



American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Informational Session

March 9, 2022





Today's Agenda

- Overview of ARPA
- Current ARPA Initiatives
- Community Investments Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Community Feedback
- Q&A





What is ARPA?

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed by Congress and signed into law on March 11, 2021
 - Created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program.
 - Goals of program:
 - Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts,
 - Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue, and
 - Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity
 - City of Sun Prairie was awarded a total of \$3.6 Million (half received in 2021 and remaining to be received in 2022)



ARPA Funding Categories

The program provides substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs within **four** separate eligibility use categories:

1. Replace lost public sector revenue
2. Responding to public health and negative economic impacts of COVID-19
3. Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work
4. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Funding **may not** be used for:

- Payments for debt service and replenishment of rainy day funds,
- Satisfaction of settlements or judgements
- Uses that violate ARPA, Uniform Guidance conflicts of interest requirements, and other federal, state, and local laws and regulations.



Sun Prairie's Approach

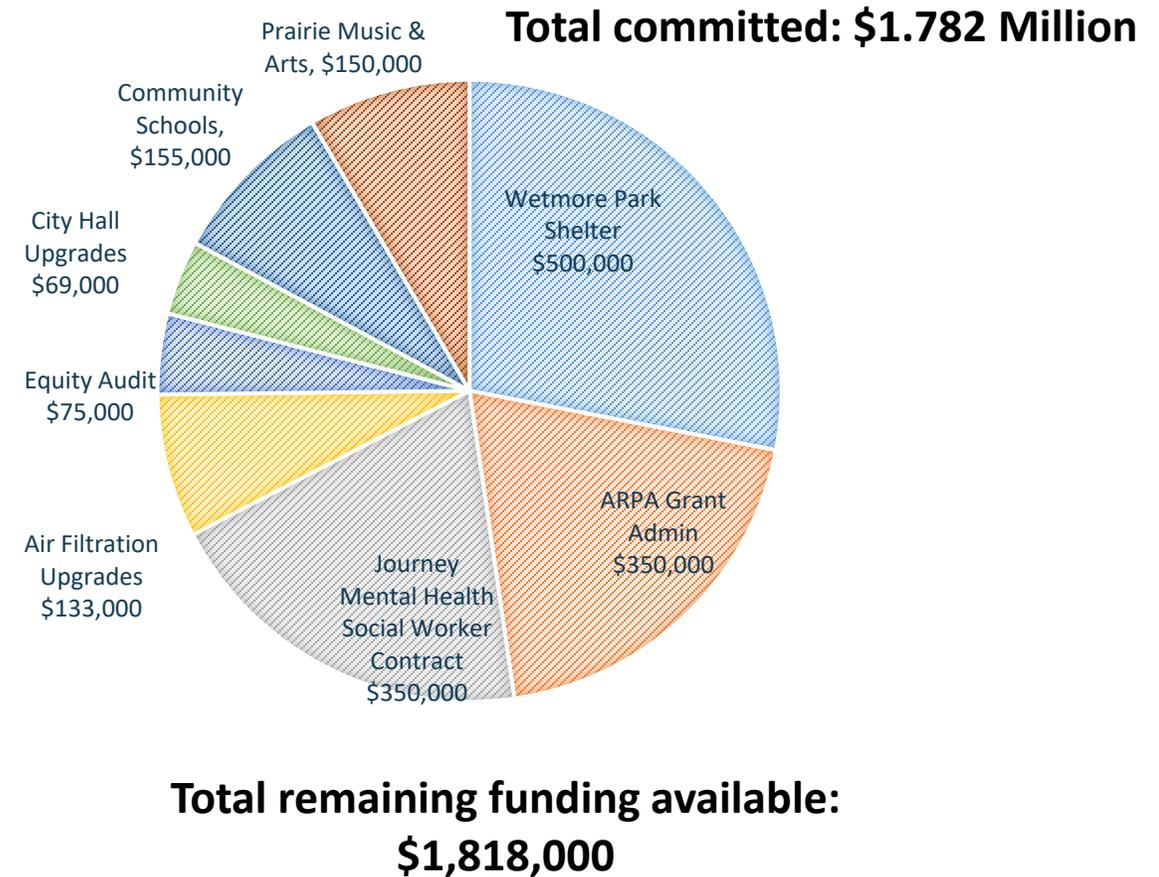
The City's ARPA priority areas are:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue decreased spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic



Pre-Approved ARPA Projects

- Air Filtration upgrades
- Wetmore Park Shelter
- City Hall Upgrades
- Equity Audit
- Journey Mental Health Social Worker (3-year contract)
- ARPA Grant Administrator (multi-year contract)
- Community Schools
- Prairie Music & Arts





Process for Disbursement of Public Funds

Community Investments Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - recommended for approval by the City Council on March 15, 2022.

Funding may be used to ***respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of COVID-19*** and may provide:

- Assistance to households
- Assistance to small businesses
- Assistance to nonprofits
- Aid to impacted industries

Recommended Funding Amount: \$5,000 to \$150,000 per organization/project

Awarded organizations will be required to comply with quarterly programmatic and budget reporting to the City.



Community Investments Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Eligible Organizations:

- A public non-profit, in good standing
- For-profit organizations, in good standing & must certify to and provide supporting documentation of the business's negative economic impact due to COVID-19
- Faith-based organizations
- Physical location and operating within the city limits of the City of Sun Prairie. Preference will be given to those projects that are shown to benefit the City of Sun Prairie residents and community members
- No outstanding tax liens or judgements



Timeline for Community Investments NOFO

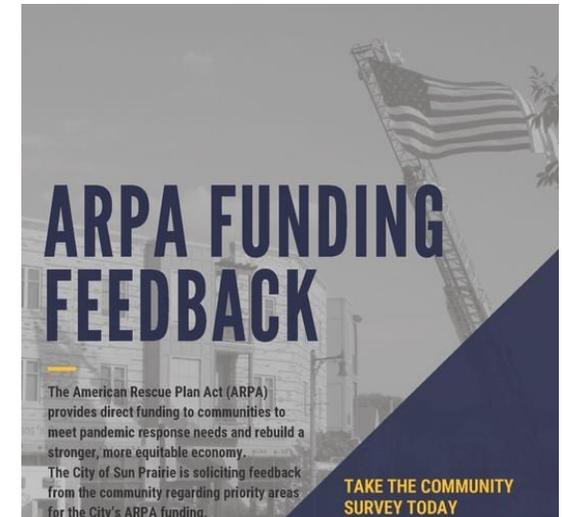


Please visit: www.cityofsunprairie.com/ARPA for more information.

Public Input Process

Community feedback is critical in our efforts to identify and prioritize the needs of the community in responding to the pandemic

- Existing Community Data
- Community Survey
- Informational Session



Community Survey Results

- 296 respondents

No. 1 Priority Area
Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses

No. 2 Priority Area
Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic

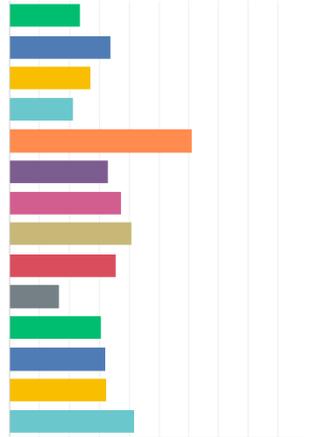
No. 3 Priority Area
Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue decreased spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control



Community Survey Results



Housing Assistance
Affordable Housing
Public Health
COVID-19 Mitigation
Mental Health
Infrastructure
Child Care
Food Security
Direct assistance to small businesses & non-profits
Job Training
Direct assistance to residents
Neighborhood Investments
Violence Prevention
Youth Programs and Services



- Trends from Question 4: How would you like to see the City invest its ARPA Funds?
 - Mental health services
 - Direct assistance to businesses and residents
 - Affordable housing
 - Investments in community non-profits and programs that provide direct assistance
 - Childcare and youth programming
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Violence prevention
 - Pandemic response





Take Our Poll





Questions?

