

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force
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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

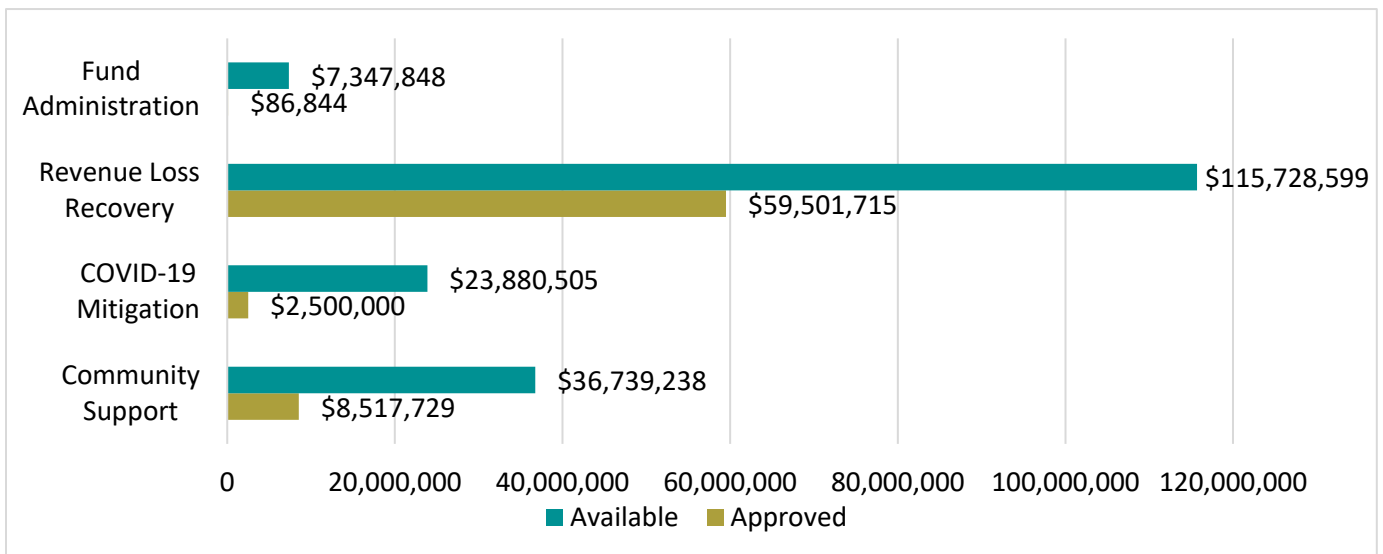
On September 2, 2021, the ARPA Task Force approved ARPA Expenditure Categories and a process for reviewing and recommending ARPA funding allocations. Since that time ARPA funding requests have been submitted based on the Milwaukee County ARPA Expenditure Categories (Community Support, COVID-19 Mitigation, Fund Administration, and Revenue Loss Recovery). This report serves to provide updates on projects approved for ARPA funding by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (Table A), ARPA Funding Allocated and Available as of May 5, 2022 (Diagram A), Milwaukee County ARPA Project Pipeline (Table B), and Community Feedback submitted as of May 5, 2022 (Table C). Service Area subgroups continue to meet on a regular basis. Updates on subgroup activities are provided below.

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

Project Name	Project Budget	Expenditure Category
Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool	\$1,500,000	Community Support
Pilot Right to Counsel Program	\$2,749,729	Community Support
Credible Messenger Program	\$1,201,200	Community Support
Trauma Response Program	\$1,971,200	Community Support
Emergency Health & Healing Campaign	\$545,600	Community Support
Safer Milwaukee Proposal	\$550,000	Community Support
Emergency COVID-19 Mitigation Response	\$2,500,000	COVID-19 Mitigation
Senior Grant Analyst	\$86,844	Fund Administration

