

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.

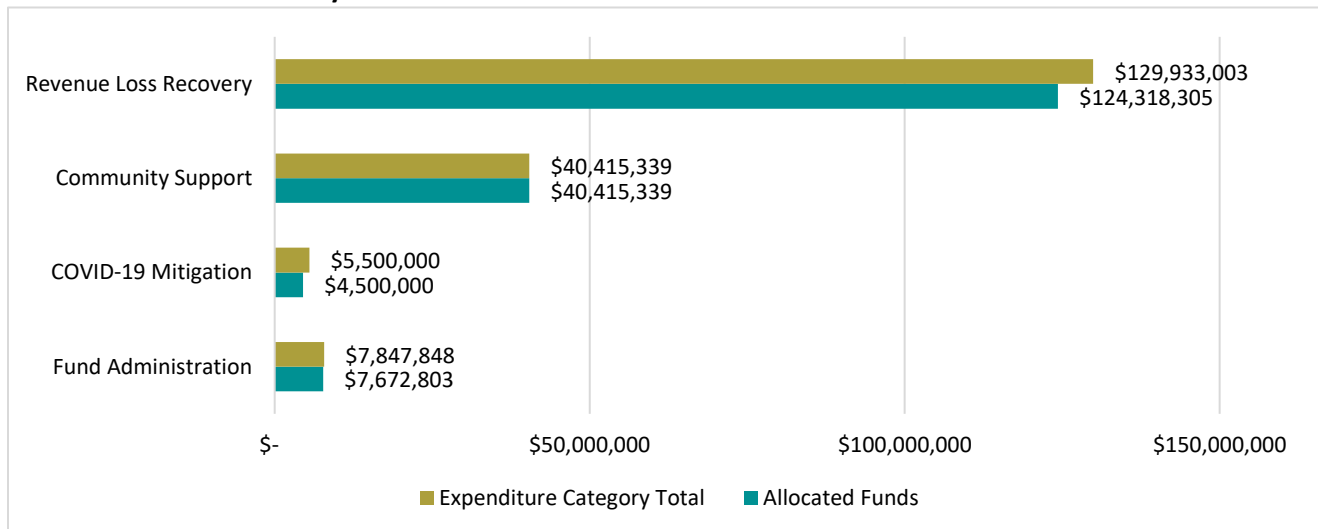
POLICY

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), ARPA Funds Allocated and Available (Chart A), and Community Feedback (Chart B) as of May 2, 2023. Milwaukee County Expenditure Category updates are provided below. Milwaukee County has allocated \$176,906,447 of the \$183,696,190 in ARPA aid (96%).

Chart A: Milwaukee County ARPA Funds Allocated and Available



Milwaukee County Expenditure Category Updates

Community Support. In April 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved the three remaining projects that include Sherman Park Reimagined (\$962,303), UpStart Kitchen (\$412,500) and MENTOR Greater Milwaukee (\$262,500) within the Community Support Expenditure Category. Milwaukee County received 128 project ideas for ARPA funding consideration and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved 22 projects (Table A). 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](#).

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. In April 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved \$263,644 for Milwaukee County public procurement and contracting, to assure county agencies meet ARPA-funded project timelines, responsibilities, and obligations. A total of 43 projects have been approved by the Milwaukee County Board in the Revenue Loss Recovery Expenditure Category (Table B).

The remaining funds in the Revenue Loss Recovery Expenditure Category are planned to be recommended for allocation during the development of the 2024 budget. This provides an opportunity to review needs at a countywide level and make recommendations for one-time funding for capital projects or limited term operational needs. Milwaukee County department operating and capital budget requests are due in July. The Revenue Loss Recovery subgroup will review the results of the capital request process, including scoring, and deliberate projects before making a recommendation to the ARPA Task Force.

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
Correction Officer Staff	\$4,039,955
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

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

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
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:	\$124,318,305

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. The COVID-19 Mitigation Subgroup continues to review projects and evaluate the most efficient way to approve project submissions. The subgroup has received 31 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds of which 18 projects are currently open and seven projects have concluded and approved a total of \$3,039,242 in expenses. A total of \$4,500,000 has been approved by the Milwaukee County Board in the COVID-19 Mitigation Expenditure Category (Table C) to ensure funds are available on an as-needed basis for qualifying 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	\$4,500,000
COVID-19 Mitigation Total Allocation:	\$4,500,000

Fund Administration. The Fund Administration Subgroup continues to meet on an as-needed basis to assess implementation and monitoring needs. 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 first quarterly report on April 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 \$7,073,312.84. In the 2023 first quarterly report, Milwaukee County submitted \$4,337,719.70.

