

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 14, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: Council Subcommittee on American Rescue Plan Act Funds
(Councilmember Will Arnold, Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs)
Mike Webb, City Manager
Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Status Update on City of Davis American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Recommendation

1. Receive update on the ARPA fund allocation review process, including ARPA commitments and requests to date.
2. Approve Resolution to allocate up to \$1,000,000 to assist with the construction and completion of Paul's Place, to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, and to amend the budget accordingly.
3. Provide feedback to the Council subcommittee related to funding priorities and interests, with the expectation that the subcommittee will return in January with specific recommendations.

Fiscal Impact

The City of Davis has been allocated \$19,629,200 as part of the American Rescue Plan. The first half of the allocation was provided to the City in May 2021 and the City will receive the second half in spring of 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 2024 and fully expended by the end of 2026.

Council Goal(s)

This issue potentially affects all of the City Council Goals:

- Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Equitable Community
- Ensure Fiscal and Economic Stability
- Pursue Environmental Sustainability
- Fund, Maintain and Improve Infrastructure
- Enhance a Vibrant Downtown and Thriving Neighborhoods
- Foster Excellence in City Services

Commission Input

The Council has established a subcommittee of Arnold and Frerichs to address this issue directly and return to the full Council with recommendations.

Background and Analysis

ARPA Background. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) is a federal stimulus plan to provide funding to State and local governments. Davis' share is approximately \$19.7 million. The specific uses designated as "eligible uses" for ARP funds include the following:

- Support public health expenditures by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic (There is a formula the City must use to determine how much lost revenue it can claim. Should the City wish, it can claim the entire grant amount as lost revenue.)
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

Guiding Principles. The City Council appointed a subcommittee of Will Arnold and Lucas Frerichs to develop and guide the process to allocate ARPA funds locally. The first task of the subcommittee was to develop a set of guiding principles, which were approved by the full Council in May 2021. While the Guiding Principles are not law, they form the framework in which the subcommittee considers its recommendations to the City Council. The Guiding Principles are as follows:

- 1) Use for **one-time** items (short-term "pilots" may also be considered)
- 2) Focus on recovery from COVID revenue losses and accelerating **City fiscal re-stabilization** as a priority so that the City can be in a stronger position to assist via projects and assistance to the community at large.
- 3) Have a **nexus to the pandemic** (revenue replacement, program/project reinstatement, community support to aid in faster recovery, etc)
- 4) Maximize opportunities to **leverage funds** to make a larger impact (partner with other agencies, provide matching funds, etc.)
- 5) **Avoid duplication** of other available funding sources (grants, State funds, etc), unless current funds are not adequate to meet designated needs.

- 6) Consider transformational projects (**projects/undertakings that might not otherwise be possible, or that catalyze – such as investment in technology**)
- 7) Prioritize projects with a clear **link to the City Council Goals**
- 8) **Reserve some funding allocations** from second tranche of funding for unexpected circumstances

ARPA Process Overview. The chart below provides an overview of the ARPA process to date, as well as a preview of next steps. Additional information is provided in the report after the chart.

March 2021	American Rescue Plan Act signed into law.
March	City receives notification of \$19.7 million ARPA award, to be spread over two years
May	Interim Final Rule provides initial guidelines for use of funds
May	City receives ½ of funds
June	\$2.3 million included in 21-23 budget as revenue backfill
April 20	City Council appoints subcommittee (Frerichs, Arnold)
May 25	Council approves Guiding Principles
June	City Manager asks departments to submit internal requests/ideas for use of funding
September 7	Council commits \$1.17 million for Crisis Now initiative
October 13	Subcommittee holds community meeting to explain ARPA funds and take public comments
October 14	City releases community survey regarding ARPA priorities and funding recommendations
October 19	Council commits \$790,000 toward reimagining public safety efforts
October 19	Council approves furlough restoration for employees and commits \$832,000 in ARPA funds

Through November 1	City accepts public comments and specific funding requests
November	Staff compiles requests and funding suggestions
November 16	Council commits \$750,000 to extend community COVID testing through Healthy Davis Together
December 14	ARPA Update at the City Council \$1,000,000 recommended for Paul's Place
January 2022	Tentative date for City Council to discuss additional funding recommendations
May 2022	Second ½ of ARPA funds provided to City
December 2024	ARPA funds should be expended or encumbered
December 2026	ARPA funds must be spent

Existing Council Allocations. There are certain initiatives for which the Council has already voted to approve funding allocations. The projects and amounts already spoken for, which represent about 30% of the funding, include the following:

Existing ARPA Commitments	
\$ 19,629,200	TOTAL AWARD
\$ (2,300,000)	21-23 Revenue Backfill (in Budget)
\$ (832,000)	Furlough Restoration
\$ (1,170,000)	Crisis Now (Public Safety/Mental Health Response)
\$ (790,000)	Reimagining Public Safety Efforts
\$ (750,000)	Continued COVID Testing
\$ 13,787,200	Balance Uncommitted

Staff and Public Input. For the remainder of the funding to be committed, the subcommittee embarked on a process to collect information about funding allocation options, utilizing input from internal City sources and external community stakeholders. Over the summer, the City Manager worked with City departments to determine potential City needs or projects that might be funded directly or indirectly because of the ARP allocation. Each City department provided suggestions to the City Manager; the proposals with the greatest need and those most in line with the ARPA requirements were brought forward for subcommittee review.

In the fall (October), the subcommittee held a community meeting to explain the ARPA and the subcommittee’s process, and to take public input on ideas and preferences of how to allocate the remaining funding. This meeting was well attended, with members of the public participating synchronously and others viewing the video once it was posted online. The subcommittee received ideas for specific proposals and also more general recommendations on how to spend the funds. Those with specific proposal ideas were encouraged to provide them in writing to the City. There was not one predominant issue, concern or suggestion resulting from the meeting.

The subcommittee also released an online survey during the latter half of October to receive public input and received 230 responses. Although the survey is not statistically significant, it provides a good window into the thoughts and interests of community members. A copy of the survey results has been attached for reference. In addition to the survey results attached, the survey also allowed for open-ended responses. Review of the open-ended responses showed that the interests among community members is wide and varied, with no one specific use or theme. Funding recommendations spanned the spectrum of public and private projects and similar to the online community meeting, there was no one predominant theme, project or request. Respondents provided input on public safety, infrastructure, underserved communities, the business community, social services, non profits and the arts community, the environment, and public health. In general survey comments, housing and homelessness was mentioned the most frequently, followed by arts, the business community and infrastructure.

The chart below shows all the funding commitments the Council has already made, along with internal funding requests and all external funding requests. When all requests are included, the total ask equals \$36,775,950, far more than the total \$19.7 million earmarked for the City. The proposals have been separated into 6 categories: revenue backfill (\$3,132,000), COVID prevention (\$750,000), downtown (\$5,065,000), social services (\$12,010,000), city facilities (\$6,377,200), and economic assistance (\$9,441,750). Proposals received are shown in the chart below. The green highlighted items indicate that the Council has already made the decision to allocate the funding. Regardless, all requests are ordered from lowest to highest in each category.

Department	Nature of Request	Amount Requested
REVENUE BACKFILL (\$3,132,000)		
CITY	furlough restoration	\$832,000
CITY	Revenue Backfill	\$2,300,000
COVID PREVENTION (\$750,000)		
CITY	HDT COVID Testing	\$750,000
DOWNTOWN (\$4,865,000 Requested)		

CDS	X Permit parking subsidy for restaurant and retail workers at Olive Drive lot	\$5,000
CITY	Installation of poles for City banners	\$10,000
CITY	Hunt Boyer Porch/Stage Improvements	\$15,000
CITY	Off Cycle Pruning - E Street Plaza and parking lot	\$20,000
DDBA	Downtown Security Cameras (for private businesses)	\$ 25,000
CDS	First and F St Garage improvements	\$40,000
DDBA	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) grants to local businesses	\$50,000
DDBA/CITY	Downtown and Entry Point Beautification	\$200,000
DDBA	Night Market and Music Series (Central Park)	\$250,000
DDBA/CITY	Downtown Cleaning and Maintenance (through Downtown Streets Team or direct maintenance)	\$300,000
CITY	Downtown outdoor business infrastructure assistance or enhancements	\$750,000
DDBA/CDS	E Street Plaza improvements	\$1,200,000
DDBA/CITY	3rd and B Revamp/Central Park Improvements	\$2,000,000
CITY/L. Volk	Central Park Splashpad **GRANT RECEIVED 12/8/2021!**	\$2,900,000
SOCIAL SERVICES (\$12,210,000 Requested)		
DDBA	Downtown Streets Team (see downtown item)	
Davis Village Network (Senior Transportation)	Funds to begin on demand senior transportation program	\$250,000
First Five Yolo	Welcome Baby Program for Davis babies	\$300,000
Yolo Crisis Nursery	Yolo Crisis Nursery assistance with new facility	\$500,000

CMO	Sanctioned Camping	\$500,000
CITY	Railroad Quiet Zone – Preliminary Scoping and Design	\$200,000
CMO	Start-up funding for new dept of housing and social services	\$790,000
Davis Community Meals and Housing	Paul’s Place (emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing)	\$1,000,000
CITY	Funding for Crisis Now (Mental Health Response)	\$1,170,000
CMO	Emergency Shelter Funding	\$2,000,000
DOVe	Providing funds to Housing Trust Fund	\$2,000,000
Yolo Hospice	Construction of facility	\$3,500,000
CITY FACILITIES (\$6,377,200 Requested)		
IS	New Internet Firewalls	\$84,200
PW U&O	4 changeable message boards (traffic, construction, events, etc.)	\$100,000
CDS	Plan Review and Permitting Software	\$150,000
CITY	Veterans Memorial Theatre Equipment Replacement Seed funding	\$200,000
CITY	Veterans Memorial Theatre Roof and Facility	\$250,000
CITY	Replacement and expansion of portable trailer at City Hall	\$400,000
CITY	Bike Pump Track in Community Park (Formerly CIP 8311)	\$500,000
Fire	Emergency Communications/Radios to bring radios and communications to standards (if regional grant not awarded)	\$500,000
IS	CBRS/Private LTE (Citizens Broadband Radio Service) to replace current system and allow a private secure network for City facilities	\$500,000
Fire	Hire three firefighters to staff ladder truck for two years	\$663,000

PCS	Renovate Playfield Synthetic Fields	\$1,500,000
IS	Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) replacement	\$1,530,000
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS, BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS (\$9,441,750 Requested)		
Chamber of Commerce	Gap funding from Celebrate Davis event	\$15,235
Chamber of Commerce	Funding to assist Chamber for 3 years	\$90,000
Inventopia	Bioengineering Lab Expansion Facility (Cantrill)	\$250,000
Inventopia	AgTech Center (\$100,000 City loan forgiveness, \$180,000 for three years of administrator, \$60,000 improvements to Pena facility)	\$340,000
CITY	Business assistance grants for businesses harmed by COVID or to assist with COVID response	\$500,000
Arts Alliance	Arts Grant(s) for Yolo Community Foundation to distribute among local arts organizations	\$600,000
VCE	Yolo Electric Bill Relief	\$655,000
Explorit	Broadband access, equipment and program support	\$900,000
VCE	Low Income Household Energy Retrofits	\$2,700,000
Pamela Trokanski	Gap financing for construction project Life in 11Dimensions (arts, wellness, education, relaxation, and community building activities)	\$3,391,515

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$36,775,950

Next Steps. The subcommittee is sharing the requests and the input with the full Council to seek general feedback on funding priorities. With almost \$37 million in requests and a total of less than \$20 million, the City will need to prioritize funding; most project proposals will not receive funding, or at least not at the requested amount. If the

Council provides general feedback, the subcommittee will work with staff to bring back a funding plan for consideration in January.

Paul's Place. The subcommittee is recommending one exception: fund Paul's Place now in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. This project is critical to serving those most in need in our community through a multi-faceted program which will include emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. It greatly expands on the resources and housing units available previously on the property, and will be an asset to the community. The project is currently under construction, but because of unanticipated increases in construction materials and costs, the project will run out of funding in the spring, unless it receives a new infusion of money. Paul's Place representatives are working on fund raising private dollars, but the representatives have requested \$1,000,000 from the City (Attachment 3). They have also requested up to \$2,000,000 from Yolo County, through their ARP process. The County is reviewing the funding request, contingent upon the City allocating funds to the project. The developers of Paul's Place have expressed the importance for them to receive the funding now so that the project is not further delayed. The remainder of the project, which City Council has previously endorsed, has been funded with private dollars.

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Survey Summary Results
3. Davis Community Meals and Housing Paul's Place Request

RESOLUTION NO. 21-XXX, SERIES 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO DAVIS COMMUNITY MEALS AND HOUSING FOR PAUL'S PLACE AND TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO ALLOCATE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which can be used to address impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Davis community has vulnerable individuals who do not have permanent shelter or who are in need of permanent supportive shelter options; and

WHEREAS, Davis Community Meals and Housing is developing Paul's Place on the site of its former homeless shelter and has secured private funding to date; and

WHEREAS, Paul's Place, when completed, will provide 18 permanent supportive housing units, 10 transitional units and up to 4 emergency shelter beds, along with resource, referral and basic needs assistance for individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, increased construction and supply costs necessitate additional funding for the project to reach completion; and

WHEREAS, Davis Community Meals and Housing has requested \$1 million in financial assistance from the City to complete the Paul's Place project; and

WHEREAS on June 22, 2021, the City Council did adopt a budget representing the financial plan for conducting the affairs of the City for the Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the report and recommendations on the budget amendments and has determined that the budget amendments are both fair and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this budget ensures that the City of Davis has exercised prudent judgment in its fiduciary responsibility as guardian of the public tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby approve the allocation of up to \$1,000,000 in ARPA funding to Davis Community Meals and Housing for Paul's Place and authorizes the City Manager to execute all paperwork necessary to transfer funding to the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the budget to:

1. Increase revenue and expenditure appropriations in the General Fund (001), utilizing American Rescue Plan dollars (217), in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 14th day of December, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

