



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- ▶ Funding Approach

December 7, 2021, Study Session

Purpose

- ▶ Recap direction to date and approach
- ▶ Seek direction on education, business, and physical health investments
- ▶ Next steps



Planning Assumptions (finalized September 2021)

- ▶ Adopt the maximum amount of federally-defined revenue loss calculation available to the County to provide the Board flexibility to address general government concerns.
- ▶ Ensure County-related programs/priorities are first to be funded by ARPA dollars.
- ▶ Evaluate internal and third-party funding requests against established criteria.
- ▶ Align with recovery plan objectives and considerations.
- ▶ Prioritize investments in key areas, in alignment with stakeholder feedback.
- ▶ All investments are within eligibility criteria defined by U.S. Treasury.

Running Balance

+ \$127,400,000 total ARPA funds (two tranches)
- \$23,600,000 revenue loss calculation
- \$5,725,000 (Vulnerable Populations)
- \$12,806,500 (Business Support)
- \$20,000,000 (Homelessness)***
- \$8,116,000 (County Operations)
- \$8,572,060 (Mental Health)
- \$5,200,000 (COVID Response)**
- \$15,000,000 future revenue loss calculation*
= \$28,380,440 Available for Allocation

NOTE:

*** Estimated future loss based on calculation**

**** \$2.9M hasn't been used because of other funding – could reduce amount**

***** Approximation as final #s not available**

County Investments to Date

► Vulnerable Populations: \$5,725,000

- GOALS: \$1,200,000
- Family Resource Pavilion: \$1,000,000
- Food Assistance: \$1,400,000
- Eastern Food Box Program: \$100,000
- Temporary Caseworkers: \$403,000
- Village Exchange Vaccine Incentive Program: \$1,000,000
- Village Exchange Center Low Wage Worker Fund: \$250,000
- Pretrial Fee Support: \$375,000

► Business Support: \$12,806,500

- Commercial Rent Rescue: \$4,500,000
- SBDC Small Business Support: \$2,500,000
- Retrain Arapahoe: \$5,000,000
- Business Services Staff Time: \$800,000
- AwardForce Software Renewal: \$6,500

County Investments to Date

▶ Homelessness/Housing:≈ \$20,000,000

- ▶ Temporary Homeless Coordinator: \$260,000
- ▶ Eviction Pilot Program: \$1,500,000
- ▶ Affordable Housing Grant ^Δ: \$10,000,000
- ▶ Permanent Supportive Housing - Justice Involved ^Δ: \$3,000,000
- ▶ Ready to Work - West Side ^Δ: \$1,000,000
- ▶ Tri-Cities Navigation Center ^Δ: \$300,000
- ▶ Aurora Shelter/Safe Housing Options ^Δ: \$Unknown
- ▶ State Ridge View Campus ^Δ: \$Unknown
- ▶ Emergency Rental Assistance program***

▶ Mental Health: \$8,572,060

- ▶ All Health Colorado Spirit Program: \$488,060
- ▶ Aurora Mental Health Potomac Safety Net Campus: \$5,000,000
- ▶ Aurora Mental Health Suicide Prevention: \$104,000
- ▶ Expansion of Pretrial Mental Health Programs: \$480,000
- ▶ Detention Center Diversion Pilot Program ^Δ: \$2,500,000

***** Separate funding source from ARPA**

Δ Interest in exploring further; additional information needed prior to funding decision

County Investments to Date

▶ COVID Response: \$5,200,000

- ▶ STRIDE: \$1,000,000
- ▶ PPE Inventory/Storage: \$700,000
- ▶ Water testing: \$100,000
- ▶ Other Community Testing Support: \$500,000
- ▶ TCHD Contact Tracing/Other Needs: \$1,400,000**
- ▶ Vaccination Assistance/Support: \$1,500,000**

▶ County Operations: \$8,116,000

- ▶ Detention Center Food/Laundry Service : \$2,000,000
- ▶ Temporary HR Staffing: \$568,000
- ▶ Temporary FD Staffing: \$340,000
- ▶ DA Temporary Staffing: \$1,358,000
- ▶ COVID Communications: \$1,600,000
- ▶ Facility Improvements: \$850,000
- ▶ Facility Space Study: \$200,000
- ▶ Facility Cleaning: \$500,000
- ▶ Leaves/Other Needs: \$700,000

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Funding Requests: Education

- ▶ Four proposals submitted within the education bucket; one is better suited for general government funding
- ▶ At a concept level, appear to be eligible - further detail is needed prior to making a determination
- ▶ Need to understand Board's interest as well as additional information needs desired
- ▶ Recommend setting aside funds for three proposals, subject to additional conversations

