

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.

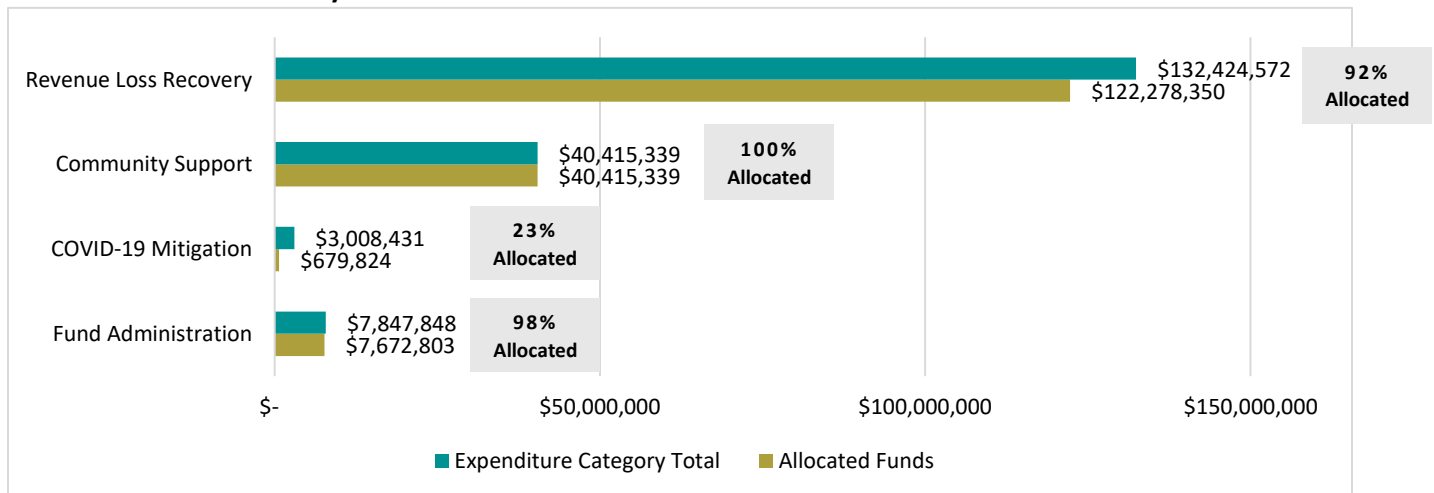
POLICY

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 August 31, 2023. Milwaukee County Expenditure Category updates are provided below. Milwaukee County has allocated \$171,046,316 of the \$183,696,190 in ARPA aid (93%).

Chart A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available



Milwaukee County Expenditure Category Updates

Community Support. Milwaukee County received 128 unduplicated requests were received for ARPA funding consideration totaling \$323,592,792 within the Community Support Expenditure Category. In April 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved 22 projects within the Community Support Expenditure Category which fully allocated the category. The Milwaukee County Community Support Expenditure Category is now fully allocated. Individuals can view approved projects and learn more about the expenditure category on the [Community Support Allocation Dashboard](#) on the Milwaukee County ARPA [website](#). A new Community Support Spending Progress Dashboard on the website highlights project-level obligations for the public as well.

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

Revenue Loss Recovery. Milwaukee County received a total of 75 unduplicated project requests totaling \$236,657,017 in this category. The Board of Supervisors approved 23 projects totaling \$122,278,350 (Table B). Approved projects influence one or more of the following areas: fiscal health, capital improvements and deferred maintenance or operational improvements. The remaining allocation, \$10,321,267, will be considered for three projects at the September 7, 2023, ARPA Task Force meeting. Funding these projects will further allow Milwaukee County to use tax levy to support seven projects identified by the subgroup.

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 ¹	\$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
Matching Grant Pilot Program	\$2,000,000
Courthouse Complex Security Technology	\$3,180,605
MCDOT Transportation Services Lapham Office Relocation	\$830,950

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

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
Revenue Loss Recovery Total Allocation:	\$122,278,350

Individuals can view approved projects and learn more about the Revenue Loss Recovery expenditure category on the [dashboard](#) on the Milwaukee County APRA [website](#).

COVID-19 Mitigation. As of August 31, 2023, Milwaukee County received a total of 31 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds of which 25 requests were approved. In the first quarter of 2023, the County submitted \$635,152 of COVID-19 Mitigation expenses to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The remaining funds in this Expenditure Category are anticipated to support the following expenses:

- \$280,000 for Remaining 2023 COVID-19 Mitigation Testing
- \$500,000 for Remaining 2023 Personal Protective Equipment
- \$903,442 for multiple Current 2023 Open & Approved COVID-19 related Requests
- \$689,837 in Potential 2024 COVID-19 Mitigation Expenses

SBP will submit a final FEMA claim from July 2, 2022, through May 11, 2023, for eligible COVID-19 mitigation expenses by November 9, 2023.

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 \$7,672,803 (98% of available funds) were approved in the Fund Administration Expenditure Category (Table D). The remaining \$175,045 (2%) will be considered for two projects at the September 7, 2023, ARPA Task Force meeting.

The SBP Project Management Office (PMO) is in the process of developing a financial tracking dashboard using ARPA quarterly cumulative reporting as well as a project status dashboard. In partnership with the Comptroller's Office, the PMO submitted the 2023 second quarterly expenditure report on July 28, 2023, to the U.S. Department of Treasury (Attachment A). The total amount of expenditures submitted to the United States Department of Treasury is \$10,438,008.87 and \$21,951,959.92 in total obligations. With 93% of ARPA funds allocated, the Office of the Comptroller (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 has been sent to project leads to assess project progress. The OoC created a fiscal monitoring report that will be shared with the ARPA Task Force. In addition, SBP and the OoC are developing a project close-out process and it will be shared at the December ARPA Task Force meeting.

On behalf of Milwaukee County, SBP submitted the [2023 Annual Performance Report](#) highlighting the organization's use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and how they are aligned with Federal guidance. In an assessment of state and local government 2022 Recovery Plan Performance Reports conducted by Results for America (RFA), Milwaukee County [ranked third](#) amongst a group of 93 county governments receiving ARPA funds based on the five key best practices of the U.S. Department of Treasury, including implementing evidence-based programs and ensuring equitable outcomes.

Lastly, the SBP PMO in collaboration with the Procurement Division has concluded the RFP process for Phase One of the ARPA Evaluation Project. The notice of intent to award has been released and the protest period has closed which allows the PMO to begin contract negotiations with the winning offeror. Throughout the next six months, the contractor will work with project leaders to develop an evaluation plan that will be implemented in Phase Two of the ARPA Evaluation Project.

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

Project Name	Project Budget
Senior Grant Analyst	\$191,466
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:	\$7,672,803

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 2 2023

Attachment B: ARPA Project Fiscal Status Report to ARPA Committee

APPROVED BY:

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