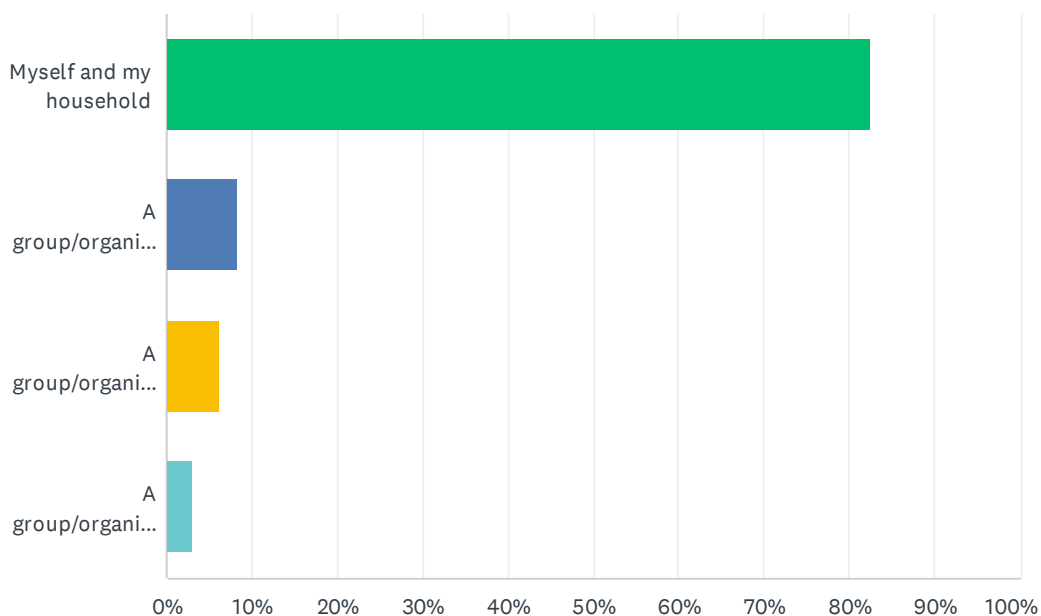
Gloria Partida
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk

Q1 Whom do you represent?

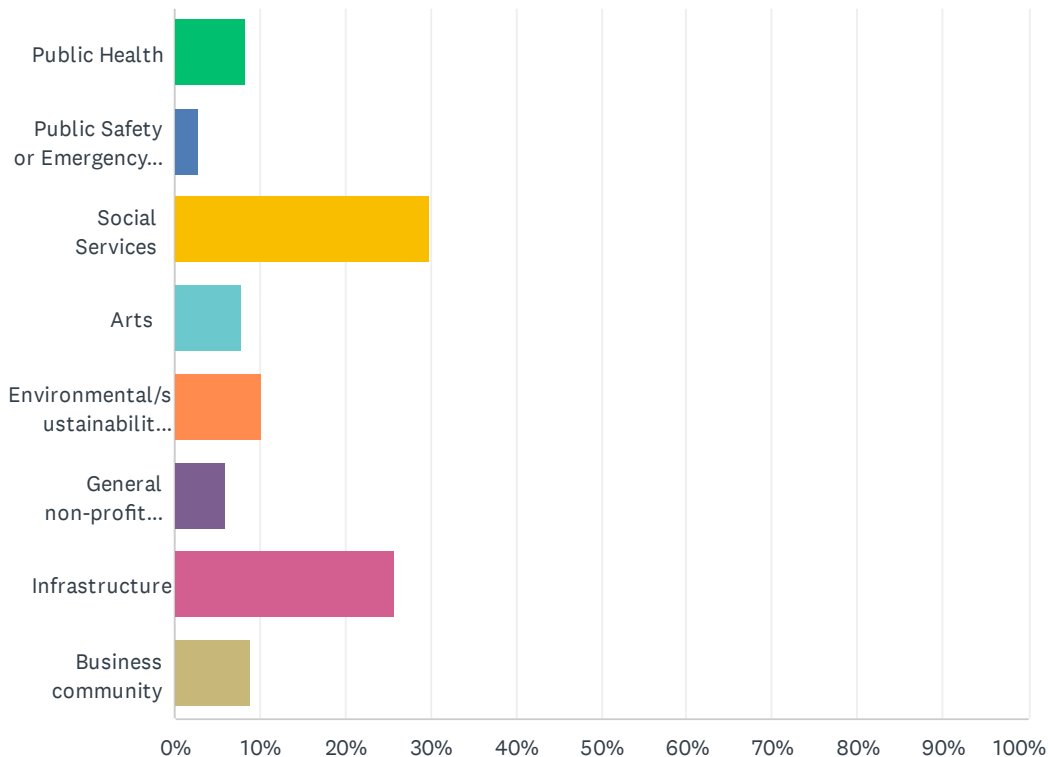
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Myself and my household	82.53%	189
A group/organization/business of 1-20 individuals	8.30%	19
A group/organization/business of 21-100 individuals	6.11%	14
A group/organization/business of more than 100 individuals	3.06%	7
TOTAL		229

Q2 Which one of these categories your primary concern for use of ARP funds? Pick one.

