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Finance Committee

ARPA – Portal Discussion
January 25, 2022

Purpose

- **Make key decisions on Portal Program**
 - Review staff recommendation on Portal Design, which:
 - Include lessons learned from CARES Act
 - Input from Fire Districts, Park Districts, and Townships on process
 - Ensure compliance with different requirements of ARPA

Background: ARPA vs. CARES

ARPA

- 5 years, 9 months
- Response to COVID-19 allowed, **BUT FOCUSED ON RECOVERY**
 - Long-term Equitable Recovery
 - Multi-year funding stream
 - Disproportionately impacted
 - Results Driven (“Programs need to work”)
 - Evidence-based Program Evaluations
 - Performance Measures
 - Quarterly Reporting

CARES

- 9 months (but extended to 1 year, 9 months)
- Response to COVID-19

Competitive Approach

- **Lessons Learned CARES Act**

- Prorated Disadvantages
 - Unspent Dollars
 - Time Intensive
 - Quality Applications = Quality Program Management

- **Merit Based**

- Best Projects
 - Evaluation Criteria (later slides)
- Motivated Applicants
- Limited Funding

- **New Act, New Rules, New Priorities**

- Economic Recovery
- Disproportionately Impacted
- Federal Audit
 - Precision & Compliance





Approved Portal Allocation: \$5M

Who it Serves

- A. Fire Districts
- B. Park Districts
- C. Townships

What it Funds*

Immediate Response

- 1. ARPA Payroll
- 2. Non-payroll Expenses

Long-Term Recovery

- 3. Capital
- 4. Programs

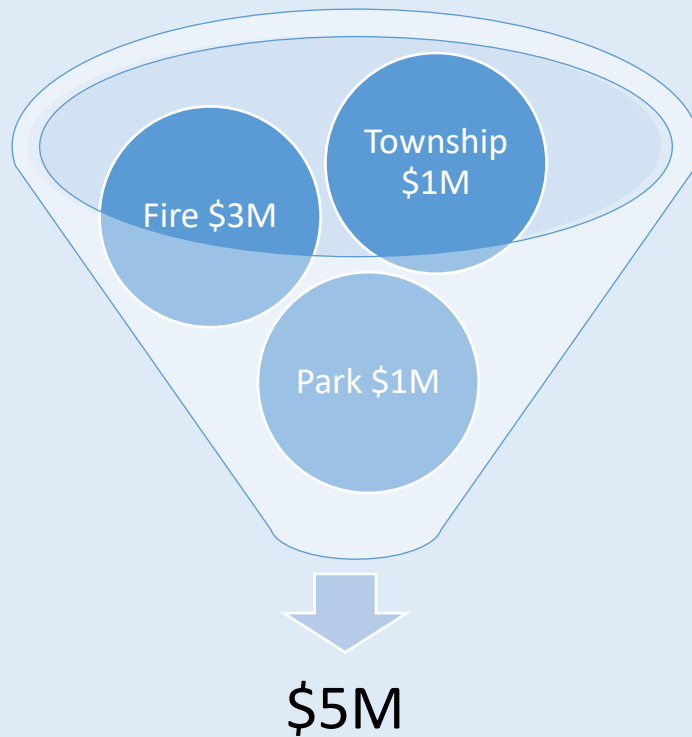
** All items must be ARPA Eligible. Municipalities are funded directly from US Treasury through ARPA. Other Local Governments like Libraries, Forest Preserves & Sanitary Districts can pursue funding through Municipalities. Under CARES Act, the County provided Fire Districts \$3M, Park Districts \$1M & Townships \$2.025M for a total of \$6.025M.*

