

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 27, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Ashley Adsit, Director of Project & Performance Management, Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance *Ashley Adsit*

Subject: The Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance requests \$2 million in ARPA funding to reduce the ongoing risk of COVID-19

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance requests \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to allocate for internal efforts to reduce the ongoing risk of COVID-19 to employees and the people we serve in Milwaukee County facilities.

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 in federal ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to spend through December 31, 2026. On September 2, 2021, the ARPA Task Force approved ARPA Expenditure Categories and a process for reviewing and recommending ARPA funding allocations. Within this process, the COVID-19 Mitigation subgroup was established to make recommendations to use ARPA funds to efficiently manage communication and mitigation efforts in response to fluctuations in local data.

Since December 2022, the subgroup has reviewed 24 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds and approved \$2,157,045 in expenses of the \$2,500,000 COVID-19 Mitigation allocation approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The COVID-19 Mitigation funds are requested by department and office leads to purchase personal protective equipment, testing, physical changes to facilities, and other mitigation efforts. Focusing on internal COVID-19 mitigation improves the County's ability to proactively prepare the county to continue providing services throughout the ongoing pandemic and to stabilize staff needed for pandemic responses in County service areas. The \$2 million in ARPA funding will ensure that there is continuity of funding for COVID-19 response activities when the allocation of \$2,500,000 is fully expended.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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

FISCAL EFFECT

On September 8, 2022, the ARPA Task Force approved a reallocation of ARPA Expenditure Categories which included \$5,500,000 towards COVID-19 Mitigation to fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

TERMS

The funds will be utilized from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2024.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Fiscal Note

Resolution

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk