

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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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.

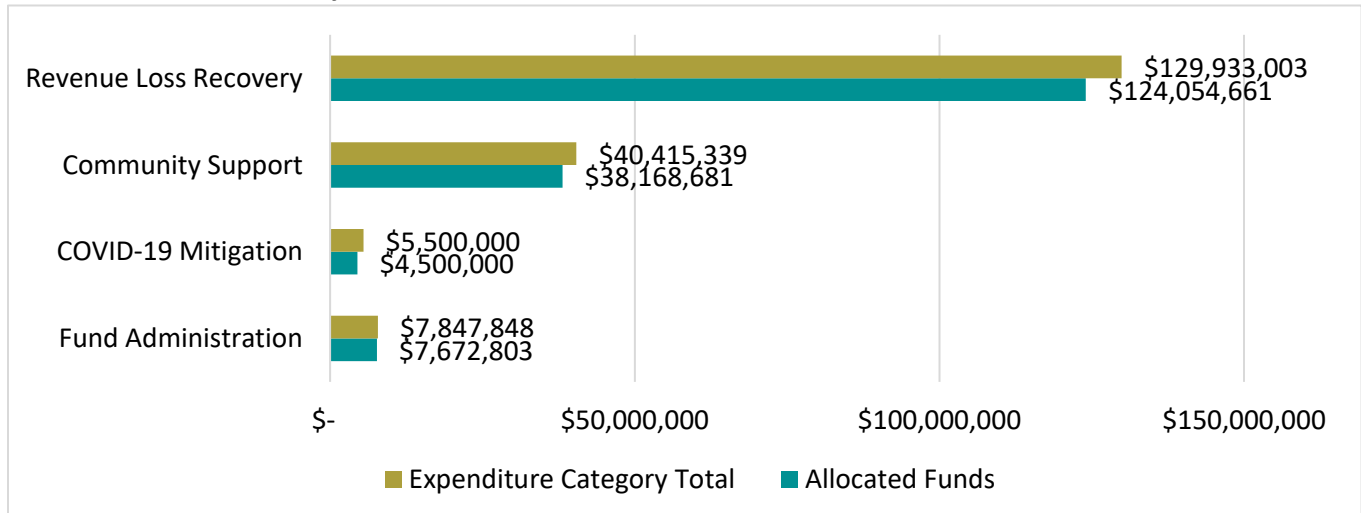
POLICY

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 an update on projects approved for ARPA funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (Tables A, B, C & D), ARPA Funding Allocated and Available (Chart A), and Community Feedback (Chart B) as of March 30, 2023. Milwaukee County Expenditure Category updates are provided below. Milwaukee County has allocated \$174,396,145 of the \$183,696,190 in ARPA aid (95%).

Chart A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available



Milwaukee County Expenditure Category Updates

Community Support. In March 2023, the Milwaukee County Community Support subgroups completed their tasks to make funding recommendations within the Community Support expenditure category. A total of 17 projects have been approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in the Community Support Expenditure Category (Table A). Three Community Support projects are pending Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor approval totaling \$1,637,303. The three projects include Sherman Park Reimagined (\$962,303), UpStart Kitchen (\$412,500) and MENTOR Greater Milwaukee (\$262,500). Two projects are pending Milwaukee County Mental Health Board approval totaling \$609,355. These two projects include Access to Mental Health Care (\$408,831) and Mental Health Clinic for Youth and Young Adults (\$200,524). If these projects are approved, funding in the Community Support Expenditure Category will be fully allocated.

Table A: Community Support Projects Approved for ARPA Funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Project Name	Project Budget
Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	\$1,500,000
Right to Counsel Program	\$2,749,729
Credible Messenger Program	\$1,201,200
Trauma Response Program	\$1,971,200
Emergency Health & Healing Campaign	\$234,799
Safer Milwaukee Proposal	\$550,000
Milwaukee Market Match	\$1,100,000
Affordable Housing Development	\$15,000,000
Foreclosure Rehabilitation	\$3,000,000
Early Childhood & Family Support	\$1,538,636
Girls Programming & Programming for Special Populations in CYFS	\$2,950,000
Beach Ambassador Program	\$128,500
Milwaukee Diaper Mission	\$181,641
Acts Housing Homeownership Acquisition	\$2,583,988
FlexRide Milwaukee On-Demand Transportation Program	\$1,365,000
Reducing Medical Debt	\$1,613,988
Milwaukee Premium Assistance Pilot Program	\$500,000
Community Support Total Allocation	\$38,168,681

Individuals are still able to share their funding priorities [here](#) and can view the a [Community Support Allocation Dashboard](#) available on the Milwaukee County ARPA [website](#).

Revenue Loss Recovery. 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. During the April 2023 ARPA Task Force meeting, the Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup will recommend \$263,644 for

Milwaukee County public procurement and contracting, to assure county agencies meet ARPA-funded project timelines, responsibilities, and obligations.

