

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**Date:** May 30, 2024  
**To:** Milwaukee County ARPA Task Force  
**From:** Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance  
**Subject:** Milwaukee County ARPA Progress Update

**REQUEST**

This report is intended to provide an update on the Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation and obligation progress.

**POLICY**

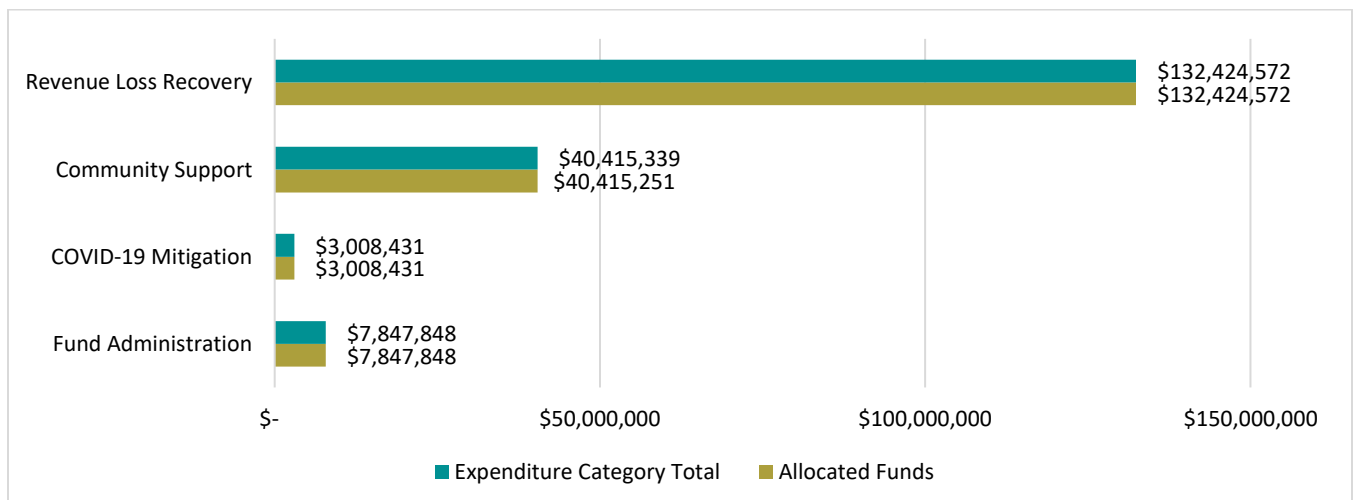
Milwaukee County Board file 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”

**BACKGROUND**

On September 2, 2021, the ARPA Task Force approved ARPA Expenditure Categories and a process for reviewing and recommending ARPA funding allocations. With the creation of the ARPA Task Force, Milwaukee County committed ARPA funds to meet the immediate recovery of residents and to further strategic efforts to invest in equity that advance upstream services, achieve fiscal sustainability, and dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

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). The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a total of 73 projects (Appendix A) and Chart A highlights that Milwaukee County has allocated 100% of its ARPA aid (\$183,696,190).

**Chart A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available**



Individuals can view approved projects on the [Community Support Allocation Dashboard](#) and the [Revenue Loss Recovery Dashboard](#) featured on the Milwaukee County ARPA [website](#).

### **Milwaukee County Expenditure Category Obligation Progress**

On behalf of Milwaukee County, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (SBP) submitted an action item for the ARPA Task Force to approve which requests the authorization to reallocate tax levy and federal ARPA revenue and expenses and revise approved ARPA project budgets and spending periods.

SBP and OoC will continue to monitor project obligation progress to ensure Milwaukee County's SLFRF funds are fully obligated by Treasury's deadline. If there are projects that are at-risk of obligating the remaining funds, SBP will submit an additional reallocation recommendation. It is currently expected that a future reallocation would be submitted to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in September 2024. This will include closing the COVID-19 Mitigation Expenditure Category, reallocating any unused funds, and addressing any remaining funds which have not yet been obligated.

### **Milwaukee County ARPA Project Highlight**

On behalf of Milwaukee County, SBP submitted a presentation featuring the ARPA Evaluation Framework (Phase 1). The framework represents the work of departments, project leads, and the evaluation consultants, Guidehouse and P3. The main evaluation questions for Milwaukee County's ARPA evaluation process will capture alignment with the ARPA Task Force's initial goals from 2021: achieving Intended Outcomes and advancing the County's Strategic Objectives and Vision to achieve racial equity. The evaluation will show to what extent and how projects achieved their goals, as well as how those achievements ladder up to the County's Strategic Objectives. By evaluating its ARPA projects, Milwaukee County will build its understanding of and capacity for future performance management, measurement, and evaluation.

### **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

### **PREPARED BY:**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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

### **APPROVED BY:**

N/A