

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MINI GRANTS PROGRAM UPDATE

January 11, 2022



MINI GRANTS PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

Purpose

- Allow for localized responses to COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery that are nimble and transformative
- Provide flexible sizing of grants for programs or projects that might serve a single community or multiple communities

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Staff Recommended Grant Funding

- \$250,000 initial investment (evenly split at \$50,000 for each of the five Districts)
- Encourage funding requests between \$1,000-\$10,000
 - Request outside of this range will still be considered
- Focus on ensuring flexibility in grants while balancing staffing resources for review, approval, and oversight

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Eligible Activities & Organizations

- Eligibility to be based on both the federal ARP requirements and the Board's Guiding Principles
- Staff recommend allowing for projects that fit within the existing scope of Board-approved ARP expenditures
- Previous applicants and grantees for ARP funding are eligible to apply. However, these organizations would compete and be scored in the same manner as new applications

MINI GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Grant Application

- County staff will post an online application that is accessible for all individuals, nonprofits or community organizations
- Applications will be accepted from: Friday, March 4, 2022, to Tuesday, May 31, 2022

MINI GRANTS PROGRAM PROCESS & REVIEW

Process & Review

- Online application will be posted on the Yolo County website and will be advertised from January 2022 to March 2022.
- After May 31, 2022, or the application is closed, County staff will make an initial determination for eligibility of proposals and create a summary package of proposals received for each District

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Process & Review

- After Districts are provided the summary package, staff will meet with each District to discuss the proposals and the Districts will prioritize (score) the proposals to determine those to advance with and state any comments they may have
- Proposals will return to board as they are ready
- Once project is approved, staff would finalize the project scope ahead of executing any contract