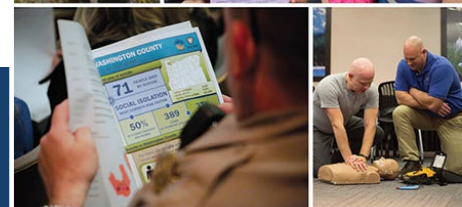


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# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Overview



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
Public Health



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# What is ARPA Funding?

- This funding, like the CARES act funding in 2020, is federal funding that has been implemented across Washington County Health and Human Services to support with COVID-19 recovery and response efforts.
- In addition to supporting our own programming and staffing needs, much of this funding is being distributed to community-based organizations to support their work.

# What Does ARPA Funding Cover?

- ARPA Funds categories include:
  - ❖ Isolation & Quarantine Support
  - ❖ Community Engagement and Education
  - ❖ Homelessness
  - ❖ Access to Basic Needs
  - ❖ Child Care
  - ❖ Infant, Child & Family Support
  - ❖ Behavioral Health

# What do ARPA-funded Activities Look Like?

- Isolation and Quarantine Support
- COVID Vaccination and Testing
- Contact Tracing
- Community Engagement and Education
- Homelessness (outreach, sanitation services, etc.)
- Childcare (focused childcare networks for BIPOC and immigrant populations)
- Infant, Child & Family care (culturally responsive family centered care and supports through nurses and CHWs for BIPOC families)
- Suicide Prevention support
- Migrant and seasonal farmworker outreach and support
- Other support to CBOs
- Support for older adults (home delivered meals, culturally specific delivered meals, congregate meals, gift cards for food and essential needs)
- Support for CBOs: culturally specific food and administrative support
- Capital expenditures to support food access and distribution

# Some Highlights and Examples

- Culturally Specific Nutrition and Information Support: funding to support the provision and distribution of culturally appropriate food resources to Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), immigrant, and refugee communities in Washington County
- Culturally-Specific Behavioral Support: culturally specific suicide prevention training; training for adult and youth behavioral health providers on crisis management and suicide pre/post-vention; training for primary care physicians, strategic planning and media campaign for Suicide Prevention Program in Washington County.

# Support for Food Access & Essential Needs

\$750,000

Support for community-based organizations:  
culturally specific food and administrative support



“Funding to provide support to culturally specific and community-based organizations who are serving BIPOC communities. These organizations need grants for culturally specific foods, and accessing food and essential needs through gift cards and other community-based strategies.”

\$125,000

Capital expenditures to support food access and distribution



“These community-based organizations are also in need of support with capital expenditures to support food access and distribution such as shelving, food boxes, refrigerated trucks, refrigeration, and freezers.”

# Childcare and Family Supports

# ARPA Child Care Investment Portfolio

Approximately \$3,000,000 dedicated to projects in development

- BIPOC Provider Networks
- Community Health Worker
- Mental Health Support
- Child Care Landscape Research
- Business Support
- Future Opportunities



# BIPOC Provider Networks

## Facilitated Peer Networks

Seeking to host 8 cohorts representing different license types and across multiple racial & ethnic communities

## On-going Professional Development Support

## Evidenced Based Approach

Link to other supports within Community Action Organization

# Community Health Worker

Support Provider Networks within Child Care Resource & Referral

Develop referral pathways into social services, early intervention, etc. to improve social determinants of health

Educate Families related to finding and navigating child care

What does quality look like?

What programs might I qualify for?

# Mental Health Support

Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Support for providers & families

Work derived from model implemented in Arkansas, emphasis on reducing expulsion & suspension

Triage issues identified by providers & families, response will vary from simple information exchange to on-site consultation.

Multi-agency approach including Washington County, Community Action Organization, Providence Swindell's Resource Center & local behavioral health providers

# Child Care Research

Current capacity vs. expected need

Delve deep into infrastructure such as commercial space availability, private rental opportunities, etc.

Development of visual aids & data tables to provide concrete policy making tools

Collaboration with municipalities and other county departments

# Business Support

Collaboration with County Economic Development Office

Support would focus on BIPOC and providers from licensed exempt category

Focus is on business practices, maintaining licensure, connecting to funding opportunities, etc.

# Future Opportunities

Engaging with economic development staff across the county

Planned work session with regional Early Learning Hubs to find shared goals/objectives

Potential for workforce development project in collaboration with multiple sectors