

American Rescue Plan Act

Departmental Preliminary Proposal Review



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Provides funding to state and local governments to aid the response to and mitigate the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic, including promoting long-term strategies that will address impacts on the most-affected communities.
- \$96 million for Sonoma County
- Costs must be obligated by 12/31/2024



Eligible Funding Areas:

- Support public health response
- Address negative economic impacts
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Replace public sector revenue loss



Emphasis on Equity

“While the pandemic has affected communities across the country, it has disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color and has exacerbated systemic health and economic inequities. Low-income and socially vulnerable communities have experienced the most severe health impacts... Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allow for a broad range of uses to address the disproportionate public health and economic impacts of the crisis on the hardest-hit communities, populations, and households.”



Sonoma County Process

Three categories for distribution:

- Funding for COVID Response – allocated at Budget hearings
- Funding for strategic investments in County Departmental Services
- Funding directly to community partners



Sonoma County Process

Timeline:

- June 15-18: Budget Hearings; allocate funding to COVID response
- July 27: Receive an update on Community funding process, provide directions, and provide resources to Office of Equity for implementation
- ➔ • **September 14: Initial review of departmental proposals and select proposals for consideration in December**
- November 2: Initial review of community funding areas and select areas for consideration in December
- December 14: Final review of departmental proposals and community funding areas and distribution of funds



Sonoma County Process

- Purpose of today is to select proposals for consideration in December
- Proposals moved forward will receive additional development including:
 - Cost refinement
 - Implementation plans
 - Further consideration of strategic plan and equity goals
- **No funding decisions made today**



Department Preliminary Proposals

- 53 Proposals Submitted
- Approximately \$143M in estimated project costs



Evaluation Elements

- Eligibility: Revenue Loss vs Other
- Practical Considerations
- Themes between proposals
- Collaboration: Office of Equity & Policy/Grants/Special projects



Proposal Categorizations

Category	Number	Total Requested
Recommended	8	\$ 35,481,060
Recommended with Modification	9	\$ 28,799,820
Additional Eligible Projects for Consideration	11	\$ 20,906,653
Not Recommended	3	\$ 2,220,000
Include in Community Funding Discussion	6	\$ 21,733,637
Only eligible under revenue loss	16	\$ 33,951,516
Total	53	\$ 143,092,686

Green: Recommend or Recommend with Modifications

Yellow: Additional Eligible Projects for Consideration

Red: Not Recommended

Blue: Include in Community Funding Discussion



Recommended Proposals

- New Morgue and Public Health Lab - \$27,246,560
 - Current Public Health Lab and Morgue located at Chanate site
 - COVID pandemic has emphasized need for ongoing lab capacity
- Enterprise Level Consolidated County GIS Map - \$450,000
 - Geographic data currently spread between multiple sites
 - Staff and public not able to access cross-departmental information
 - Will include data such as census information and allow for better decision-making, including review of impact on communities most affected by COVID



Recommended Proposals

- Funds for Affordable and Supportive Housing - \$5,000,000
 - Will fund housing projects through County Fund for Housing
 - Serves low income communities, communities of color, and individuals experiencing homelessness, all of which are disproportionately impacted by COVID
- Community Engagement Partnerships - \$400,000
 - Funding will develop community engagement plan for the county in alignment with Strategic plan
 - Will help connect with and better serve communities disproportionately impacted by COVID



Recommended Proposals

- Language Access - \$310,000
 - Funding to establish language access plan for the County
 - Meets strategic plan objective and assists limited-English proficiency residents, who are disproportionately impacted by COVID.
- Concurrent Hazard Preparedness Planning - \$52,000
 - Developing plan for response to multiple concurrent hazards, as was seen in 2020 when fires occurred during the pandemic



