



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### American Rescue Plan Act Task Force

*Co-Chairperson: Ricardo Diaz*  
*Co-Chairperson: Shawn Rolland*  
*Member: Ashley Adsit*  
*Member: Liz Sumner*  
*Member: Scott Manske*  
*Member: Jeff Roman*

*Task Force Coordinator: Shanin R. Brown*

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Thursday, March 9, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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#### HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

#### Call To Order

#### Roll Call at 9:03 a.m.

**Present:** 5 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Diaz, and Rolland

**Excused:** 1 - Roman

**Task Force Members Ashley Adsit, Jeff Roman, and Co-Chairman Ricardo Diaz appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**Task Force Member Jeff Roman was present at the time the roll was called, but was having audio difficulties.**

- 1      [HRA23-52](#)      Approval of the draft minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA23-52 ARPA DRAFT MINUTES \(01/19/23\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 1.

A motion was made by Task Force Member Manske that the draft minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force be **APPROVED**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, Diaz and Rolland

- 2      [HRA23-53](#)      Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act Project and Subgroup Updates.  
(INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments:      [HRA23-53 MARCH REPORT](#)  
[HRA23-53 PRESENTATION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst - Pandemic Relief, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) (virtually)  
Joe Lamers, Director, OSBP (virtually)  
Stu Carron, Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services  
Peter LaBonte, Program Manager, Department of Human Resources, and Coordinator, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Mitigation Workgroup (virtually)

Tiffany Pierce Evans, Senior Project Manager, The Concord Group, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding Item 2.

Item 2 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 3      [HRA23-54](#)      From Co-Chairman Rolland, a request to appropriate \$1,613,988 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase and forgive approximately \$153 million of Milwaukee County residents' medical debt, supporting approximately 67,000 neighbors-in-need.  
(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments:      [HRA23-54 23-377 RESOLUTION & FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[HRA23-54 PRESENTATION \(03/09/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst - Pandemic Relief, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (virtually)

Ms. Earl provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "HRA23-54 PRESENTATION (03/09/23)."

A motion was made by Co-Chairman Rolland that Item 3 be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, Diaz and Rolland

- 4      [HRA23-55](#)      From the Department of Health and Human Services, requesting recommendation of \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Milwaukee Premium Assistance Pilot Program.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA23-55 REPORT](#)  
                                  [HRA23-55 FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS](#)  
                                  [HRA23-55 PROGRAM PROPOSAL](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Steve Gorodetskiy, Strategic Initiatives Director, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)

A motion was made by Task Force Member Adsit that Item 4 be APPROVED.  
The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, Diaz and Rolland

- 5      [HRA23-56](#)      From the Community Support Area Subgroup, requesting recommendation of \$1,374,803 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for the UpStart Kitchen Café Program Project and the Sherman Park Re-Imagined Project.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA23-56 REPORT](#)  
[HRA23-56 ATTACHMENT A - UpStart Kitchen Cafe Program Proposal](#)  
[HRA23-56 ATTACHMENT B - Sherman Park Re-Imagined Program Proposal](#)  
[HRA23-56 ATTACHMENT B - Sherman Park Re-Imagined Program Proposal REVISED \(received 03/09/23\)](#)  
[HRA23-56 ATTACHMENT C - Proposal Review Criteria](#)  
[HRA23-56 ATTACHMENT D - Project Recommendations](#)  
[HRA23-56 AERIAL MAP \(03/09/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst - Pandemic Relief, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (virtually)  
Sumaiyah Clark, Project Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (virtually)  
Alena DeGrado, Transportation Coordinator, Aging and Disabilities Services Division, DHHS (virtually)  
James Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
James Mathy, Administrator, Housing Division, DHHS (virtually)

The following people appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding Item 5:

Dave Knutson, Vice President of Government Affairs, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee  
Leo Ries, Associate Director, Prism Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Tarantino shared an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "HRA23-56 AERIAL MAP (03/09/23)."

A motion was made by Co-Chairman Diaz that Item 5 be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, Diaz and Rolland

- 6      [HRA23-57](#)      From the Community Support Area Subgroup, requesting recommendation of \$262,500 in American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the Mentor Greater Milwaukee - Building Mentoring Mindsets Program.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA23-57 REPORT](#)  
                                 [HRA23-57 ATTACHMENT A - Program Proposal](#)  
                                 [HRA23-57 ATTACHMENT B - Proposal Review Criteria](#)  
                                 [HRA23-57 ATTACHMENT C - Project Recommendations](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

**Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst - Pandemic Relief, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (virtually)**  
**Lauren Hubbard, Director of Community Crisis Services, Behavioral Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)**

**LaNelle Ramey, Executive Director, Mentor Greater Milwaukee, appeared and spoke in favor of Item 6.**

**A motion was made by Task Force Member Sumner that Item 6 be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 -    Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, Diaz and Rolland

- 7      [HRA23-58](#)      From the Aging and Disabilities Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting recommendation of \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for an accessible water feature for individuals with wheelchairs at Wil-O-Way Park, \$15,000 for an American with Disabilities Act-accessible ramp, and \$25,575 for park benches.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA23-58 REPORT](#)  
                                  [HRA23-58 COMMISSION REQUEST FOR ARPA \(02/23/2023\)](#)  
                                  [HRA23-58 REQUEST DRAFT RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [HRA23-58 EASTERSEALS LETTER OF SUPPORT](#)  
                                  [HRA23-58 GOODWILL LETTER OF SUPPORT](#)  
                                  [HRA23-58 VINCENT LETTER OF SUPPORT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Michael Bonk, Director, Office for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Health and Human Services  
James Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)  
Joe Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (virtually)  
Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of Item 7:  
Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson, Commission for Persons with Disabilities  
Shelly Reynolds, of Easterseals Southeastern Wisconsin (virtually)

A motion was made by Co-Chairman Diaz that Item 7 be REFERRED to the Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 -    Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, Diaz and Rolland

- 8      [HRA23-59](#)      eComments submitted to the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA23-59 eComments \(03/09/23\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 8.

The March 9, 2023, record of eComments is attached to this file as "HRA23-59 eComments (03/09/23)."

The March 9, 2023, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**Length of meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Shanin R. Brown  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
American Rescue Plan Act Task Force**

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force is Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.