#17: Arapahoe Community College Health Innovation Simulation Center

- ▶ COVID-19 has proven that the demand for a robust, well-trained healthcare workforce is immense
 - ▶ Over 13,000 unfilled healthcare positions in the metro area right now, many employers are paying traveling nurses almost double what they did nearly five years ago due to the shortage
 - ▶ Direct impact on hospital capacity
- ▶ Center will serve residents and health care industry partners of Arapahoe County to help increase talent pool by constructing simulated education spaces will be used across all health programs, educating students, and integrating the healthcare experience across the various specialties
 - ▶ Expansion and update of the college's simulated learning environments will provide local healthcare educators and students a learning environment to develop clinical proficiency
- ▶ Total Request: \$3,500,000; leveraging existing state CDC funding and private donations

#17: Community College of Aurora Center for STEM, Power Mechanics & Sustainable Energy

- ▶ COVID-19 crisis necessitates re-training of large numbers of displaced workers - especially workers of color who have been disproportionately impacted - from economic sectors unlikely to recover quickly.
 - ▶ In 2019, 22% of employed Aurora residents worked in either the service/hospitality industry or in the retail trade sector. In 2020, these industries experienced 153% and 111% turnover rates in Arapahoe County. The 2021-2025 growth projections for these industries is 0.6% and 0% respectively.
- ▶ At the same time, in-demand industries such as construction and transportation are experiencing a shortage of skilled workers which is hampering economic recovery. The proposed project will address the needs of workers and industry
- ▶ Help create a dynamic new training and education space for students and industry partners featuring diesel power mechanics, construction, clean energy and applied engineering programming, as well as interactive learning-lab space, which is uniquely aligned to assist industries and the community in economic recovery from the pandemic.
 - ▶ CCA serves as a gateway to higher education for the Aurora and East Metro Denver community, its primary service area. The service area is marked by low rates of education attainment and is economically disadvantaged.
- ▶ Total Request: \$3,500,000; leveraging existing state CDC funding and private donations

#28: K12 Grant Program

- ▶ Initial stakeholder outreach identified potential capital investment needs; initial thought was grant program to support
- ▶ Recent Not One More Child presentation highlighted the significant challenges districts are facing in providing mental health services to youth
- ▶ Pandemic has disproportionately impacted school-age youth - especially in the area of behavioral health, and further impacted those in certain socioeconomic strata
- ▶ Reframe potential grant program for mental health programming needs; pending direction, additional work to frame proposal
- ▶ Total Request: \$4,000,000

Funding Requests: Physical Health

- ▶ Twelve submittals within the physical/public health category; one of which declined to pursue given other AuMHC priorities
- ▶ Recommend advancing funding for STRIDE;
- ▶ Need to understand Board's interest in TCHD concepts at this time



#81- #91: Tri-County Health Department

- ▶ Variety of conceptual ideas ranging from analyzing COVID-related health impacts to supporting vulnerable populations and internal staff issues
- ▶ Potential capacity issues to navigate with transition; may need to leverage ARPA for one-time transition costs
- ▶ Any interest in developing concepts further or pause until end of Q1/Q2 as we learn more information?

#29: STRIDE West Side Dental Clinic

- ▶ Populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19 are also at higher risk for oral diseases and experience oral health and oral health care disparities at higher rates.
 - ▶ COVID-19 has led to closure and reduced hours of dental practices, limiting routine care and prevention.
 - ▶ Residents of Arapahoe County, particularly those impacted by COVID-19 need access to affordable, high-quality dental services, which have all been limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- ▶ Develop a dental clinic in West Arapahoe County with three dental bays and three private rooms to meet the dental needs of Medicaid, uninsured, and underinsured residents.
 - ▶ Existing facility issues; does not include dental services.
 - ▶ Purchasing new facility to provide integrated and expanded services
- ▶ Total Ask: \$1,590,000

Funding Requests: Business Support

- ▶ Three additional requests (#25, #37, and #41) are better suited for general government funding considerations



Next Steps/Look Ahead

- ▶ Staff continues to work through eligibility and evaluation criteria assessment
 - ▶ Premium Pay (E-Team meeting 12/8; BOCC discussion Jan)
 - ▶ Additional County operations requests
 - ▶ Water/Wastewater Capital Requests (need to crosswalk with federal infrastructure bill)
- ▶ Communications roll-out of approach, process, and investments to date
- ▶ Developing subrecipient agreements, including reporting requirements

Next Steps/Look Ahead

- ▶ Additional study sessions on funding considerations in Q1 2022
 - ▶ Outstanding programmatic areas
 - ▶ Items needing further refinement
- ▶ Reporting requirements
- ▶ Ongoing communication