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DATE: January 30, 2023

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Martha Wapenski, Deputy County Executive

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocations and Expenditures

The Board received a report on November 2, 2021 on proposed uses of the ARPA funds. Since that time, the Board has approved specific appropriations related to the proposals as the programs have been developed. To date, the Board has approved the proposals listed in the table below, which is consistent with the ARPA plan that was received by the Board on November 2, 2021. This memo provides an update since the last off-agenda memo on this topic was distributed to the Board on October 3, 2022.

Item	Amount	Board Date
Financial and Analytical Position Support for COVID-19 Funding	\$2,063,993	June 14, 2021
Electronic Health Record System for Community Clinics	\$7,404,054	September 28, 2021
Pandemic Pay for County Employees and IHSS Providers	\$76,400,000	October 5, 2021
Positions for Pandemic Response	\$10,135,539	February 8, 2022
Amount added to COVID Fund to fulfill Emergency Operations	\$51,696,270	February 8, 2022 and Technical Adjustment on February 7, 2023 to

Center and pandemic response costs		increase transfer in of unspent ARPA fund
Amount added to reimburse departments for pandemic response costs	\$66,300,000	February 8, 2022
Positions for Pandemic Response	\$835,013	May 3, 2022
Pandemic Pay for County Fire and funding for defibrillators	\$2,307,157	June 7, 2022
Revenue Loss	\$10,000,000	June 7, 2022
Technical adjustments of excess/unspent ARPA funds	(\$13,504,607)	June 7, 2022
Additional funding for Electronic Health Record System for Community Clinics	\$3,250,000	June 16, 2022
County Pandemic Response Costs not covered by FEMA	\$12,000,000	June 16, 2022
Grant Program for Community-Based Organizations	\$10,000,000	September 13, 2022
Technical adjustments of excess/unspent ARPA funds	(\$1,364,007)	September 13, 2022

Before the end of the Fiscal Year, Administration plans to bring back components related to the Children's Agenda, Behavioral Health, Housing, Electronic Health Record System for Community Clinics, and County pandemic response costs and positions. As part of the year-end clean-up process, the Office of Budget and Analysis and the Controller-Treasurer Department plan to make adjustments based on actual expenses incurred related to pandemic pay for IHSS providers and those will be provided to the Board for approval as part of a year-end clean-up action. The County's strategic vision for the use of ARPA funds that was presented to the Board on November 2, 2021 is also attached for reference.

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**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS
- \$374.4 million -**

Strategic vision for the use of the American Rescue Plan funds:
Addressing equity and systemic public health and economic challenges
Providing safety net services for the community
Supporting the County's continued pandemic response

System of Coordinated Care				\$66,717,651
<i>Program</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Year One (FY 21-22)</i>	<i>Year Two (FY 22-23)</i>	<i>Ongoing Impact</i>
Electronic Health Record System for Community Clinics	Funding for four Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to support the transition from their current Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems to the OCHIN Epic Electronic Health Record. Supports two years of staffing, installation, and training costs.	7,400,000		
Homeless Veterans Services	Funding for case manager for veterans to address the pandemic requirement and barriers for support, such as vaccination prior to being housed. Case manager would liase with Community Based Organizations so that homeless veterans can access services such as transportation, one-time rental assistance. Case manager would be time-limited to 18-24 months.	150,000	150,000	
Supportive Housing for Family Reunification	Funding for 18 months of housing subsidies and supportive services to COVID-19 affected families with child welfare system involvement and who are at-risk of homelessness.	1,750,000	1,000,000	
Heading Home Campaign	Funding to support the end of long-term family homelessness with an increase in services and financial assistance to reach the existing campaign's interim goal of housing 1,200 families. Cities would be asked to collectively contribute an equal share.	7,500,000	7,000,000	13,100,000



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Emergency Rental Assistance for Re-Entry Clients	Funding to support re-entry clients. This proposal supports the Adult Re-Entry Strategic Plan and funds would be used to assist adults clients of Probation and Pre-Trial Services with emergency rental assistance and short-term rental subsidies to help clients avoid eviction or homelessness, and short-term rental assistance to help unhoused clients obtain and maintain permanent housing.	2,000,000	2,000,000	
Withdrawal Management for Youth/Transitional Age Youth	Substance withdrawal management for youth, Transition Age Youth, and transgender youth has been a particularly critical need during the pandemic, with a rise substance use and overdose cases, as well as Emergency Department admissions and deaths.	1,200,000	1,200,000	
Telehealth Support for Behavioral Health Services	Funding for the continued investment and support of Telehealth for behavioral health patients, that increases access to care during the pandemic.	250,000		
Behavioral Health - Netsmart Electronic Health Record	Funding for the transition to Netsmart electronic health record, in order to provide a comprehensive electronic health record solution for behavioral health services	1,187,651		
Placement Options for Seriously Mentally Ill Individuals	Funding for more appropriate placement options outside of Barbara Arons Pavilion (BAP), including those deemed incompetent to stand trial and Murphy conserved patients. During the pandemic, BAP created a COVID-19 pod for isolation and quarantine of patients requiring inpatient psychiatric care. The existing system of care is now being further stretched due to the lack of available beds at the State Hospital, necessitating the utilization of local resources to address individuals with high acuity needs.	1,030,000	1,000,000	
Behavioral Health Expansion	Funding for expansion of behavioral health supports due to impacts of COVID-19. Expanded outreach and engagement to underserved and underserved such as homeless individuals and families, and migrant farm workers. Services and support for criminal justice involved clients to reduce their time in the jail system.	15,400,000	15,000,000	



