

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: March 30, 2023

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

FROM: Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup

SUBJECT: ARPA Revenue Loss Recovery Recommendations

REQUEST

Requesting recommendation for Procurement Administrative Support within the Revenue Loss Recovery 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 directly received \$183 million for 2021-24 in federal ARPA aid. Approximately \$129,933,003 million has been allotted for Revenue Loss Recovery projects. This subsection was established to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.

The Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup was established to generate project-level allocation recommendations to improve the fiscal health of Milwaukee County and strengthen support for vital public services.

PRIORITIZED PROJECTS

The Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup recommends \$263,644 for Procurement administrative support and services for Milwaukee County public procurement and contracting, to assure county agencies meet ARPA-funded project timelines, responsibilities, and obligations.

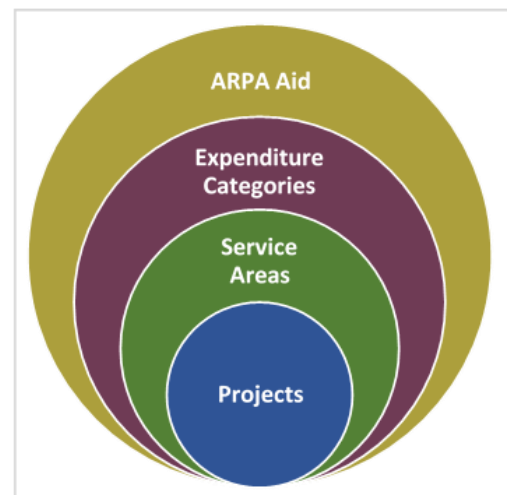
During the December 8, 2022, Finance Committee, it was recommended that the Department of Administration (DAS) Procurement, pursue funding a full-time position to address the backlog of projects affected by ARPA. The position was approved in the 2023 budget cycle yet remained unfunded.

Procurement administrative support for ARPA funded projects ensures the following ethical standards are demonstrated and achieved: 1) equitable contracting opportunities, 2) mandated governance, and 3) fair, open, and transparent acquisitions of commodities and services. Furthermore, effective administrative support will reduce ARPA timing risks resulting in improved project outcomes, including budget and schedule control.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation for Procurement Administrative Support to receive \$263,644 within the Revenue Loss Recovery Expenditure Category for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Diagram A: Illustration of Terms



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ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses

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

3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: ARPA Revenue Loss Recovery Procurement Proposal