Allocation Options

Option A: Three Allocations

Advantage

- More equal approach for 3 gov't groups



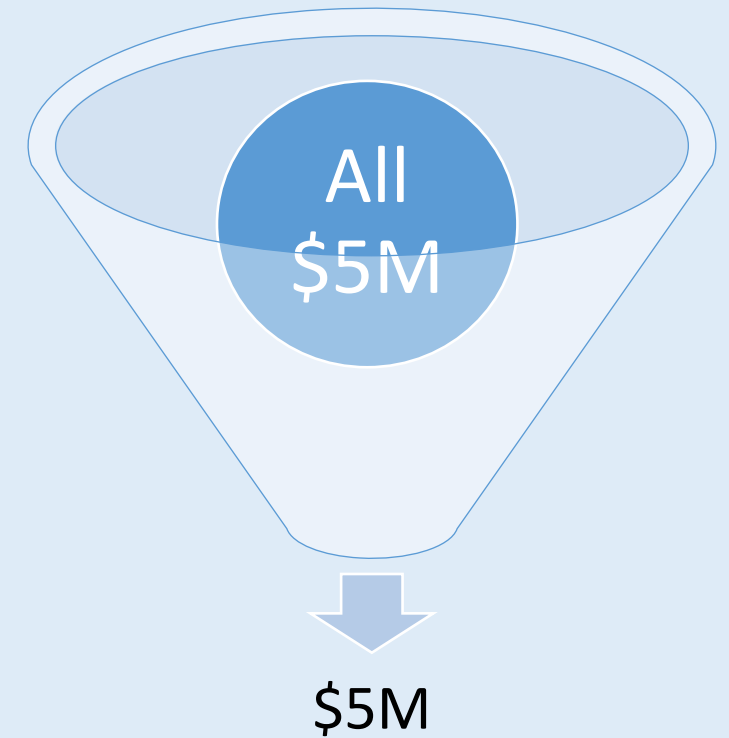
Disadvantage

- Unspent allocations
- Smaller projects

Option B: One Allocation

Advantage

- Spend all \$
- Best of all; not best in group
- Larger projects



Disadvantage

- Disproportionate award by gov't group

What option does the County Board want?

1) Payroll

Payroll

Non-payroll
Expenses

Capital

Programs

Description

- Payroll expenses for public health and public safety workers
- Requirements stricter than CARES Act
 - Direct COVID-related physical contact/interactions
- Backup required
 - Timesheets, timekeeping reports, call logs, etc.

Payment Type

- Reimbursement Only

Evaluation Criteria Points	
Completeness	50
Accuracy	25
Justification	25
Total	100



2) Non-payroll

Payroll

Non-payroll
Expenses

Capital

Programs

Description

- Non-payroll expenses such as:
 - PPE
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Laptops
 - Air filters
 - Plexiglass separators
 - Video conferencing equipment

Payment Type

- Reimbursement Only

Evaluation Criteria Points	
Completeness	50
Accuracy	25
Justification	25
Total	100



3) Capital



Description

- COVID-related Capital construction projects or Broadband
- Prevailing Wage Rates/Davis-Bacon
- Project Budget
- Project Readiness/3rd Party Cost Estimates
- Pass-throughs not allowed
 - Non-profit capital funded through other County, State & Federal programs
- Quarterly Reporting for large projects

Payment Type

- Reimbursement Total Project Costs
- Reimbursement pay-as-you-go on limited basis

Evaluation Criteria Points

Completeness	15
Justification	15
Quality of Proposal	20
Community Impact	20
Performance Metrics	5
Targets Impacted Grps	15
<u>Leverages Add'l Funds</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	100



4) Programs



Description

- Programs for individuals, households, or community groups
- “Evidence-based” Approach
- Quarterly Performance Reporting
- Targeting Disproportionately Impacted
- Through June 30, 2024, with option to renew
- Pass-throughs not allowed
 - Non-profit programs funded under separate \$10M County ARPA program/allocation

Payment Type

- Pay-as-you-go

Evaluation Criteria Points

Completeness	10
Justification	10
Quality of Proposal	20
Community Impact	10
Performance Metrics	10
Targets Impacted Grps	30
<u>Leverages Add'l Funds</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	100



Application/Project \$ Cap Options

Option A: No \$ Caps on Project Totals

Summary

- This option is contingent upon County Board decision on \$5M vs. \$3M, \$1M & \$1M
- If \$5M selected, then the County Board could theoretically select only one project with total project cost of \$5M (i.e., the whole program)

Advantages

- Larger, but fewer projects
- Projects of regional, county-wide significance

Option B: \$100K \$ Caps on Project Totals

Summary

- This option would cap all individual local gov't requests at \$100K
- The \$100K price point is based on experience with CARES Act and other Community Services programs
- For more expensive projects, local gov'ts are encouraged to provide local match/contributions

Advantages

- Smaller, but more projects
- Projects with a wider geographic distribution

What option does the County Board want?

Eligibility and Process

- **Dates**
 - Start Date: 03/03/2021
 - End Date: 12/31/2024 Committed and 12/31/2026 Expended
- **Letter of Intent**
 - Prior to filling out applications
 - For all 4 types of project, but especially helpful for Capital and Program applications
- **Feedback when Portal Open**
 - Answers go to all applicants
- **Technical Assistance**
 - Provided until Portal closes
- **IGA**
 - Selected Applicants will need to sign Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with County



Draft Schedule

Key Dates

Description

02/16/2022

Fire District Application Webinar
Park District Application Webinar
Township Application Webinar

03/01/2022 - 03/15/2022

Applicants submit Letter of Intent (LOI)
Staff Responds on Eligibility

03/16/2022 - 05/01/2022

Portal Accepts Applications
Staff Responds to Questions

05/02/2022 - 05/26/2022

Staff Reviews Applications
ARPA Senior Team Scores

06/16/2022

Finance Committee Reviews and Approves
County Board Reviews and Approves

06/17/2022 - 12/31/2026

Staff Issues Payments



Questions

