

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.

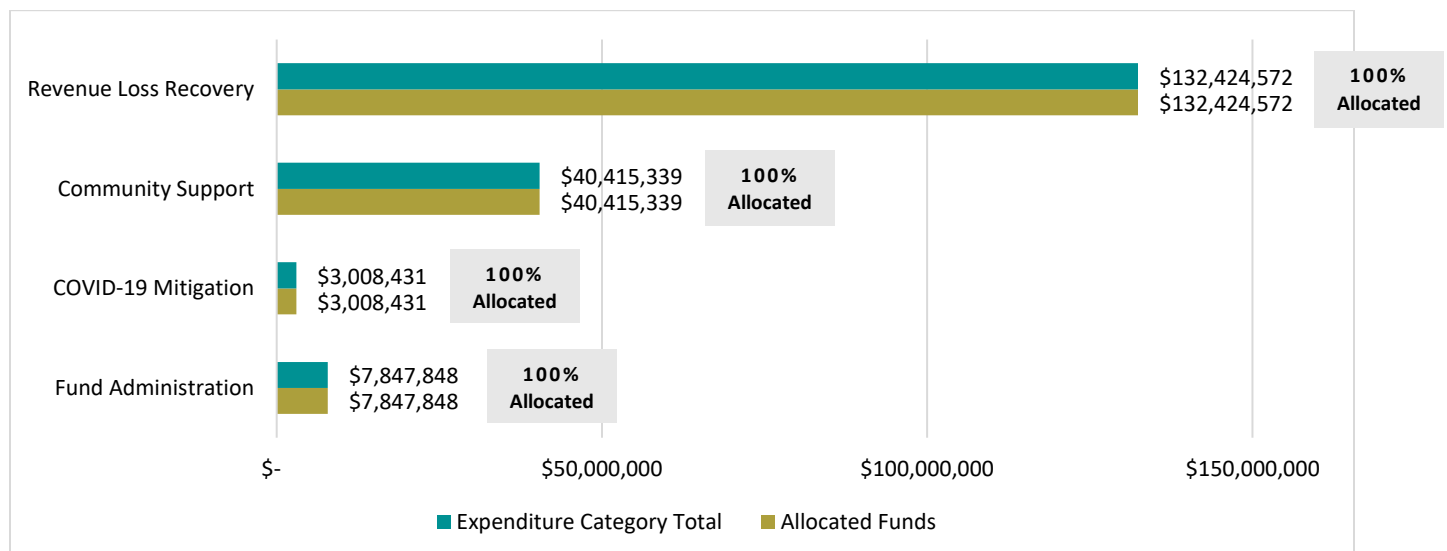
POLICY

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) and ARPA Funds Allocated and Available (Chart A) as of November 29, 2023. Milwaukee County Expenditure Category updates are provided below. Milwaukee County has allocated 100% of its ARPA aid (\$183,696,190).

Chart A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available



Milwaukee County Expenditure Category Updates

Community Support. Milwaukee County received 128 unduplicated ARPA funding requests totaling \$323,592,732 within the Community Support Expenditure Category. From these requests, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved 22 projects totaling \$40,415,339. In March 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved the Reducing Medical Debt project for \$1,613,988 in ARPA funds to purchase and forgive Milwaukee County residents' medical debt (File [23-377](#)). The Reducing Medical Debt project will not be implemented and there is a recommendation that the \$1,613,988 of ARPA funds be transferred to two existing ARPA projects: Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool ([21-861](#)) and the Credible Messenger Program ([22-418](#)) in an upcoming action item.

Individuals can view approved projects and learn more about the expenditure category on the [Community Support Allocation Dashboard](#) on the Milwaukee County ARPA [website](#). The website features the Community Support Spending Progress Dashboard which highlights project-level obligations.