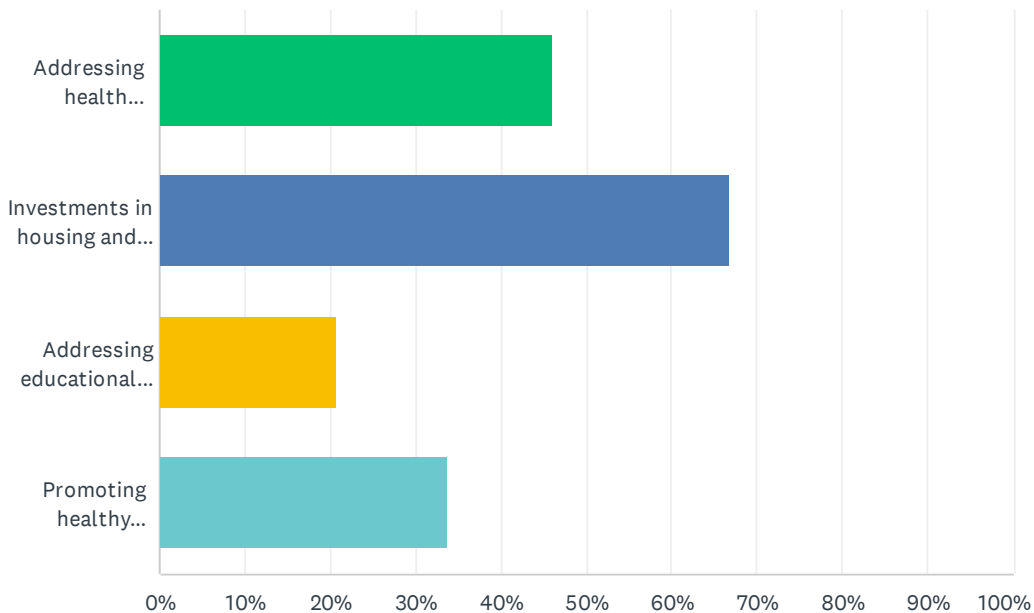
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Health	8.41%	18
Public Safety or Emergency Preparedness	2.80%	6
Social Services	29.91%	64
Arts	7.94%	17
Environmental/sustainability programs	10.28%	22
General non-profit organization support	6.07%	13
Infrastructure	25.70%	55
Business community	8.88%	19
TOTAL		214

Q3 COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color. Given this, which areas do you think are most critical to allocate funding to? Pick two.

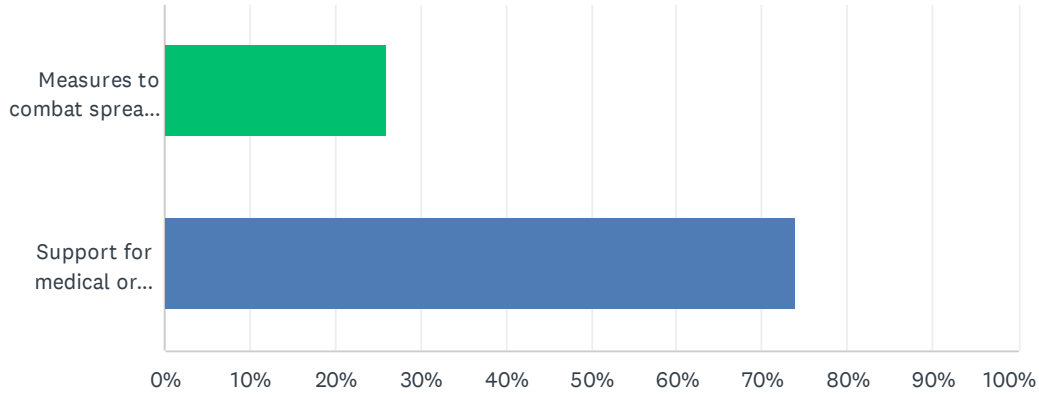
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health	46.08%	100
Investments in housing and neighborhoods	66.82%	145
Addressing educational disparities	20.74%	45
Promoting healthy childhood environments	33.64%	73
Total Respondents: 217		

Q4 Within the category of Public Health, which use of funding is most important to you? Pick one.

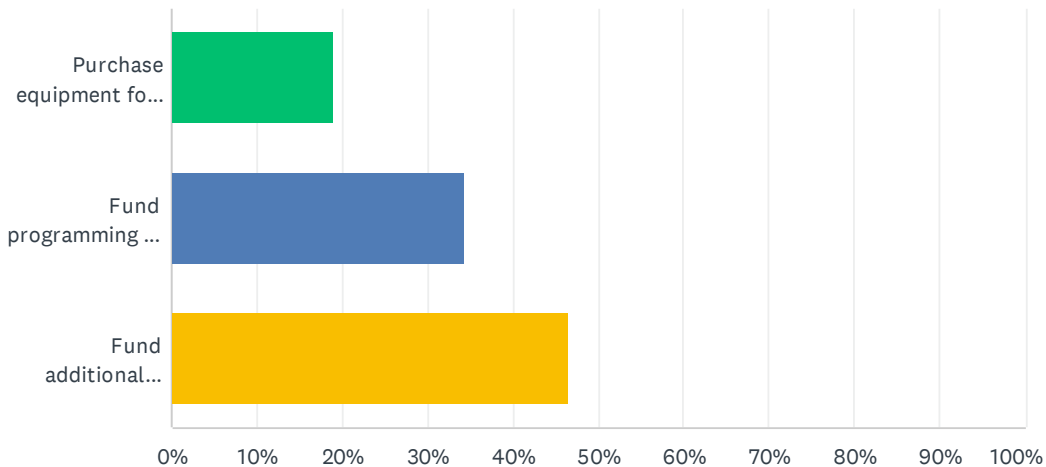
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Measures to combat spread of COVID-19	25.91%	57
Support for medical or behavioral health services	74.09%	163
TOTAL		220

Q5 Within the category of Public Safety or Emergency Preparedness, which use of funding is most important to you? Pick one.