Capital Program Management Office	\$500,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Premium Pay for Correction Officer Staff	\$4,039,955	Revenue Loss Recovery
IMSD Digital Transformation Evaluation & Projects ¹	\$10,500,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Renovation ²	\$32,335,694	Revenue Loss Recovery
Safe Routes to Parks Program	\$1,287,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Park Programming	\$1,149,500	Revenue Loss Recovery
Kitchen Equipment & Traying Station Across Correction Facilities	\$6,268,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Climate Action Plan & Lighting Upgrades	\$2,171,566	Revenue Loss Recovery
Courts Backlog Initiative & Grant Management	\$1,250,000	Revenue Loss Recovery
Total Amount Allocated:	\$70,606,288	

Diagram A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available³



Milwaukee County receives project ideas and community priorities through the Milwaukee County ARPA Landing Page for the Community Support expenditure category. The Revenue Loss Recovery group also issued a Fiscal Health Project Challenge to garner project ideas. The Milwaukee County ARPA Landing Page was updated in April 2022 and includes the April Task Force meeting materials.

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

² County Board authorized transfer of funds into an allocated contingency account.

³ The numbers in this table represent projects approved by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as of May 5, 2022.

Table B: Milwaukee County ARPA Project* Pipeline by Expenditure Category⁴

Project Status	COVID-19 Mitigation		Community Support		Revenue Loss Recovery		Fund Administration	
	# of Projects	Total Amount	# of Projects	Total Amount	# of Projects	Total Amount	# of Projects	Total Amount
Not Recommended for ARPA Funds ⁵	-	-	16	\$31.8M	8	\$63.1M	-	-
Pending Subgroup Review	-	-	8	\$11.3M	-	-	-	-
Reviewed & On Hold ⁶	-	-	8	\$2.9M	19	\$41.1M	-	-
Reviewed & Invited for Full Proposal	-	-	7	\$10.7M	-	-	-	-
Pending ARPA Task Force Approval	-	-	2	\$18M	4	\$3.8M	1	\$4M
Pending Finance Committee Approval	-	-	1	\$1M	9	\$18.2M	1	\$394,536
Approved by Full Board	1	\$2.5M	6	\$8.5M	9	\$58.5M	1	\$86,844

Service Area Subgroups Updates

Community Support. The Household Assistance, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Other Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Subgroups continue to meet monthly to review projects (Appendix A). Community Support subgroups weigh project ideas against the criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force as well as all other submitted projects to determine the best use of ARPA funds.

COVID-19 Mitigation. The COVID-19 Mitigation Subgroup continues to meet on a regular basis to review projects and evaluate the most efficient way to approve project submissions. The subgroup continues to review membership that aligns with the COVID-19 Mitigation Charter. As of May 5, 2022, the subgroup has reviewed 16 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds and approved \$1,069,718 in expenses of the \$2,500,000 COVID-19 Mitigation allocation approved by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Fund Administration. The Fund Administration Subgroup continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the following topics and related funding requests: Community Support Subgroup Progress, Community Engagement, Fiscal Tracking, Program and Fund Evaluation, Treasury Reporting, and Federal, State & Local Collaboration. The subgroup is preparing to release an Evaluation Request for Proposals (RFP) to meet U.S. Department of the Treasury evaluation requirements. The Fund Administration group will request \$4,000,000 of the \$7,347,848 in Fund Administration to release the RFP and contract with an external evaluator. The Grant Accounting Services project request is pending approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor. The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Project and Expenditure quarterly report was submitted to the United States Department of Treasury on April 29, 2022.

