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County to Distribute \$10 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Grants

During its February 21, 2023, meeting the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors authorized the distribution of nearly \$10 million in grants from the county's share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, which financially supports local communities as they address the negative impacts of COVID-19 and lay the foundation for recovery.

Nonprofit Funding

Following the Board's direction for utilizing ARPA funds, the county accepted requests in September and October 2022 from local organizations seeking funding for programs that are mitigating the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board allocated nearly \$2.25 million to 13 nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County:

Financial/Employment

- Crossroads Jobs \$14,361
- Northern Virginia Family Service \$358,373

Food Assistance

- Dulles Food Pantry \$27,527
- Loudoun Education Foundation \$12,960
- Loudoun Hunger Relief \$420,000
- Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers \$4,860
- Mobile Hope \$297,387
- Seven Loaves Services \$16,200
- Tree of Life Ministries \$148,577

Mental Health

- A Place To Be \$286,200
- INMED USA \$269,187
- LAWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services \$146,621

Utility Assistance

• Loudoun Cares – \$243,042

In addition, \$250,000 was designated for the county to conduct a childcare needs assessment to identify challenges working families have when placing their children in childcare and for childcare provider training.

Community Input for Nonprofit Funding

The distribution of ARPA funds to nonprofit organizations was informed by an outreach effort that included an online survey and several public information meetings and listening sessions hosted by the county for the nonprofit community. The county received 27 applications from 24 organizations with requests totaling \$11.4 million. Details about the funding process may be found in the staff report prepared for the February 21 meeting.

Reserve Funding

The Board also allocated \$7.5 million in reserve ARPA funding for county projects related to business reinvestment, childcare, community support services, housing, small business reinvestment and transportation.

- Childcare Funding: \$2 million
- Housing Information Management System Maintenance: \$1.5 million
- Small Business Support: \$450,000
- Transformational Initiatives for Resident Support: \$2.55 million
- Transportation & Capital Infrastructure: \$1 million

Community Input for Reserve Funding

The ARPA reserve funding allocations were informed by the results of a community survey, which asked residents and businesses to provide input on how to spend the \$7.5 million. The survey asked participants to rank the top three spending areas identified during the <u>Board of Supervisors'</u> April 19, 2022, deliberations on how to allocate the remaining ARPA funds.

Transportation/capital Infrastructure was the top choice of respondents at 54%, maintaining efficient housing programs through case management was second at 45% and childcare was third with 41%.

A detailed analysis of the survey is available in the <u>staff report prepared for the February 21</u> <u>meeting</u>. The report also includes results of an internal survey of county agencies and departments.

For More Information

For detailed information about ARPA coronavirus recovery funds and how they have been used in Loudoun County, visit <u>loudoun.gov/ARPA</u>.