Recommended Proposals

- Crisis Stabilization Unit Generator - \$335,000
 - Will allow for Crisis Stabilization unit to operate during PSPS events and other power outages that do not require evacuation of the site
 - Provides support for behavioral health needs exacerbated by the pandemic and for communities impacted by the pandemic
- Psychiatric Health Facility Operations - \$1,687,500
 - Partial funding to support opening and operations of PHF through ARPA period; gap remains even after this item
 - Provides support for behavioral health needs exacerbated by the pandemic and for communities impacted by the pandemic



Recommended with Modifications

- Child Support Services Outreach and Education Program-\$200,000
- CalFresh Mobile Office - \$600,000
 - Similar proposals for mobile services from Department of Child Support Services and Human Services Department
 - Offer interesting and cost-effective way to deliver services to underserved communities, including those most impacted by COVID
 - Recommend departments identify opportunities for coordination



Recommended with Modifications

- Emergency Congregate Shelter Program Enhancement - \$628,596
- Comprehensive Mass Care Capabilities Development - \$420,000
- Equity in Disaster Response and Resilient Recovery - \$13,461,910
 - Theme across proposals in looking at our disaster response capabilities and need for greater equity in capabilities
 - Requesting Department of Emergency Management, Department of Health Services, and Office of Equity collaborate to find distinct projects that will best address need



Recommended with Modifications

- Community Oriented Policing \$328,632
 - Plan for study in conjunction with Sonoma State submitted by Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach
- Enhanced Law Enforcement Training in de-escalation and cultural responsiveness - \$485,682
 - Plan for enhanced training submitted by Sheriff's Office
- Items represent distinct projects but will each be better served by collaboration between departments
- Recommend departments work to determine how they can collaborate to ensure effectiveness of the proposals



Recommended with Modifications

- Access Sonoma Broadband \$12,000,000
 - Proposal for start-up costs (including staffing and infrastructure) for the a new entity to support broadband in Sonoma County
 - Broadband infrastructure clearly called out in ARPA
 - Research on needs/best practices is ongoing and proposal needs additional refinement



Recommended with Modifications

- Homes 4 the Homeless Vocational Youth Training - \$675,000
 - Vocational program for youth in the Juvenile Justice system, in conjunction with non-profit
 - Encouraging work to ensure that program serves to help homeless in Sonoma County as well as youth participants



Additional Eligible Projects

AOD Prevention Partnership - Opioid Overdose Prevention	\$ 150,000
ACCESS Initiatives: Interdepartmental Multi-Disciplinary Expansion Team Cohorts and IBM Contract for Data Bridge - Supporting COVID-19 Response	\$ 4,014,379
Older Adult Collaborative Care Management	\$ 2,973,300
Records Digitization	\$ 1,796,000
Case Management and Transitional Housing for Homeless Defendants with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorder	\$ 1,943,487
Russian River Sanitation District Electrical Upgrade at Vacation Beach	\$ 4,485,956
Russian River Sanitation District Critical Replacement Projects	\$ 2,343,531
Stormwater Management of Green Valley Road with Green Valley Creek Restoration	\$ 1,450,000
CSA 41 Fitch Mountain Water System Tank Replacement	\$ 1,000,000
CSA 41 Freestone Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 500,000
CSA 41 Jenner - Water Meter Replacement and Generator Installation	\$ 250,000



Not Recommended

ACTTC - Public Lobby Health & Safety Permanent Glass Barriers	\$ 100,000
Coordinated Entry System Expansion and Support	\$ 2,000,000
Adult Inmate Phone Calls	\$ 120,000



Consideration in Community Buckets

Roseland Business Incubator	\$ 1,435,000
Homeowner Mortgage Assistance	\$ 4,698,809
Sweetwater Springs Water Main Replacement	\$ 851,753
Premium Pay to target employees	\$ 5,200,000
Universal Basic Income Pilot	\$ 8,954,875
Community-based emergency food access networks- UCCE	\$ 593,200



Next Steps

November 2:

Board Determination of Community Funding Areas

December 14:

1. Updated COVID Response Costs
2. Fund Departmental Proposals
3. Allocate funding to Community Areas
4. Approve Administrative Costs



Discussion