Additional Revenue Loss Recovery projects will be considered through the annual capital request process which is led by the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance (SBP). Requests are due no later than July 14, 2023. The Revenue Loss Recovery subgroup will review the results of the capital request process, including scoring, and deliberate projects before making a recommendation to the ARPA Task Force. A total of 43 projects have been approved by the Milwaukee County Board in the Revenue Loss Recovery Expenditure Category (Table B).

Table B: Revenue Loss Recovery Projects Approved for ARPA Funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Project Name	Project Budget
Capital Program Management Office	\$500,000
Correction Officer Staff	\$4,039,955
IMSD Digital Transformation Evaluation & Projects ¹	\$10,500,000
Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Renovation	\$32,335,694
Safe Routes to Parks Program	\$1,287,000
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Park Programming	\$1,149,500
Kitchen Equipment & Traying Station Across Correction Facilities	\$6,268,000
Climate Action Plan & Lighting Upgrades	\$2,171,566
Courts Backlog Initiative & Grant Management	\$1,250,000
King Community Center Building Exterior Improvements (Parks)	\$1,515,000
Boat Launch Electronic Pay Stations (Parks)	\$69,300
Golf Course Irrigation & Cart Path Construction (Parks)	\$6,435,000
Conversion to Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail (Parks)	\$2,648,800
System Wide Steam Boiler Replacements (Parks)	\$1,474,000
Energy Efficient Light Fixture Upgrades (Parks)	\$3,000,000
Historical Society Records Management Improvements	\$696,534
MCDOT Fleet Management Building Solar PV System	\$125,000
Medical Examiner Mass Spectrometer (LC-QToF)	\$550,000
Zoo Point-of-Sale System	\$1,938,767
Milwaukee County Onsite Health Clinic	\$1,813,000
Zoo Network Upgrade & Modernization	\$1,228,920
Facilities Management Division (FMD) Lead Drinking Water Testing in County facilities	\$227,260
Parks Building Occupancy Controls	\$274,560
Children, Youth, & Family Services Secure & Community Continuum of Care	\$4,076,974

¹ County Board Approved \$500,000 for Digital Transformation Evaluation and Authorized \$10,000,000 for Project for Set-Aside.

Matching Grant Pilot Program	\$2,000,000
Courthouse Complex Security Technology	\$3,180,605
MCDOT Transportation Services Lapham Office Relocation	\$830,950
Tornado Sirens Upgrade and Replacement	\$1,665,283
OEM Radios: Microwave Backhaul Replacement	\$3,588,433
Countywide Emergency Medical Dispatch System	\$226,609
House of Correction Critical Video Storage Capacity	\$406,648
Medical Examiner Case Management Software	\$1,154,160
Parks Fuel Inventory Management System	\$695,047
Lake Michigan Bluff Repairs (Planning & Design Funds)	\$267,850
Courthouse 7th Floor Remodel	\$750,000
Clinton Rose Façade Upgrade	\$1,998,720
Wilson Senior Center Lighting	\$232,380
Washington Senior Center Lighting	\$244,627
Clinton Rose Fire Separation	\$478,519
General Aging Senior Center Projects	\$500,000
Forensic Science Center	\$20,000,000
Milwaukee County Transit Employees Use of Onsite Health Clinics	\$260,000
Revenue Loss Recovery Total Allocation:	\$124,054,661

Individuals can view approved projects and learn more about the Revenue Loss Recovery expenditure category on the [dashboard](#) on the Milwaukee County APRA [website](#).

COVID-19 Mitigation. The COVID-19 Mitigation Subgroup continues to review projects and evaluate the most efficient way to approve project submissions. The subgroup has received 30 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds of which 17 projects are currently open and seven projects have concluded and approved a total of \$2,639,242 in expenses. SBP and the Comptroller’s Office are working with departments to close out 2022 COVID-19 mitigation expenses. A total of \$4,500,000 has been approved by the Milwaukee County Board in the COVID-19 Mitigation Expenditure Category (Table C) to ensure funds are available on an as-needed basis for qualifying expenses.

Table C: COVID-19 Mitigation Project Approved for ARPA Funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Project Name	Project Budget
Emergency COVID-19 Mitigation Response	\$4,500,000
COVID-19 Mitigation Total Allocation:	\$4,500,000

SBP submitted a total of \$2,322,291 of 2020-2022 COVID-19 Mitigation expenses for FEMA reimbursement. Claims are currently under review by FEMA. Reimbursement information will be shared over the next few

months and would reduce the need to dedicate ARPA funding to these costs. SBP will submit a final FEMA claim for remaining 2022 and 2023 eligible COVID-19 mitigation expenses by May 11, 2023.

Fund Administration. The Fund Administration Subgroup continues to meet on an as-needed basis to assess implementation and monitoring needs. The SBP Project Management Office (PMO) will create a financial tracking dashboard using ARPA quarterly cumulative reporting as well as a project status dashboard. In partnership with the Comptroller’s Office, the PMO will submit the first quarterly report of 2023 by April 29, 2023, to the U.S. Department of Treasury. The Evaluation Request for Proposals (RFP) for Phase I of the ARPA Evaluation Plan submissions were due on March 24, 2023. The timeline for selecting a Phase I Evaluator is follows:

- April 2023: Preliminary Evaluations (County Internal) and Evaluator Training. The Milwaukee County Review Committee will evaluate submissions based on criteria established in the RFP.
- May 2023: Milwaukee County will schedule interviews with potential evaluators if needed. The Milwaukee County Review Committee will complete final scoring.
- June 2023: Phase I Evaluator will be selected. Recommendation will be shared with the ARPA Task Force
- July 2023: The Phase I Evaluation contract will follow board process for approval.