The Evaluation Request for Proposals (RFP) for Phase I of the ARPA Evaluation Plan submissions were due on March 24, 2023. The timeline for selecting a Phase I Evaluator is follows:

- May 2023: The Milwaukee County Review Committee will evaluate submissions based on criteria established in the RFP. Milwaukee County will schedule interviews with potential evaluators if needed. The Milwaukee County Review Committee will complete final scoring.
- June 2023: Phase I Evaluator will be selected. Recommendation will be shared with the ARPA Task Force
- July 2023: The Phase I Evaluation contract will follow board process for approval.

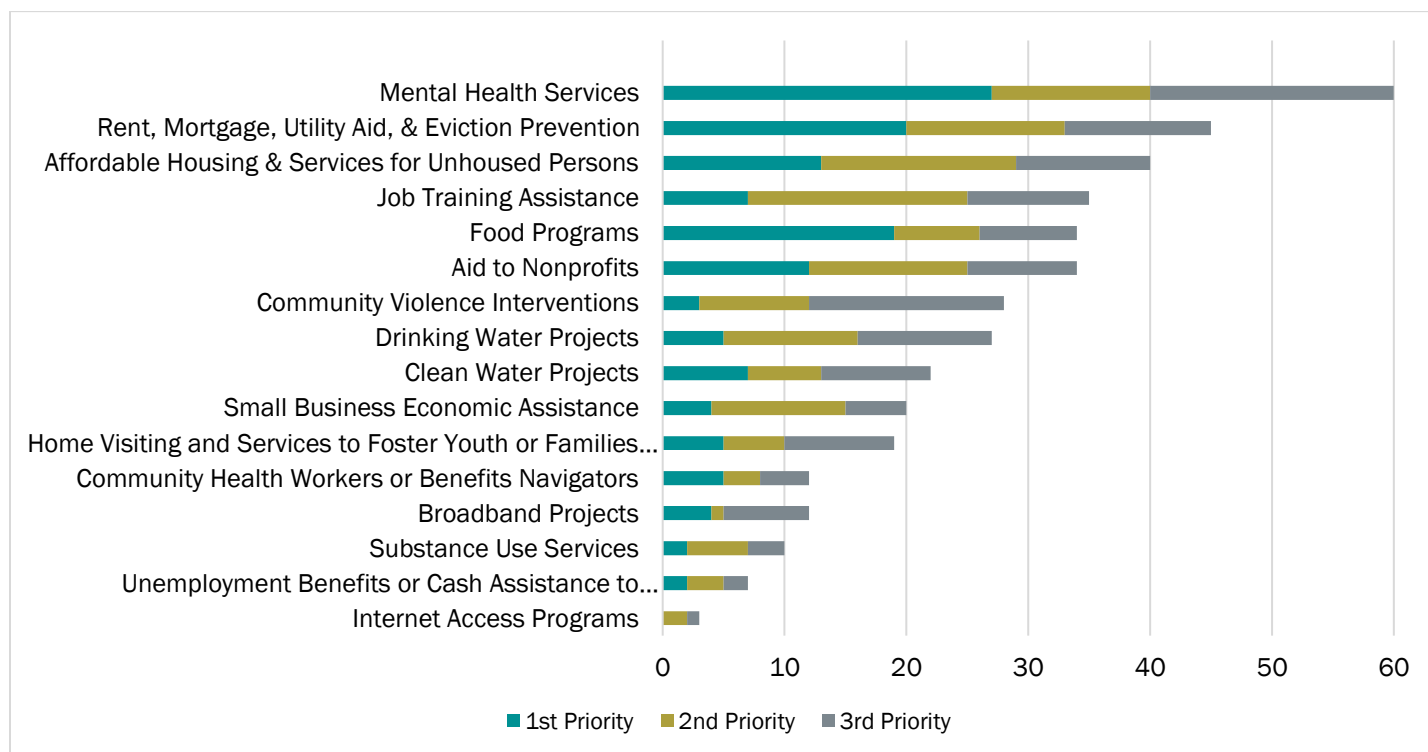
A total of six projects have been approved by the Milwaukee County Board in the Fund Administration Expenditure Category (Table D).

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

The APRA Task Force encouraged the community to submit Community Support project ideas and share priorities for Milwaukee County ARPA allocations. The form for submitting Community Support project ideas and funding priorities closed on April 20, 2023 when the County Board approved final allocations for this category. Overall, Milwaukee County received 137 submissions, providing input on funding priorities. The following table demonstrates the community priorities submitted through the Milwaukee County public webpage (Chart B). The top five community priorities are: (1) Mental Health Services, (2) Rent, Mortgage, Utility Aid, & Eviction Prevention, (3) Affordable Housing & Services for Unhoused Persons, (4) Job Training Assistance, and (5) Food Programs and Aid to Nonprofits. Of the total allocated funding for the Community Support Expenditure category, 85% of approved projects align with the top five community priorities.

Chart B: Milwaukee County ARPA Community Engagement Feedback



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 1 2023

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