

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending in Wisconsin



MILWAUKEE  
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# Funds Received

Entity	Amount Received
State of Wisconsin	\$2,533,160,626
Milwaukee County	\$183,696,189
City of Milwaukee	\$394,226,649
West Allis	\$30,941,771
Wauwatosa	\$24,663,875
Milwaukee Public Schools (ESSER III)	\$504,000,000



# Wisconsin ARPA Spending

- Funds will be received over two equal payments
- Funds must be obligated by end of 2024 and spent by end of 2026
- No formal process for fund expenditures
- Broad spending categories include:
  - Pandemic response and gov't operations
  - Infrastructure projects
  - Grants to small businesses
  - Tourism sector recovery
  - Workforce initiatives
  - Economic wellbeing and recovery programs



# City of Milwaukee ARPA Spending

- Common Council adopted Res. 210732 creating a process to review and allocate first round of ARPA spending
  - Submit requests by Oct. 1, available to public Oct. 12
  - Finance & Personnel Committee reviews at special meeting on Oct. 15
  - Some provisions voted on via separate resolution
- Finance & Personnel Committee approved single resolution with all allocations on Oct. 15, sent to Common Council for full approval
  - Common Council will review on Oct. 21



# West Allis ARPA Spending

- Common Council was brief and discussed ARPA allocation and spending options in June 2021
  - So far have not considered any proposals for expending funds
- Mayor's Recommended Budget includes special ARPA fund which will be used for Capital spending
  - \$6.7M for infrastructure projects (streets, water, sewer)
  - \$100,000 for Water Reservoir Roof
  - \$35K for equipment
  - \$200,000 for software to facilitate virtual meetings



# Wauwatosa ARPA Spending

- Wauwatosa Common Council developed starting point for strategic spending priorities in Sept. 2021
  - Transportation, high-performing workforce, public spaces, safe community, healthy community, well-maintained infrastructure
- Online community engagement tools to source spending ideas and priorities from community
- Will hold 10 stakeholder group meetings, 8 individual interviews with stakeholders, and 2 community meetings
- Spent \$470,900 of its allocation so far



# MPS ARPA Spending

- Administrative Leadership developed spending priorities:
  - Accelerated learning, health and wellness, facilities, technology, and extracurricular engagement
- Community engagement gathered throughout Summer 2021
  - At summer school, stakeholder meetings, community listening sessions, surveys, feedback email, town halls
- Select project initiatives include:
  - \$9M for expanded tutoring, \$7M for mental health services, \$12M for nutrition programs, \$30M HVAC upgrades, \$20M for computers/hotspots, \$17M for transportation
- MPS Board approved allocations on Oct. 14



# Opportunities for Collaboration

- Housing
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Transportation



# Questions?





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