

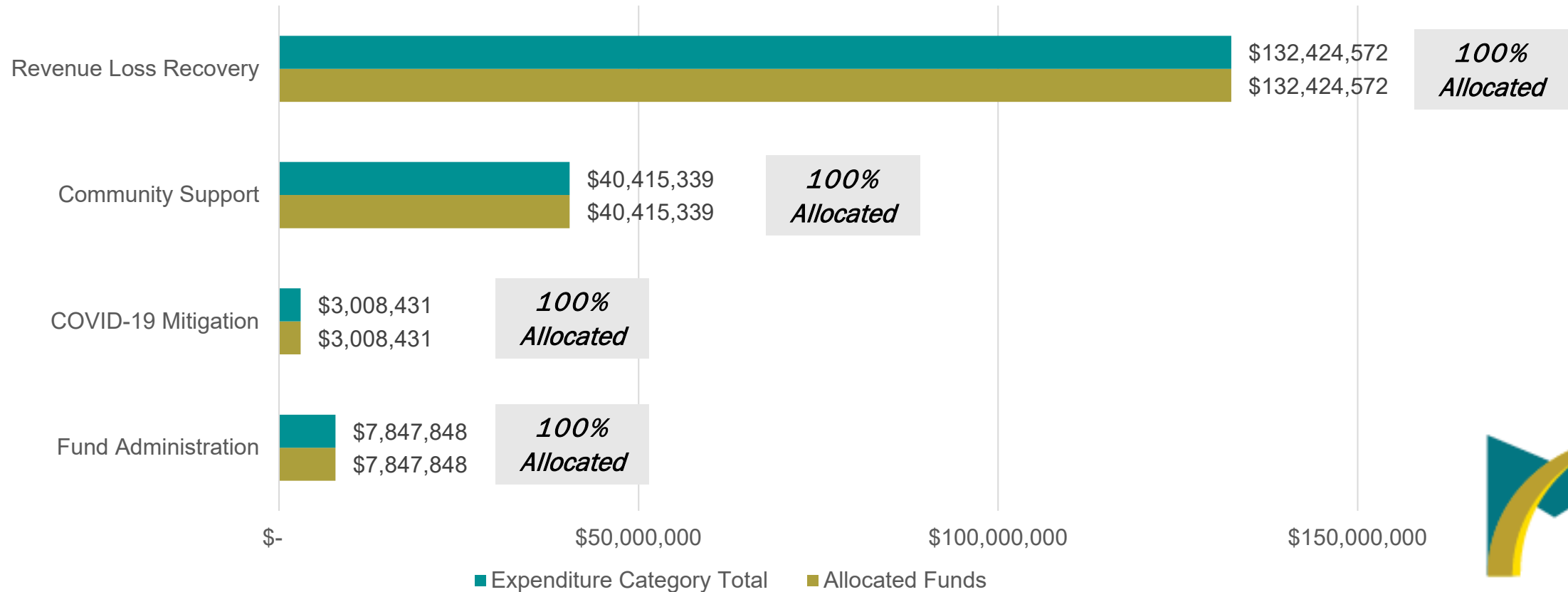
# ARPA Task Force Report

Community Support Project Reallocation Recommendation  
December 7, 2023



# Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

## ARPA Allocation Progress



# **Recommended Community Support Projects Reallocation**



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# Table A: ARPA Funded Project Recommendations

Project Name	Description	Budget
1AR43 - Reducing Medical Debt	The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved ARPA funding to purchase and forgive Milwaukee County residents' medical debt (file <a href="#">23-377</a> ). The Reducing Medical Debt project will not be implemented due to hospital systems expressing a preference to promote their charity care programs, which would also address medical debt concerns targeted by the ARPA project.	(\$1,613,900)
1AR02 - Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved APRA funding to create an emergency flexible housing subsidy pool (file <a href="#">21-861</a> ). Funding will increase the ability to help unhoused individuals and families through a master leasing strategy. The additional funding is needed to maintain programming and is anticipated to house 55 additional unsheltered or housing insecure households through September 30, 2026.	\$613,900
1AR05 - Credible Messenger Program	The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved APRA funding to work with youth in the justice system who have been negatively impacted by racial inequities across all systems (file <a href="#">22-418</a> ). Funding will support an evidence-based approach to Community Violence Interventions (CVI). This includes investing in the Credible Messengers and Advance Peace evidence based CVI approaches. The additional funding is needed to maintain programming and fidelity to the evidence-based model through September 30, 2026.	\$1,000,000
Net Fiscal Impact		\$0

# Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Project

- Reallocating to this project will increase DHHS' ability to house unsheltered individuals and families.
- With the “master leasing” approach, Milwaukee County is listed as the lessee on certain affordable rental units, which enables quickly housing people and families in need. This greatly reduces barriers to housing.
- Lease agreements are a stable and predictable form of encumbering funds.
- An estimated 55 more people will be housed with the reallocated funds.



# Credible Messenger Project

- The project is designed to support evidence-based approaches to Community Violence Interventions (CVI).
- The project is already supporting Credible Messenger teams, but needs additional funding to implement the evidence-based model, Advance Peace.
- The evaluation of Credible Messenger's pilot period showed that 77% of youth desisted, meaning no adjudicated re-offense.



# Credible Messenger Project

- The Advance Peace violence prevention model interrupts gun violence by investing in the development, health and well-being of those at the center of the crisis in a way that alters their life trajectories.
- Advance Peace has been implemented in more than 10 U.S. cities, and is one of the leading models for violence prevention/intervention.
- Where Advance Peace is in place, gun violence is being reduced between 20 and 80 percent within two years of launch.
- At this time, expanding the amount of funding for Advance Peace in the Credible Messenger ARPA Project is DHHS' only way to implement the model with fidelity, meaning with the staffing plan and service intensity recommended by the Advance Peace founders as what is needed to replicate their prior life-saving results.





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