

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

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**To:** Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force  
**From:** ARPA Task Force Member Ashley Adsit  
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**REQUEST**

This report is intended to provide an update on the establishment of Service Area Subgroups in support of making American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding recommendations following the process 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. This report serves to demonstrate the activities that are underway related to the Service Area Subgroups and their process for making recommendations to the ARPA Task Force. The lead facilitators of each subgroup have been identified and orientated on their role.

**Table A: ARPA Service Area Subgroup Facilitators**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Facilitating Agencies</b>	<b>Lead Facilitators</b>
Revenue Loss Recovery	Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget (PSB) and Office of the Comptroller	Joseph Lamers, Scott Manske
Community Support Programs	Department of Health & Human Services	<i>Household Assistance:</i> Cleopatra Echols, James Mathy, Michelle Gore <i>Mental &amp; Behavioral Health:</i> Gina Whiyee, Lauren Hubbard <i>Other Social Determinants of Health:</i> Alena DeGrado, Sumaiyah Clark
COVID-19 Mitigation	PSB with the Office of Emergency Management and reopening task force	Steve Gorodetskiy
Fund Administration	PSB and Grants & Special Projects Division	Ashley Adsit

Leaders are finalizing recruitment of initial members in October 2021 and will hold their first subgroup meetings in November 2021. Membership of the Community Support subgroups may expand following community engagement coaching by Jeff Roman, Director of the Office on African American Affairs, in early November. After an initial introductory meeting, subgroup members will spend monthly meeting time discussing and reviewing proposals that align with their service area. The U.S. Department of the Treasury ARPA expenditure categories align to the subgroup service areas as detailed in Table B.

**Table B: ARPA Expenditure Categories by Subgroup**

<b>Subgroup</b>	<b>ARPA Eligible Expenditure Categories</b>
<b>Revenue Loss Recovery</b>	4.1 Public Sector Employees 6.1 Provision of Government Services
<b>Community Support Programs: Household Assistance</b>	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid 2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers 2.4 Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs 2.5 Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention 2.6 Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers 3.10 Housing Support: Affordable Housing 3.11 Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons 3.12 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
<b>Community Support Programs: Mental &amp; Behavioral Health</b>	1.10 Mental Health Services 1.11 Substance Use Services 3.4 Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services
<b>Community Support Programs: Other Social Determinants of Health</b>	2.10 Aid to Nonprofit Organizations 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality 2.12 Aid to Other Impacted Industries 2.13 Other Economic Support 2.7 Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives) 2.9 Small Business Economic Assistance (General) 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other 3.14 Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators 3.15 Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation 3.16 Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions 3.6 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care 3.7 Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting 3.8 Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System 3.9 Healthy Childhood Environments: Other

Subgroup	Eligible Expenditure Categories
<b>COVID-19 Mitigation</b>	1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination 1.12 Other Public Health Services 1.2 COVID-19 Testing 1.3 COVID-19 Contact Tracing 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.) 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment 1.6 Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities) 1.7 Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency 1.8 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine) 1.9 Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19
<b>Fund Administration</b>	7.1 Administrative Expenses 7.2 Evaluation and Data Analysis

The subgroups will rely on a variety of inputs to inform their prioritization of projects, including, but not limited to:

- local and organizational data
- community engagement data and input
- consultation with community partners and consumers
- research on evidence-based practices
- program implementation experience and data

The community engagement data collected through an embedded community priority form on the public [ARPA Landing Page](#) will be administered to the Community Support subgroups. The Revenue Loss Recovery subgroup is preparing to launch a request to department heads for limited term fiscal health strategies that will improve the financial position of the organization. Patience is encouraged as subgroups explore opportunities and identify strategies with the highest likelihood of helping Milwaukee County recover from the impacts of the pandemic and improve its fiscal health.

**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**

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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N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A