

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: September 8, 2022

TO: Shawn Rolland, Co-Chair, Ricardo Diaz, Co-Chair,
Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Task Force

FROM: Community Support Area Subgroup – Household Assistance

SUBJECT: ARPA Community Support Strategy Recommendation

REQUEST

Requesting recommendation of the Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund project for \$2,583,988 within the Community Support Expenditure Category for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding consideration.

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”

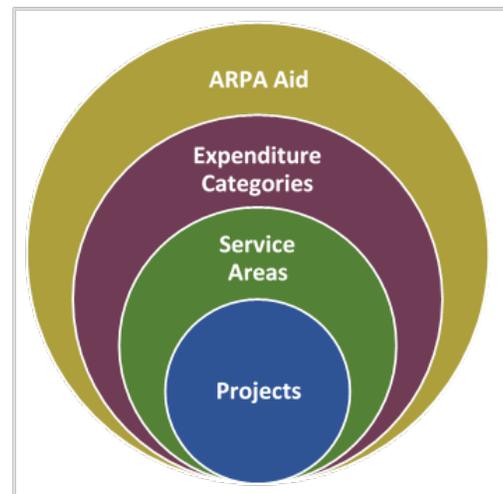
BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County will directly receive \$183 million between 2021-24 in federal ARPA aid. Approximately \$37 million has been allotted for Community Support projects.

The Community Support Service Area subgroup was established to generate project-level allocation recommendations to respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector in Milwaukee County.

The Household Assistance subgroup was formed with subject matter experts following the Community Support Service Area Subgroup Charter. Membership includes the following individuals:

Diagram A: Illustration of Terms



Name	Role & Title	Organization
Maricela Gaona	Lead Facilitator, Program Manager	Milwaukee County
Michelle Gore	Lead Facilitator, Program Manager	Milwaukee County
Cleopatra Echols	Lead Facilitator, Program Manager	Milwaukee County
Jim Mathy	Member, Housing Administrator	Milwaukee County
Gina Stilp	Partner, Executive Director	Zilber Family Foundation
Lamont Smith	Partner, Program Manager	The Nature Conservancy

In August 2022 the subgroup met to review the Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund project received from an external source to support Milwaukee County’s recovery in this service area. The subgroup followed the criteria set by the ARPA Task Force on September 2, 2021, to recommend the Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund project as a high priority project.

PRIORITIZED PROJECTS

The high-ranking project in this service area is listed below for recommendation. Please also note the attached project proposal (Attachment A), the criteria scoring rubric (Attachment B), and the Service Area subgroup review summary (Attachment C) provides further detail.

Project Name	Description	Budget
Acts Housing Homeownership Acquisition Fund	Acquire 100 homes each year that would otherwise be purchased by investors, preserve them for homeownership, and assist homebuyers to purchase them. The project includes \$83,988 for contracting, fiscal oversight and project management support by the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services.	\$2,583,988

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation for the Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund project to receive \$2,583,988 within the Community Support Expenditure Category.

PREPARED BY:

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ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the strategic plan:

2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity

2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions

3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund Project Proposal

Attachment B: ARPA Proposal Review Criteria – Community Support Programs

Attachment C: Service Area Subgroup Review Summary for Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund Project

Attachment D: Acts Homeownership Acquisition Fund Presentation