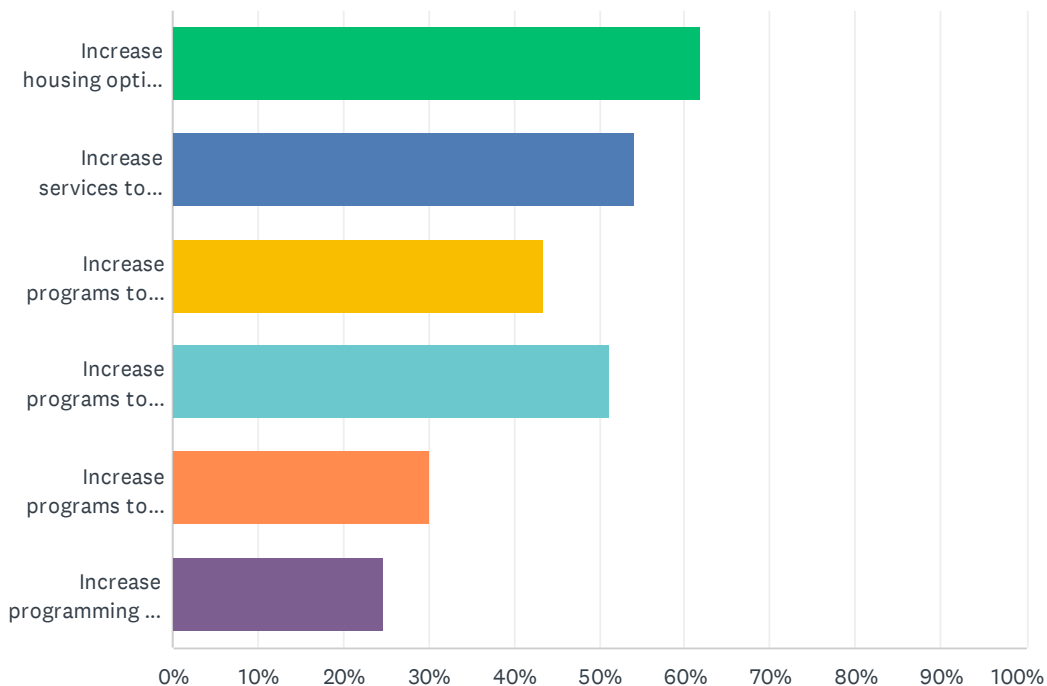
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Purchase equipment for firefighting or emergency rescue	19.05%	36
Fund programming for emergency personnel training	34.39%	65
Fund additional emergency/public safety personnel	46.56%	88
TOTAL		189

Q6 Within the category of Social Services, which uses of funding are most important to you? Pick three.

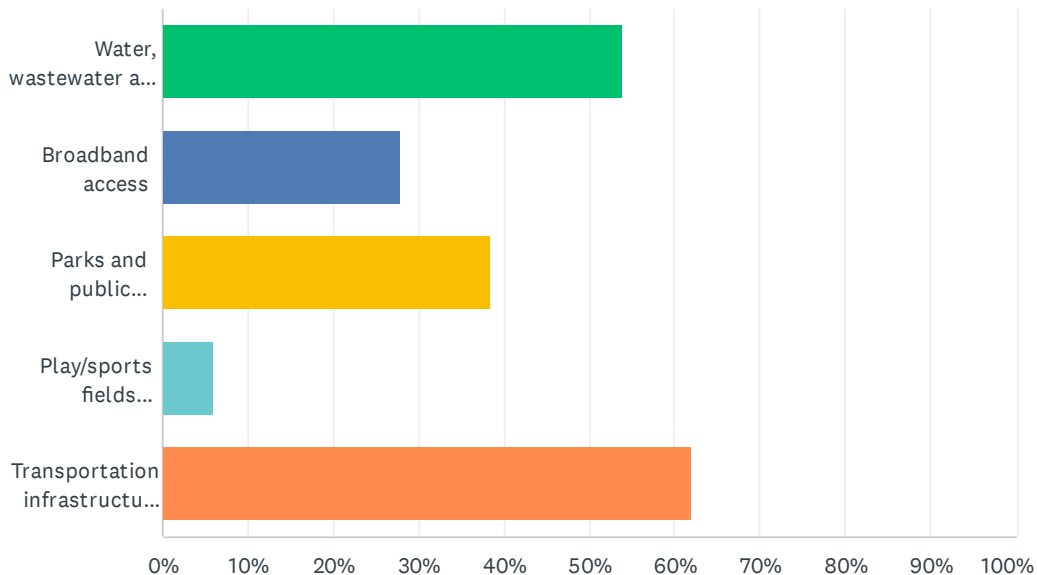
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase housing options for unsheltered individuals	61.88%	138
Increase services to address needs of unsheltered individuals	54.26%	121
Increase programs to address food insecurity	43.50%	97
Increase programs to address needs of those living in poverty	51.12%	114
Increase programs to serve the needs of underserved babies and youth	30.04%	67
Increase programming to serve the needs of the aging	24.66%	55
Total Respondents: 223		

Q7 Within the category of infrastructure and built environment, which uses of funding are most important to you? Pick two.

