



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021 Investment Areas

Washington County
Board of County
Commissioners Town Hall

| September 18, 2021

Washington County Administrative Office

www.co.washington.or.us



WHAT IS “ARPA”?

In March 2021, the U.S. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, sending pandemic relief funding for households, businesses, education, local government, and more.



WHAT IS “ARPA”?



**INDIVIDUAL
STIMULUS
CHECKS**



**CHILD TAX
CREDIT**



**LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
RELIEF**



WHAT IS WASHINGTON COUNTY ALLOWED TO SPEND ARPA FUNDING ON?



PUBLIC HEALTH



ECONOMIC RECOVERY



INFRASTRUCTURE



& MORE!

Washington County's Values

"What we stand for." These are foundational concepts for our use of ARPA funds.

EQUITY

RESILIENCE

COLLABORATION

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Washington County's Principles

"How we'll get there." Principles are informed by values. They are the rules that we are using for our ARPA efforts.

**CENTER
RACIAL
EQUITY**

**INVEST IN
PUBLIC
HEALTH
FIRST**

**LEVERAGE
MULTIPLE
RESOURCES**

**BE
INNOVATIVE,
PROACTIVE,
AND
STRATEGIC**

**SEEK
COLLABORATIVE
SOLUTIONS**

**WORK WITH
TRANSPARENCY**

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Our current investment areas grew directly out of lessons learned from the County's pandemic response to date

- Relationships with 120+ community-based organizations
- Racial Equity Advisory Group collaborating on vaccination response
- Community engagement this year will help us create pandemic recovery priority areas

Lift Us Up, Keep Us Going

Washington County's Use of
Coronavirus Relief Funds 2020





Tentative ARPA Schedule

2021

**Tranche 1
Funds
Released**
Spring 2021

2022

**Investment Tier 1:
Continued Response**

2023

2024

2025

**Investment Tier 2:
Thoughtful Recovery**

**Tranche 2
Funds
Released**
Spring 2022

**ARPA
Expiry**
December 31,
2024

ARPA Funding Amount

\$58 Million

Sent to Washington County
this year

\$58 Million

Expected to arrive in mid
2022

ARPA Investment Areas



**Protecting
Public Health**



**Community
Stabilization
and Wellness**



**Stabilize and
Support the
Local
Economy**



**Community
Engagement**



**Continued
Operations**



Contingency



Protecting
Public Health

Investments

SURVIVING COVID-19: \$31,554,100

- Isolation and quarantine support
- Vaccination
- Testing
- Community education

MEETING BASIC NEEDS: \$3,645,700

- Basic supplies (food, diapers, etc.)
- Wraparound services for households in quarantine

Protecting public health: Washington County is Saving Lives

Our role is to protect public health *first*. We are using ARPA dollars to invest in *people*. We are already investing over *\$30M* in protecting our communities from and responding to COVID-19.





Community
Stabilization
and Wellness

Investments

CHILDCARE: \$2,840,000

- Assessment of childcare provider capacity
- Provider grant program
- Focused childcare networks

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: \$1,842,100

- Suicide prevention and postvention, homelessness prevention
- Behavioral health staffing

FAMILY HEALTH: \$1,070,000

- Infant, child, and family support, community nurse staffing
- BIPOC prenatal and early childhood support

SHELTER AND SAFETY: \$1,956,600

- Services at encampments including outreach, sanitation and hygiene

UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE: \$2,000,000

- Ratepayer assistance program - past due water/ sewer/ stormwater accounts are forgiven



Stabilize and
Support the
Local
Economy

Investments

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY: \$2,505,000

- Business Recovery Center support
- Small business support including technical assistance and access to funding

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: \$2,875,000

- Job training programs
- Reskilling programs
- Wraparound services for low-income workers

BROADBAND: \$200,000

- Support a Broadband Investment Plan to understand internet access and affordability
- Other future investment planning



Community Engagement

Investments

DIVERSIFY ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS: \$235,000

- Improving county social media and creating new video streaming communications

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY THROUGH COLLABORATION: \$465,000

- Building community partner capacity in cross-jurisdictional engagement
- Leading community engagement strategies, including coaching, outreach materials, participant stipends, and related support

ADVANCING DATA EQUITY: \$300,000

- Taking a look at the tools and strategies we use to make sure our programs are making a difference and resulting in the outcomes community wants to see



Continued
Operations

Investments

OPERATIONS: \$4,420,000

Having resilient and flexible operations allows the county to continue providing essential services.

- Facilities needs including equipment, cleaning services, and PPE
- Technology support for COVID-19 public health services as well as continued teleworking needs
- Expanding communications to meet needs for timely public information access in pandemic response
- Coordination activities to plan, develop, implement, and report on COVID-19 service programs



Contingency

Investments

CONTINGENCY: \$2,697,600

- We are saving some funding because we do not know how the pandemic will continue to change. Having funding set aside allows us to respond to emergency needs that we may not have planned for.



Next Steps

