

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WORKSHOP

September 7, 2021

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Workshop Overview & ARP Background
2. Overview of Staff Recommendations
 - A. Board Q&A
3. Public Comment
4. Board Discussion
5. Board Action/Direction
6. Next Steps

PURPOSE & INTENT OF WORKSHOP

Review Staff funding
recommendations

Board discussion of
interests and priorities

Find areas of Board
consensus

Plan to allocate funds

ARP BACKGROUND

- American Rescue Plan approved on March 10, 2021 by Congress to respond and recover from COVID-19 pandemic
- Yolo County to receive \$42.8 million (½ in May, 2021 and ½ in May 2022).
- Have until December 31, 2024 to expend or obligate funds.
- Other local agencies (cities and local educational agencies) also received substantial ARP funds.

TIMELINE

- March – Initial BOS Brief and adopted ARP principles
- April – Received initial department (internal) requests
- May – Updated BOS on US Treasury Guidance
- June – Invited proposals from external agencies
- July – Held Community Workshops on ARP
- August – Update on results of Community Workshops
- September – Today's workshop
 - 180 total proposals were received for \$275 million

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Respond to the public health emergency
- Address its negative economic effects
- Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers.
- Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction during the pandemic
- Make investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board adopted the guiding principles below in March, 2021:

- **One-time** funding
- **Nexus** to the pandemic
- **Needs based** and informed by data
- **Maximize** opportunity
- Avoid **duplication**
- **Transformational** projects
- Link to the County's **Strategic Plan**



Funding should be allocated to areas where there is consensus



Allocations may go to specific proposals or broader categories



Not all ARP funds need to be allocated at this time



Board may direct staff to explore other categories or proposals

GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: APPROACH AND CRITERIA

- Focus on funding a few top priority categories & projects
- Prioritize uses that have the potential for transformative change
- Achieve alignment with Strategic Plan and ARP Principles
- Ensure projects can be accomplished within required timeframe (2024)

DEFINITION OF TRANSFORMATIVE

Staff defined transformative in order to help find a common lens for our recommendation:

A transformative project is one that will create a **substantial and lasting change** on a **broad or community-wide basis** that can be **sustained**.

The three primary pieces are **long-term**, **helps many people**, **sustainable**.

SUMMARY OF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Priority Categories	
Housing & Homelessness	\$ 7,500,000
Food Security	3,500,000
Child, Youth & Family	7,500,000
Mental Health	500,000
Community Parks & Facilities	3,000,000
Total	22,000,000

Priority Projects	
Esparto Health Center	\$ 1,000,000
Crisis Now	3,000,000
Total	4,000,000

Strategic Plan Implementation	
Water/Wastewater Infrastructure	\$ 1,000,000
Broadband	1,000,000
Climate Action	1,000,000
Economic Development	500,000
Aging Needs	100,000
Total	3,600,000

Other Funding Uses	
Revenue Replacement	\$ 5,000,000
COVID-19 Response	2,000,000
ARP Staffing and Management	2,000,000
Total	9,000,000

Total Funding Recommendation \$ 38,600,000

Reserves (10%) \$ 4,200,000

BOARD Q&A

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRIORITY FUNDING CATEGORIES

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Funding Recommendation - \$7,500,000

Intended Outcomes

- Implement strategies to significantly reduce unhoused individuals
- Increase available units for low-income individuals
- Increase number of available housing units for farmworkers

Project Examples

- Downtown Streets expansion
- Support Project Homekey acquisitions
- Acquire/develop additional affordable housing units
- Reduce constraints to housing development

Partner Agencies/ Funding Sources

- Cities (Matching contributions)
- State 2021-22 budget (i.e. Project Homekey, Homeless Clean-up funds)
- Executive Commission to End Homelessness
- Yolo County Housing

FOOD SECURITY

Funding Recommendation - \$3,500,000

Intended Outcomes

- Prioritize infrastructure investments and supports to combat food insecurity
- Expand available food options for low-income individuals & families
- Expand use of local food products

Project Examples

- Food Hub
- End Hunger Yolo
- Mobile Food Market
- Community based Garden
- Senior meal expansion

