ARPA and the Sonoma County Scorecard

In May of 2022, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved over $40 million in ARPA funding to create the Community Resilience Program (CRP).

The CRP supports disproportionately impacted individuals, households, and small businesses and nonprofits who have suffered economic impacts as well as disparities in public health outcomes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County of Sonoma is committed to transparent financial and programmatic reporting related to these funds. The County adopted Anti-Racist Results Based Accountability (AR-RBA) to support meaningful programmatic monitoring and reporting. The ARPA Scorecard includes AR-RBA metrics for all CRP contracts. Data is updated every six months.

Scorecard Design and Language

The Scorecard consists of a page of high-level community indicators of well-being. These indicators go beyond the scope of any one program. They are markers of a thriving community that many programs, working together, might impact over time. The rest of the pages are organized by priority funding areas. There are nine funding areas, and each area has its own Scorecard page that includes program level data.

Each program has at least one Performance Measure (PM) measure that begins with 'How Much' and one measure that begins with 'Better Off.' 'How Much' measures could focus on participation from one particular activity within a program, or they could be a count that includes the breadth of a program's work.

'Better Off' measures seek to understand whether participants have achieved a positive outcome as a result of participation. For some programs, achieving a positive outcome means gaining a new skill. For others, it is completing a cohort-style intensive course.

Some program models allow for an in-depth intake and collection of identifying information. For these programs, we are counting unique individuals. Other program models do not allow for this type of intake. For those programs, we are counting service points.

Each ARPA funded program is a unique response to an urgent community need. Performance Measures were crafted to fit each program with the goal of providing useful data to inform program changes throughout the ARPA lifecycle. For this reason, Performance Measures are not standardized across programs and funding categories.

How to Use the Scorecard

To learn more about each program, select the plus sign (+) next to the How Much measure. On the right side of the screen, you'll see a clipboard icon. Click on the clipboard icon to see the

Notes section. The ‘What we Do’ section provides a project overview. If a program has subcontractors contributing data, you can read about their work in the ‘Partners’ section. Some organizations will have a ‘Moment of Joy’ section that shares success stories. This feature will be added for all programs in the next reporting cycle. The ‘Story Behind the Curve’ section provides additional context for the datapoint when needed.

Plus signs (+) next to all measures provide expanded views of program data including demographic data where available. Data is updated twice a year in August and February. On the right side of the page, you'll see a column titled "Most Recent Fiscal Year." The reporting periods in this column are titled Half Year 1 (HY1) and Half Year 2 (HY2). HY1 represents data from January - June. HY2 represents data from July - December.