

On the motion of Ms. Summerow Dumas and seconded by Ms. Reece, the following resolution was adopted...

RESOLUTION AMENDING HAMILTON COUNTY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING PLAN

BY THE BOARD

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law establishing a \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund with the intent of providing support in responding to the impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is a unit of government eligible for receipt of direct payment under ARPA in the amount of \$158.8 million; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners approved the planned uses for Hamilton County's allocation under ARPA ("ARPA Plan") and amended the same by resolution dated August 26, 2021 and May 19, 2022 ("ARPA Plan" shall include any amendments thereto) with the understanding that several programs required additional stakeholder and expert advice to determine the most appropriate use of the ARPA funds, including: Health and Community Resiliency; Mental Health; Housing Production and Preservation; Housing Protection; Workforce Development; and Youth Employment; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders were convened to provide expertise and input into program recommendations for the aforementioned six areas; and

WHEREAS, County Administration translated the program considerations identified by the stakeholder groups into program and budget recommendations that were presented to the Board on April 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based on Board feedback, the program and budget recommendations were revised and presented to the Board on May 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the revised program and budget recommendations is included as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Plan has been modified based on the aforementioned recommendations and is included as Exhibit B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio hereby amends its ARPA Plan and authorizes the Hamilton County Administrator to take all steps necessary to appropriate and implement programming consistent with the ARPA Plan – Exhibits A and B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby authorized and directed to certify copies of this resolution to Jeff Aluotto, County Administrator, Holly Christmann, Assistant County Administrator, and Sarah Adams, Federal Grants Administrator.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 26th day of May, 2022.

Ms. Stephanie Summerow Dumas

YES

Ms. Alicia Reece

YES

Ms. Denise Drieaus

YES

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in session this 26th day of May, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 26th day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Hervey', is written over a horizontal line.