Partner Agencies/ Funding Sources

- Food Bank
- Comida Digna/West Sac Urban Farm & Mobile Market
- Center for Land Based Learning
- A4AA

CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY

Funding Recommendation - \$7,500,000

Intended Outcomes

- Address social determinants of health for children
- Expand services to families in crisis
- Expand or create childcare opportunities for low-income households
- Upstream investments to children and families

Project Examples

- Childcare facilities to serve children
- Subsidies (ex. UBI, child care) to low-income households
- Foster care advocacy
- Home visiting
- Crisis respite care
- Youth clubs

Partner Agencies/ Funding Sources

- First 5 Yolo
- Cities
- School Districts/YCOE
- State 2021-22 budget (ex. FFPSA, Guarantee Income Pilot, Child Care slots, etc.)
- Federal Child Care Development Block Grants
- MHSA

MENTAL HEALTH

Funding Recommendation - \$500,000

Intended Outcomes

- Coordinate mental health investments
- Identify and prioritize gaps in Mental Health system of care

Project Examples

- Mental health coordination and outreach

Partner Agencies/ Funding Sources

- MHSA
- MHSSA
- Medi-Cal
- State Budget (\$4.4B in Adolescent Mental Health)
- Local Mental Health Board

COMMUNITY PARKS & FACILITIES

Funding Recommendation - \$3,000,000

Intended Outcomes

- Enhance health equity through developing or improving parks and recreation facilities in disadvantaged or underserved communities
- Increased physical activity for children and families

Project Examples

- Knights Landing Park
- Tuli Mem Park
- Clarksburg Park
- Rural Restrooms

Partner Agencies/ Funding Sources

- State Funds (Prop. 68)
- Benefit Assessments
- CSA/CSD

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Esparto Health Center - \$1,000,000

- Addresses Health Equity needs
- Will serve low-income clients
- \$250k in IGT funds previously approved for a total of \$1.25 million

Crisis Now - \$3,000,000

- Addresses Behavioral Health needs
- Partnership with cities
- Leverage other funding sources (MHSA, State 2021-22 budget)
- ARP fills funding gaps in other sources and accelerates program start-up

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Climate Action Plan - \$1,000,000

- Set aside for implementation of projects identified in County's Climate Action Plan

Economic Development - \$500,000

- Economic Development planning and projects to serve rural and disadvantaged areas

Aging Needs - \$100,000

- Emergency-related supports for seniors

Broadband - \$1,000,000

- Set aside to leverage state funding opportunities or fill gaps left by other sources in the unincorporated areas

Water/Wastewater Infrastructure - \$1,000,000

- To support planning efforts or leverage state funding in rural and disadvantaged areas

OTHER FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Revenue Replacement - \$5,000,000

- Can be used for general government expenses or projects not ARP eligible.

COVID-19 Response - \$2,000,000

- Current and future COVID-19 emergency response needs, where needed

ARP Staffing & Management - \$2,000,000

- Staffing and other administrative costs to ensure timely execution, accounting, and reporting of ARP projects

ARP Reserve - \$4,200,000

- Funding held in reserve for emerging needs during ARP plan time horizon. Board can appropriate when needs arise.

ARP STRUCTURE

Board of Supervisors

County Administrator

ARP Workgroups

(1) Homeless & Housing

(2) Child, Youth & Family

(3) Food Security

(4) Mental Health

(5) Parks & Facilities

HHSA

SME + Other Workgroup Members

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CAO/GSD

SME + Other Workgroup Members

Strategic Plan Imp.

Climate Action (CSD)

Economic Dev. (CSD)

Aging (CAO)

Broadband (ITS)

Water/Wastewater (CAO)

BOARD DISCUSSION/DIRECTION



Board approves initial funding allocations



September 2021



Form workgroups to evaluate Priority Categories and develop project recommendations for Board consideration



October-
November 2021



Competitively solicit project proposals where needed



December 2021
- March 2022



Recruit for ARP Project Manager and other support staff



ASAP



Periodic progress reports to BOS on ARP plan execution and changes



Periodic /
Semi-Annual

NEXT STEPS