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Utilization Management for Behavioral Health	System support for the utilization management process. During the pandemic, it became apparent that the existing system lacks the structure and flexibility to adapt to staffing changes and service demands, and was particularly challenging for inpatient psychiatric care.	1,500,000		
		39,367,651	27,350,000	13,100,000

Continuity of Operations During the Pandemic Response \$150,745,000

<i>Program</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Year One (FY 21-22)</i>	<i>Year Two (FY 22-23)</i>	<i>Ongoing Impact</i>
Grant Program for Community Based Organizations	Funding for grants to community-based organizations (CBOs) serving Santa Clara County. Possible criteria for these one-time funds include economic hardship to the organization resulting from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and demonstrated activities in support of the Santa Clara County community in response to the pandemic. Administration will engage with stakeholders including the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits to inform the development of the grant program, including funding priorities, the application process, and other recommendations.	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Homeless Encampment Outreach and Engagement	Funding for outreach and engagement at the homeless encampments. Increased homelessness during COVID particularly for families with children and youth place families in high-risk situations, especially at the unsanctioned encampments. Funding will also support outreach to the unserved and underserved and those experiencing the anxiety, depression, and effects of the pandemic. This will be done through the following programs: Full Service Partnership (FSP), Intensive Full Service Partnership (IFSP), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT), In Home Outreach Team, Homeless Engagement Access Team, and Prevention and Early Intervention Strengthening Families.	3,005,000		



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Subsidized Employment Initiative	Funding for fully subsidized employment to individuals who lost jobs during the pandemic, and occupational training. Increase the use of CalFresh and CalWORKs subsidized employment programs to reach participants over 24 months. CalWORKs and CalFresh can fully fund participants' wages and portions of the administrative and training components.	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000
Supplemental Security Income Advocacy	Funding for a two-year initiative to increase Supplemental Security Income (SSI) advocacy approval rate from 40% to 80%. Clients need assistance applying for SSI for basic living expenses. These General Assistance recipients are vulnerable clients, and many are homeless. A cohort of 500 individuals would be provided with increased payments for 24 months.	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,500,000
Childcare Services related to COVID-19	Funding for workforce development, training, and incentives for people to become certified childcare providers. Supply building grants to cover start-up costs and licensing for new childcare providers, and subsidies to cover the cost of new capacity for children 0-5 year of age.	2,500,000	2,500,000	
Children's Agenda	Funding to support families impacted by COVID-19. Funding to provide safe and supportive care for children with ongoing childcare and benefits for employees, as well as construction costs.	10,000,000	10,000,000	
School-based Behavioral Health Service Expansion	Funding to support the COVID-19 impacts on children and families. Expansion of school-based behavioral health and school-linked services and wellness centers. Supports to address chronic absenteeism related to COVID-19. Wellness support for children and their families.	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Groceries and Meal Support	Funding for 2 years of increased meal delivery and grocery support for Senior Nutrition and other similar programs.	2,250,000	2,250,000	1,000,000



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COVID-19 Pandemic Pay	On October 5, 2021, the Board approved COVID-19 Pandemic Pay to County employees and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Independent Providers. The County has relied on its employees and IHSS Independent Providers and their continuity of operations as critical to protect the health and safety of county residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.	76,400,000		
COVID-19 Pandemic Pay for County Fire	Funding for first responders to protect the health and safety of county residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.	740,000		
Cardiac Monitors/defibrillators	Funding for the replacement and upgrade of 34 cardiac monitors/defibrillators. County Fire provides advanced life support services using cardiac monitor/defibrillators in the treatment of adult and pediatric patients suffering from cardio-respiratory ailment, including those associated with COVID-19.	1,400,000		
Video Visiting for Families in Adult and Juvenile Facilities	Expanding existing visiting options in order to connect families and overcome any possible visiting barriers due to COVID-19. Funding to expand video visiting for families in adult and juvenile in locked facilities.	1,500,000	1,500,000	
Expedite Treatment Placements from Jail and Court Cases	Funding for a 2-year pilot expeditor team to keep the jail population low as it has been through the pandemic. The expeditor team would be made up of a social worker and an attorney from County Counsel to work with all the justice system partners to speed up treatment placements from jail and break up log jams in court cases.	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Small Business Air Quality	Funding for Air Quality Grant Program for local small businesses and non-profit organizations.	2,500,000		
		117,395,000	33,350,000	6,600,000



Past and Future County COVID-19 Response Expenses

\$157,000,000

Ongoing COVID Response	Funding for past and future County COVID-19 response expenses not covered by FEMA reimbursements, such as vaccine outreach and education, monitoring for variants, emergency housing, isolation and quarantine, enhancements to healthcare capacity, services in key settings, testing, and contact tracing. Preparing for future impacts on the County's Health and Hospital System that are not covered by other funds.	78,500,000	78,500,000	
		78,500,000	78,500,000	