

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: September 2, 2021

To: Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force

From: ARPA Task Force Co-Chair Ricardo Diaz and Member Ashley Adsit

Subject: ARPA Task Force Recommendation Process

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Requesting approval of the Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Task Force process to review and recommend funding allocations.

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”

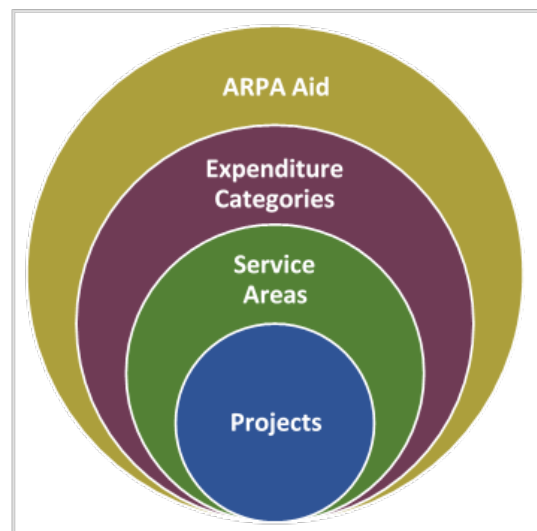
BACKGROUND

Recipients of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) are required by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to review program requirements, including Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, to determine and record eligible uses of SLFRF funds. Milwaukee County’s approach to allocating funds should promote a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn, while meeting the specific needs of the jurisdiction.

Milwaukee County will directly receive \$183 million between 2021-24 through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is suggested that the ARPA Task Force recommend allocations at the expenditure category and service area levels. This action item details a proposed process for making service area level recommendations.

Upon recommendation of expenditure category allocations by the ARPA Task Force, the following Service Area groups and subgroups will be established to generate project-level allocation recommendations:

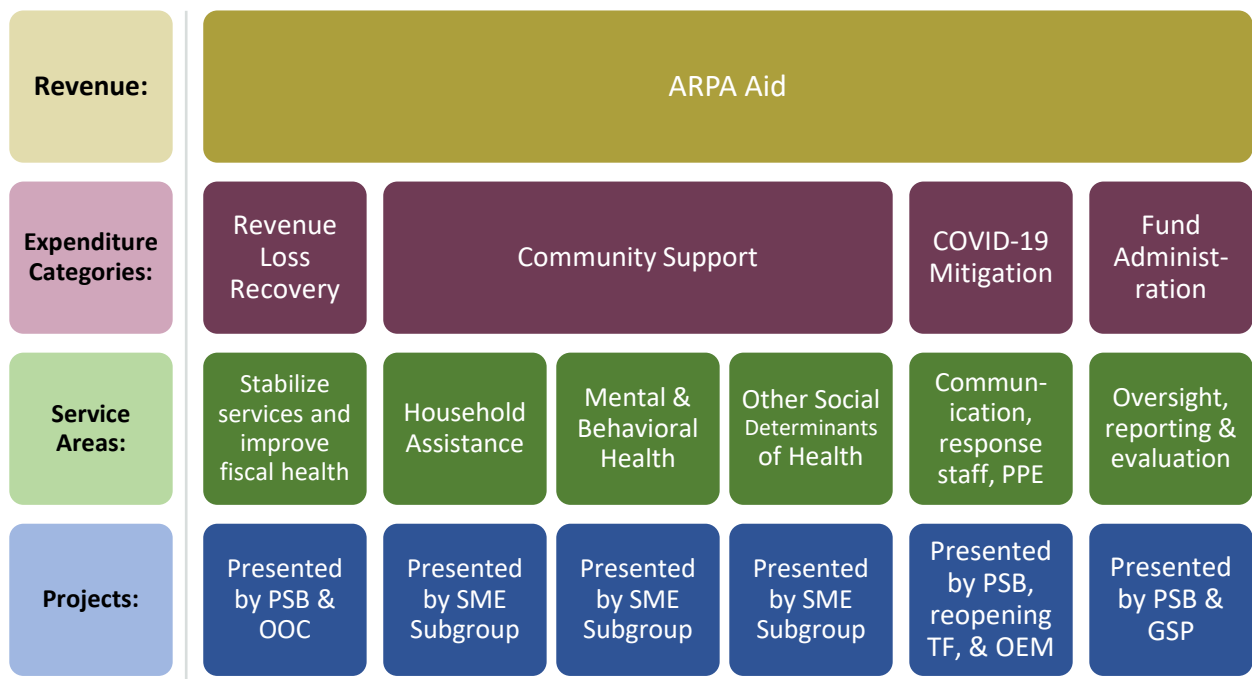
Diagram A: Illustration of Terms



- A. Revenue Loss Recovery: Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget (PSB) and Office of the Comptroller (OOC)
- B. Community Support
 - a. Household Assistance Subject Matter Experts (SMEs): Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Housing Division
 - b. Mental & Behavioral Health SMEs: DHHS, Behavioral Health Division
 - c. Other Social Determinants of Health SMEs: DHHS
- C. COVID-19 Mitigation: PSB in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and reopening task force
- D. Fund Administration: PSB and the Grants & Special Projects Division (GSP)

Service Area subgroups will use local and organizational data, community input, partner consultation, and/or research on evidence-based practices for their service area focus. Criteria for reviewing internal and external project ideas will vary by service area (provided within the ARPA Expenditure Category Allocations report). The Community Support Service Area subgroups will include contributions by community partners and/or consumer residents.

Diagram B: Illustration of Expenditure Categories and Service Areas

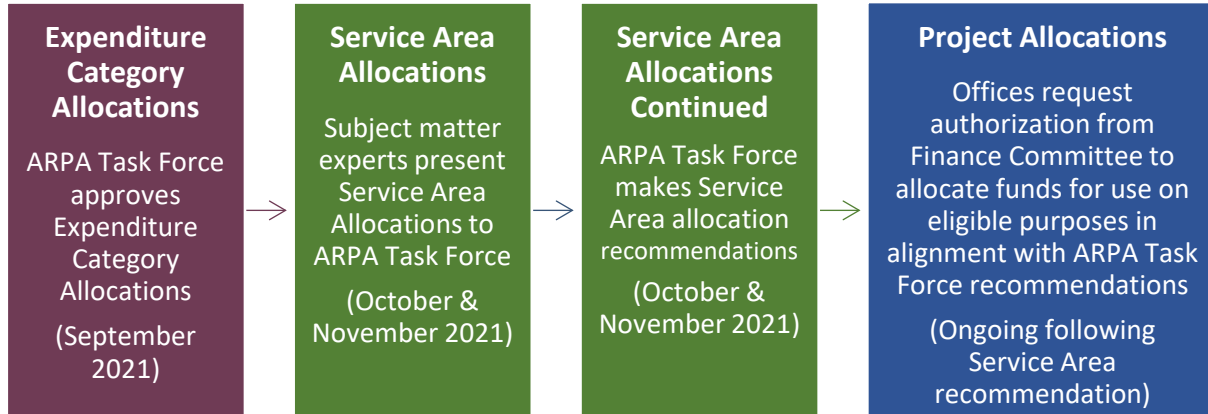


Service area subgroups will be asked to present an initial portfolio of projects for ARPA Task Force recommendation in or before November. The Service Area subgroups will demonstrate how the proposed sampling of projects meets the specific expenditure category criteria and intended outcomes. In response, the ARPA Task Force will make service area-level allocation recommendations for Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors consideration.

Upon ARPA Task Force allocation recommendations for service areas within expenditure categories, administrative staff will follow protocol to request authorization from Finance Committee to allocate

funds. Projects funded within each service area must align with the purpose and support reaching the intended outcome(s) of the category.

Diagram C: Process and Timeline for Task Force Recommendations and Fund Authorization



This process will be repeated minimally every six months or more frequently as needed until all funds have been allocated. Emergency requests should be presented to the ARPA Task Force for recommendation simultaneous with submittal to Finance Committee to eliminate delays. An emergency ARPA Task Force meeting will be convened if not scheduled prior to the Finance Committee meeting in which the item will be presented.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 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

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ARPA Task Force process to review and recommend funding allocations.

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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N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

ARPA Recommendation Process - PowerPoint Presentation