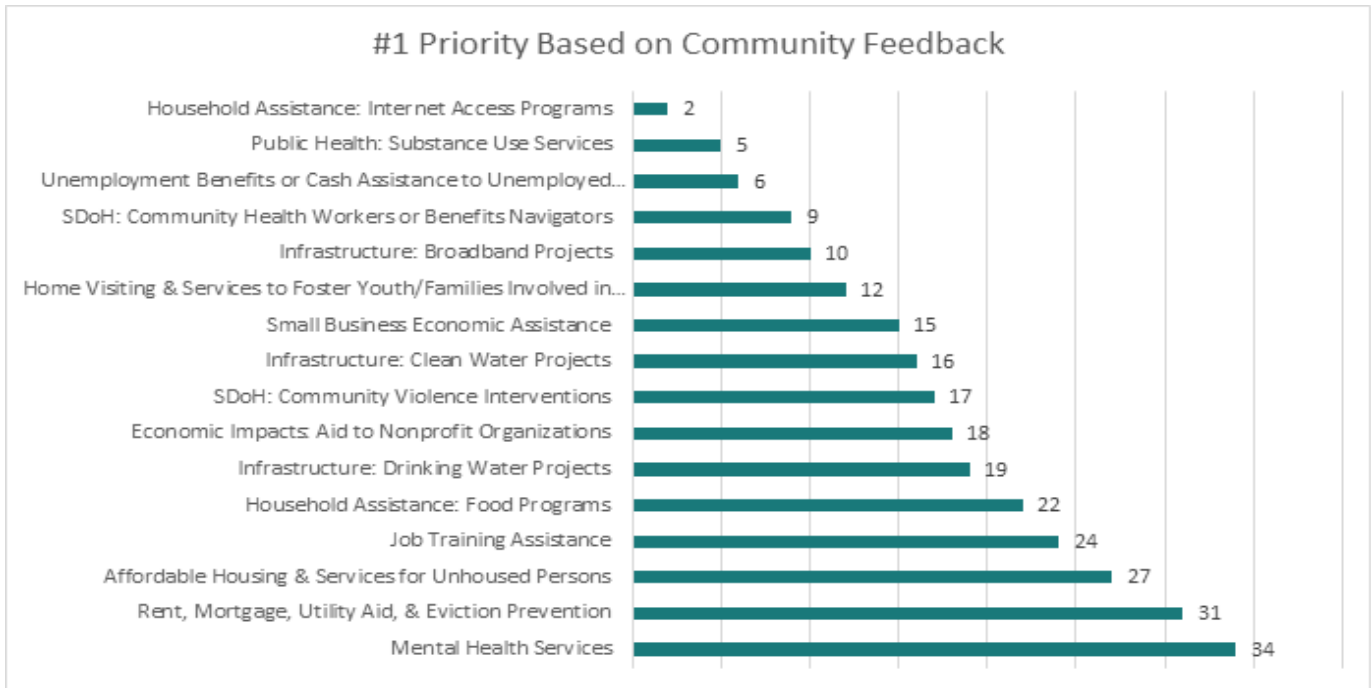
⁴ The numbers in this table represent unduplicated projects as of May 5, 2022.

⁵ The project was not an eligible use of ARPA funds, the project submitter withdrew proposal, or the project was not recommended for Milwaukee County ARPA funds by Service Area Subgroups based on criteria set forth by ARPA Task Force and when weighed against other projects.

⁶ Project ideas either require more information and/or collaboration or have not been prioritized as a funding recommendation at this time

The following table demonstrates the community priorities submitted through the Milwaukee County public webpage.

Table C: Milwaukee County ARPA Community Engagement Feedback



Revenue Loss Recovery. The Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup created the Fiscal Health Project Challenge to improve Milwaukee County’s fiscal position through cost savings, revenue generation, and operational improvements. Through the Fiscal Health Challenge, 14 projects are recommended by the ARPA Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup to receive a total of \$24,167,707. Four projects totaling \$3,791,240 are being recommended to the ARPA Task Force in May 2022. Ten projects totaling \$20,376,467 were previously recommended by the ARPA Task Force on March 10, 2022 and are pending Milwaukee County Board approval. The Revenue Loss Recovery subgroup will assess and recommend capital project expenses that will support the County’s fiscal health.

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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Appendix A: May Community Support Service Area Project Descriptions

Appendix B: Milwaukee County State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Project and Expenditure Quarterly Report