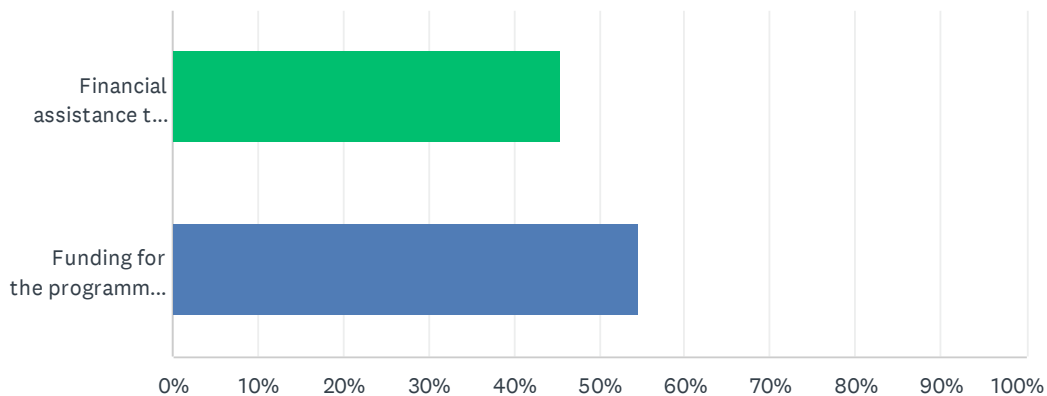
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure	53.88%	118
Broadband access	27.85%	61
Parks and public facilities	38.36%	84
Play/sports fields improvements	5.94%	13
Transportation infrastructure (roads, bike paths)	62.10%	136
Total Respondents: 219		

Q8 Within the category of non-profit organizations, which use of funding is most important to you? Pick one.

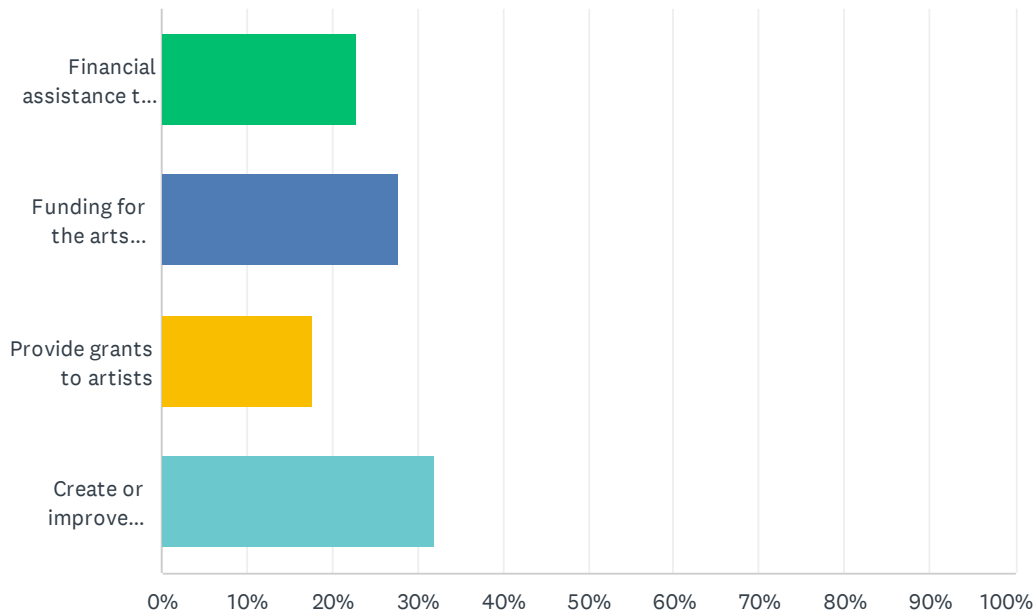
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Financial assistance to support general operations of organizations	45.45%	95
Funding for the programming provided by the organizations	54.55%	114
TOTAL		209

Q9 Within the category of arts, which use of funding is most important to you? Pick one.

