



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- ▶ Funding Approach

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# Purpose

- ▶ Recap direction to date and approach
- ▶ Seek direction on vulnerable population investments
- ▶ Next steps



# September 2021 Study Sessions

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Establish criteria to evaluate internal and third-party funding requests.
- ▶ Align with recovery plan objectives and considerations.
- ▶ Align allocations with stakeholder feedback.
- ▶ All investments are within eligibility criteria defined by U.S. Treasury.

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## ► Prioritize investments in key areas:

- Vulnerable Populations
- Homelessness
- Mental and Physical Health
- Education
- County Operations (inc. COVID response and emergency preparedness)

## ► Weighted evaluation criteria

- Align with County Recovery Plan (40%)
- Outcomes (30%)
- Capacity/Organizational Ability (10%)
- Readiness/Timeliness (10%)
- Financial Impact (10%)

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- ▶ Review submittals to determine eligibility and evaluate within established criteria.
- ▶ Consider investment decisions within specific programmatic area; context of the larger list.
- ▶ Assuming approximate \$65 million budget.

# Investments to Date: Vulnerable Populations

- ▶ Continue funding 3.5 temporary grant-funded persons for casework and services: \$403,000
- ▶ Continue providing nonprofit impact assistance grants for food banks and meals on wheels programs: \$1.4M
- ▶ Village Exchange Center Low Wage Workers Relief Fund: \$250,000

# Funding Requests: Vulnerable Populations

- ▶ Five initial proposals within the vulnerable populations bucket that staff is seeking Board direction on to utilize ARPA funds.
- ▶ Align with County's recovery plan and with County's strategic plan, as well as leverage third-party, outside funding.
- ▶ Recommend funding these requests with ARPA funds.
- ▶ If approved, recommend further refinement on capital investments

# Early Childhood Education Child Care Center - Renovate Existing Building on GOALS Campus

- ▶ Capital investment renovates existing building on the GOALS campus to provide 70, year-round birth to 5 years childcare slots.
- ▶ Majority of slots (90%) will serve families eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program, Early Head Start and Head Start (low income).
- ▶ Family Tree is an established nonprofit partner; contract with Ability Connection Colorado (ACCO) to run the center - 20-year track record.
- ▶ Pandemic has reduced the accessibility of high quality, affordable childcare - especially for disproportionately impacted communities.
- ▶ Ability to leverage other funding streams - Mile High United Way, CDBG, etc.
- ▶ Total capital cost: \$2.1M; County ARPA Request: \$1.2M



## Family Resource Pavilion (FRP)Renovation/Expansion: New Gymnasium, Move Respite Program for Additional Providers

- ▶ Capital investment in phase II build-out of the FRP necessary due to the pandemic. Youth and their families need additional support in order to maintain stability.
- ▶ Approximately 1000 AC youth served annually-- all eligible for Medicaid.
- ▶ The proposed gym will create a space for youth and families to participate in social activities which promotes positive mental health and social well-being.
- ▶ Moving respite and school area from current building to above the gym will free up much needed space for expansion of current services and addition of new services. Expand bed capacity from 12 to 16.
- ▶ Established long-term relationship with Shiloh House. Proven track record.
- ▶ Ability to leverage other funding streams -several high dollar donors are engaged.
- ▶ Total capital cost is \$10.5M; County ARPA request: \$1M

# Village Exchange Center Vaccination Incentive Program

- ▶ Some vulnerable populations that are choosing not to be vaccinated are low-income individuals that are concerned about the potential loss of income from becoming ill for a day or two from the vaccine.
- ▶ This program incentivizes the population by ensuring they would have approximately two days of income, should they become ill from the vaccine.
- ▶ Studies show that serious illness, hospitalization and death can be greatly mitigated by incentivizing low-income individuals.
- ▶ Village Exchange Center partners with the Tri-County Health Department to provide services; demonstrated success in similar programs within Adams County.
- ▶ Total Project Cost & County Request: \$1,000,000

# Pretrial Fees

- ▶ Pretrial release services are a cost-effective alternative to pretrial confinement in the jail
- ▶ There are still costs to clients including: Supervision fees, urinalysis fees, GPS fees, and SCRAM fees
- ▶ The out-of-pocket costs for our low-income clients can be detrimental to their success in the program
- ▶ With the pandemic stretching the length of pretrial in many cases, these costs add up and continue
- ▶ Funding was approved through CARES to assist with these out-of-pocket expenses for indigent population, this would continue this funding
- ▶ Total Project Cost & Request: \$375,000 over three years

# Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC) Potomac Safety Net Campus

- ▶ Consolidates existing services into a new, multidisciplinary safety net campus at 1290 South Potomac Street. This facility will co-locate services in a state-of-the-art, trauma-informed building as a “one stop” access point for both mental health and substance use disorder acute care.
- ▶ Pandemic has resulted in development or exacerbation of depressive, anxiety, substance use and other psychiatric disorders in vulnerable populations including individuals with pre-existing psychiatric disorders and County residents
- ▶ AuMHC serves diverse client population, 56% of which are individuals below 150% of federal poverty limit.
- ▶ Project fits both vulnerable populations and mental/physical health buckets
- ▶ Opportunity to secure state grant funds for project; short timeline to submit
- ▶ Total capital cost: \$29.5M; County ARPA Request: \$5M

# Next Steps

- ▶ Staff is still working through eligibility and evaluation criteria assessment
- ▶ Next study session is November 2, 2021