your first and last name? *

What is the street address and city of your current residence within Milwaukee County? *

What is the zip code of your current residence within Milwaukee County? *

Resident Priority Ranking

Please select the top three areas that Milwaukee County should prioritize to help the community recover from the pandemic.

First Priority *

What should be the first priority for community support programs?

Second Priority *

What should be the second priority for community support programs?

Third Priority *