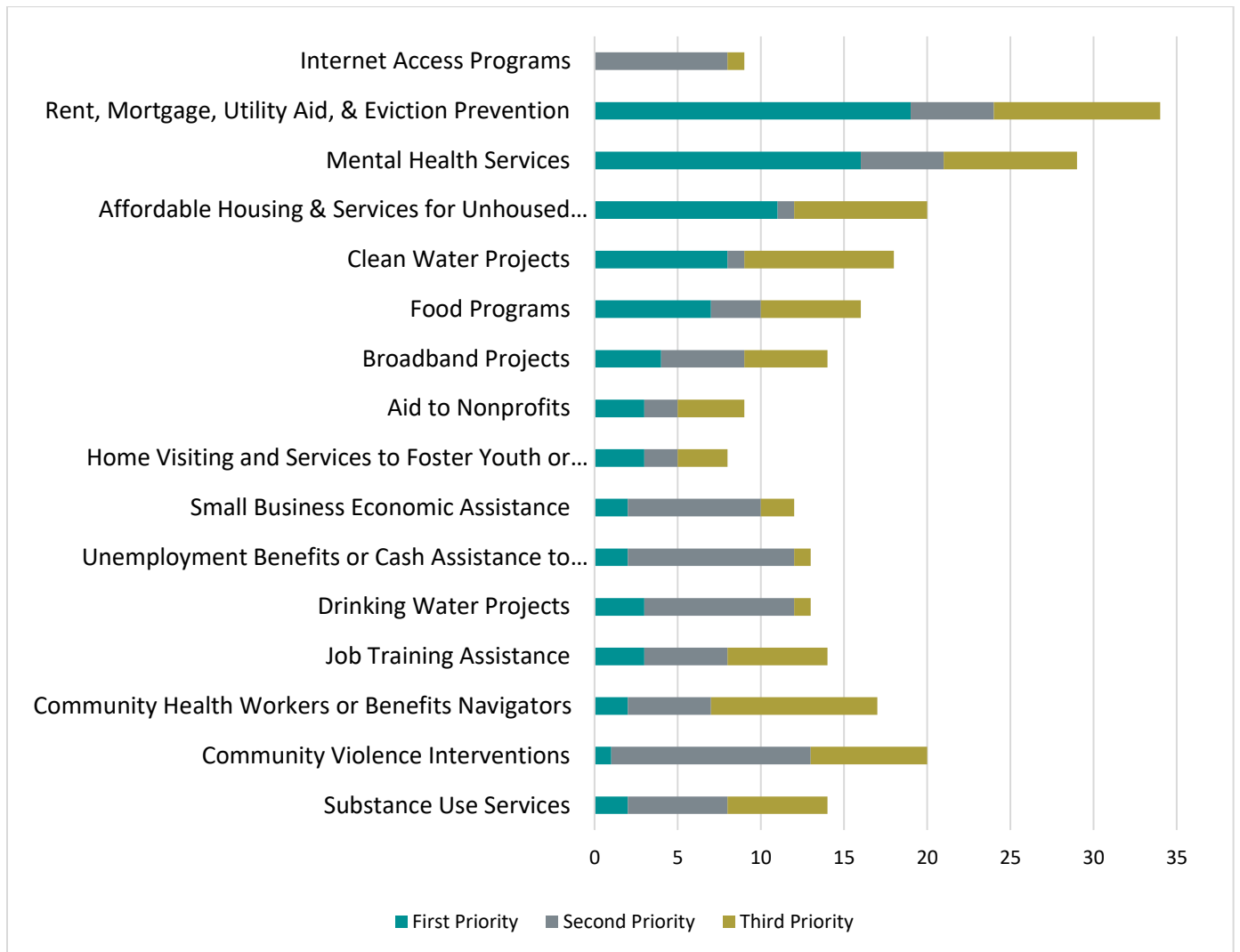
A total of six projects have been approved by the Milwaukee County Board in the Fund Administration Expenditure Category (Table D).

Table D: Fund Administration Projects Approved for ARPA Funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Project Name	Project Budget
Senior Grant Analyst	\$191,466
ARPA Evaluation	\$4,000,000
Grant Accounting Services	\$394,536
Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships to Advance Health, Equity, and Community Resilience	\$2,087,500
Comptroller’s Office Audit Costs	\$102,801
Department of Health & Human Services ARPA Administrative Support	\$896,500
Fund Administration Total Allocation:	\$7,672,803

The following table demonstrates the community priorities submitted through the Milwaukee County public webpage (Chart B).

Chart B: Milwaukee County ARPA Community Engagement Feedback



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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