Leslie Hervey, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio

Exhibit A				
Program Recommendation	Program Summary	Budget	Implementation	Anticipated Start
Public Health Infrastructure - \$6 million				
Continue COVID-19 testing	Re-state COVID-19 testing through a third party	\$1,500,000	Program started on April 25	Q2, 2022
Continue testing website and vaccination support	Continue daily updates to TestandProtect.org website to include testing locations, testing availability, vaccinations, and vaccine coordination with community groups		RFP was issued; agreement is currently under review	Q2, 2022
Support healthcare workforce through expansion of local nursing programs	Expand local nursing program(s) to allow for additional students to enroll in LPN and RN programs. Grant funding could include costs such as faculty start-up, lab expansion, outreach and stipends to reduce barriers to enrollment	\$1,500,000	Pending procurement review, solicit for grant applications to local nursing school programs	Q1, 2023
Improve critical preparedness infrastructure	Provide grant funding for public health infrastructure improvements. Eligible uses could range from improvements to emergency rooms and ventilation systems to public health data systems	\$1,000,000	Solicit grant applications for infrastructure and capital expenditures that are related and a reasonably proportional response to the pandemic	Q3, 2022
Strengthening Mental Health, Behavioral Health, and Substance Use - \$8 million				
Expand Mobile Crisis Team, including enhanced communications	Expand Mobile Crisis Team operations to 24/7 and countywide; examine technological improvements to ensure multiple communications are available; devote communication efforts to community partners are aware of services	\$5,000,000	Work through Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and UC Health	Q4, 2022
Grants to organizations focused on teen trauma and suicide prevention	Solicit grant applications to assist organizations that provide direct services for teen mental health and suicide prevention and that follow ARPA guidelines	\$1,500,000	Release grant applications for organizations that provide direct services on teen suicide prevention and trauma	Q4, 2022
Enhance youth resiliency to help address the impacts of social isolation	Leverage and expand proven programs that build resiliency in youth/teens such as: outdoor activities, social interaction, summer programs, after school programs. Funds to be used to address the pandemic impact on youth and teens	\$1,500,000	Release grant application for qualified organizations to expand eligible youth services with proven outcomes	Q3, 2022
Homelessness Prevention - \$5 million				
Expand shelter diversion program	Expand current shelter diversion program from 6 months of wrap-around services, including financial assistance for housing costs and workforce development, to 1-2 years. Program should be tracked against benchmarks to allow for potential federal funding beyond ARPA	\$3,000,000	Work with partners on program expansion	Q2, 2022
Invest in homelessness prevention innovation	Explore innovative solutions to homelessness prevention by granting funds for pilot projects that leverage partnerships. Grant evaluation should stress funding sustainability beyond ARPA	\$2,000,000	Solicit grant applications that encourage innovation and partnerships to leverage resources	Q3, 2022
Housing Production and Preservation - \$33.5 million				
Implement grant program to produce new affordable housing units	Work with qualified third party to coordinate project funding opportunities with the following priorities: home ownership, energy efficiency, and proximity to community anchors. Funding should be focused on gap financing to leverage the available dollars and to fund as many new units as possible.	\$17,500,000	Enter into agreement with qualified third party to administer and leverage the affordable housing dollars	Q4, 2022
Prioritized affordable housing projects	Invest in affordable housing, either through direct channels or through the aforementioned qualified third party, for returning citizens, senior citizens, and disabled. Projects should emphasize energy and water efficiency	\$8,000,000	Work with aforementioned third party to administer grant program	Q4, 2022
Establish a home repair program	Work with qualified third party to provide grants to homeowners with needed repairs to improve aging housing stock and help residents stay in homes. Future participants are connected to financial literacy, workforce development, and other support programs. Future funding could include CDBG	\$2,000,000	Enter into agreement with qualified third party to administer the program focused on homeowners in qualified census tracts and disproportionately impacted or impacted households as identified by US Treasury	Q4, 2022
Support rehabilitation of existing affordable housing	Work with qualified third party to coordinate project funding for renovation of single family and rental units. Funding should be focused on gap financing to leverage the available dollars and to improve as many units as possible	\$8,000,000	Enter into agreement with qualified third party to administer grant program for rehabilitation of existing affordable housing and rental units	Q1, 2022
Workforce Development and Youth Career Development - \$9.5 million				
Enhance collaboration and service delivery of workforce partners	Invest in a coordinating entity(ies) to improve alignment and connectivity amongst workforce development providers, employers, and job seekers	\$1,000,000	Issue RFP, enter into agreement(s) with organization(s) to provide necessary coordination. Priority should be placed on helping businesses and prospective employees overcome barriers	Q3, 2022
Support workforce programs aligned with targeted industries with a focus on reducing barriers	Support workforce training programs aligned with target industries: healthcare (including mental health), construction/trades, IT, childcare, manufacturing, hospitality, and transportation. Funding should focus on reducing barriers and may include: stipends, transportation, certification costs, etc. Priority should be placed on underemployed, unemployed, residents in shelter diversion program, returning citizens, and disconnected youth. Of the \$7.5 million budget, \$1.8 million is dedicated to childcare programs designed to increase the number of childcare workers.	\$7,500,000	Solicit grant applications from workforce programs in target industries with proven outcomes. Funds to be used to expand existing programs to target populations and overcome obstacles to participation	Q4, 2022
Marketing and awareness of in-demand careers	Create a career campaign targeted to parents, guardians, high school students and underemployed to showcase in-demand careers that provide on-the-job training and/or require limited post-secondary education and training	\$1,000,000	Issue RFP for qualified marketing firm to plan, design, execute campaign, including reported metrics and outcomes. A subset of these funds should be focused on career pathways for high school students	Q1, 2023

Exhibit B

Program	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Amended Amounts
Strengthening Public Health Systems			
Addressing Emergent Needs and Community Resiliency	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	
Strengthening Behavioral Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programming	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	
Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (\$10 million)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	
a) Relocation of CPD Gun Range			
b) Vulnerable Community Outreach (including the Mobile Tech Bus)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	
Vaccine Incentives	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Subtotal	\$24,500,000	\$24,500,000	
Strengthening County Finances and Departments			
Revenue Replacement	\$32,000,000	\$32,000,000	
Capital Improvements - Satellite Office	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	
Premium Pay	\$3,000,000	\$2,400,000	
County Staffing	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	
EMA Operations	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Subtotal	\$40,000,000	\$39,400,000	
Addressing Negative Impacts			
Housing (\$40 million)			
a) Production (\$8M directed to re-entry, disabled, and senior housing)	\$20,000,000	\$25,500,000	\$5,500,000
b) Preservation	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	
c) Protection	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	
d) Mortgage Assistance	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	
Workforce Development	\$15,000,000	\$9,500,000	(\$5,500,000)
Non-Profit Assistance	\$6,500,000	\$7,590,331	
Small Business Assistance Grants	\$7,794,216	\$7,794,216	
Hospitality Assistance	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	
Arts and Cultural Assistance	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	
Small Business Back Office Support	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	
Subtotal	\$74,794,216	\$75,884,547	
Enhancing Community Infrastructure			
Broadband	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	
Sewer / Stormwater	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	
Subtotal	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	
TOTAL	\$158,294,216	\$158,784,547	
TOTAL ARPA ALLOCATION	\$158,784,547	\$158,784,547	
Remaining Balance	\$490,331	\$0	