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
Sherman Park Re-Imagined Project	\$962,303
Mental Health Clinic for Youth & Young Adults	\$200,524
Access to Mental Health Care	\$408,831
MENTOR Greater Milwaukee	\$262,500
UpStart Kitchen Café	\$412,500

Community Support Total Allocation	\$40,415,339
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Revenue Loss Recovery. Milwaukee County received a total of 78 unduplicated project requests totaling \$246,978,284 in this category. The Board of Supervisors approved 45 projects totaling \$132,424,572 (Table B). Approved projects influence one or more of the following areas: fiscal health, capital improvements, deferred maintenance, or operational improvements. Individuals can view approved projects and learn more about the Revenue Loss Recovery expenditure category on the [dashboard](#) on the Milwaukee County APRA [website](#).

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
IMSD Digital Transformation Evaluation & Projects	\$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 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
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
Procurement Administrative Support	\$263,644
Senior Grants Analyst	\$150,000
Grant Accounting Services	\$275,413
Public Safety & Public Health Payroll	\$11,720,809
Correction Officer Pay	\$2,000,000
Revenue Loss Recovery Total Allocation:	\$132,424,572

COVID-19 Mitigation. As of November 28, 2023, Milwaukee County updated the allowable uses within the COVID-19 Mitigation Expenditure Category. Milwaukee County departments with approved COVID-19 Mitigation projects may spend approved funds through December 29, 2023. Departments that continue to purchase PPE or other COVID-19 Mitigation items in 2024 must be covered by the department's tax levy dollars. However, if projects support COVID-19 testing for Milwaukee County employees or individuals in congregate settings or provide vaccination incentives to individuals in congregate settings, funding will continue into 2024. Milwaukee County made these changes in anticipate of ARPA spending deadlines and in planning for reallocation of unspent funds in 2024.

The Milwaukee County COVID-19 Mitigation form for departments to apply for funding is now closed. As of November 28, 2023, Milwaukee County received a total of 33 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds of which 25 requests were approved. In the third quarter of 2023, the County submitted \$118,751 of COVID-19 Mitigation expenses and \$208,441 of COVID-19 Mitigation obligations to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

SBP submitted a final FEMA claim of \$477,231 in expenses from February 28, 2021 through May 11, 2023, for eligible COVID-19 mitigation expenses on October 31, 2023. This reimbursement will offset the need to claim these costs to Milwaukee County's ARPA allocation.

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	\$3,008,431
COVID-19 Mitigation Total Allocation:	\$3,008,431

Fund Administration. A total of six projects totaling \$7,847,848 were approved in the Fund Administration Expenditure Category (Table D). Approved projects support Milwaukee County to manage and coordinate the use of ARPA funds to ensure strong programmatic support and fiscal accountability, timely reporting and alignment with supplementary funding.

In partnership with the Office of the Comptroller (OoC), the PMO submitted the 2023 third quarterly expenditure report on October 30, 2023, to the U.S. Department of Treasury (Attachment A). The total amount of expenditures submitted to the U.S. Department of Treasury was \$17,243,990 with \$67,644,967 in total obligations.

With 100% of ARPA funds allocated, the OoC and SBP are conducting fiscal monitoring to ensure successful, timely spend-down of funds. The OoC and SBP are working with project leads that represent ARPA-approved operating projects. A survey was sent to project leads to assess project progress and OoC and SBP are meeting with project leads to review survey findings. To ensure successful implementation of capital projects, SBP and OoC are working with the Central Business Office to monitor spending progress.

Milwaukee County entered into a Professional Services Agreement for ARPA Program Evaluation Services. The consulting firm, Guidehouse, Inc., will perform an evaluability assessment and will use the results of that assessment to guide the development of an actionable and replicable Evaluation Framework for Milwaukee County's ARPA-funded projects that includes project-level evaluation plans. Throughout the next six months, Guidehouse, Inc. will work with Milwaukee County to develop an evaluation plan that will be implemented in Phase Two of the ARPA Evaluation Project.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury released a revision to the [SLFRF Interim Final Rule](#) that further defines obligation requirements on November 9, 2023. SBP has shared this information with the OoC and will issue further guidance to departments to ensure successful spend down of ARPA funding.

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

Project Name	Project Budget
Senior Grant Analyst	\$366,511
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:	\$7,847,848

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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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Project & Expenditure Report Quarter 3 2023

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