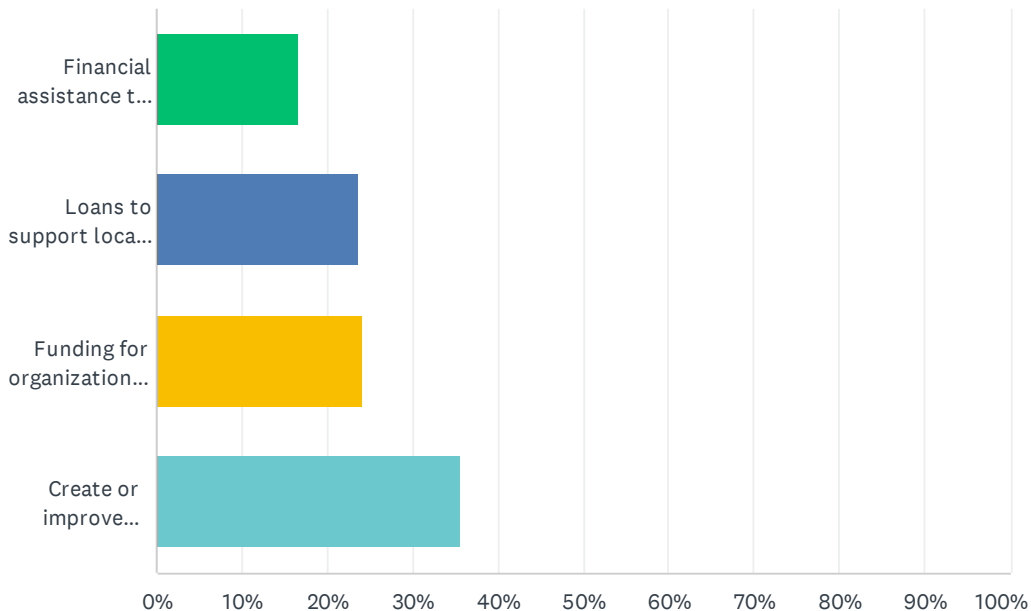
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Financial assistance to support general operations of organizations	22.86%	48
Funding for the arts programming provided by the organizations or individuals	27.62%	58
Provide grants to artists	17.62%	37
Create or improve infrastructure that supports the arts such as facilities and equipment	31.90%	67
TOTAL		210

Q10 Within the category of local businesses, which use of funding is most important to you? Pick one.

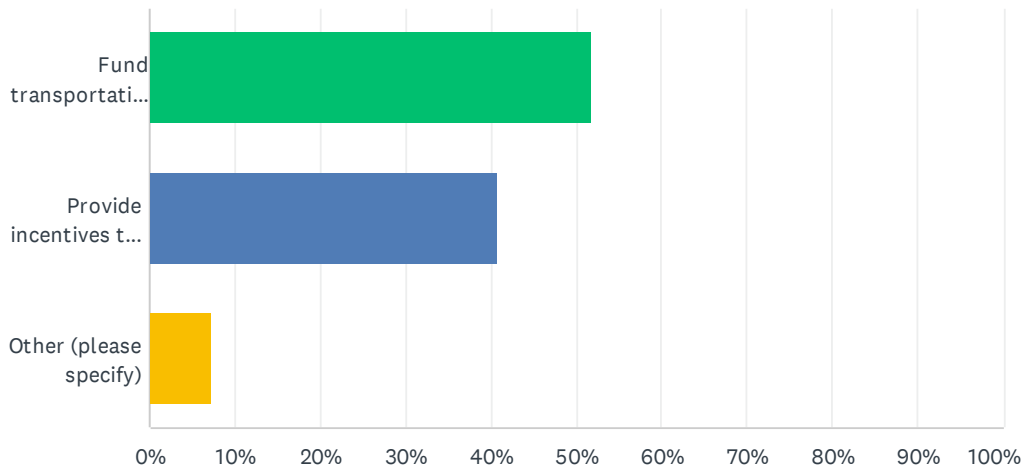
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Financial assistance to support the operations of an individual business	16.59%	35
Loans to support local businesses	23.70%	50
Funding for organizations or programs that support all local businesses or a group of local businesses	24.17%	51
Create or improve facilities or infrastructure that support the business environment	35.55%	75
TOTAL		211

Q11 Within the category of the environment or sustainability, which use of funding is most important to you? Pick one.

Answered: 218 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fund transportation-related improvements that improve sustainability	51.83%	113
Provide incentives to increase utilization of energy-savings measures such as installation of solar panels	40.83%	89
Other (please specify)	7.34%	16
TOTAL		218

Q12 Please share any other thoughts you have about how Davis should allocate its ARP funds.

Answered: 100 Skipped: 130



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RE: Request for \$1 Million in American Rescue Plan Funds for Paul's Place, a project led by Davis Community Meals and Housing

Dear Mayor Partida,

I am writing to respectfully request \$1 million from the city of Davis in critically needed funding from the American Rescue Plan for Paul's Place, a collaborative homelessness response project supported by Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH), Davis Opportunity Village (DOVe), the City of Davis and Yolo County Housing. We are similarly requesting a matching amount of \$1 mil in ARP funding from Yolo County.

THE NEED

As you well know, the number of people who experience homelessness continues to grow. In January 2019, our most recent Yolo County Point-in-Time Count reported more than 190 homeless people in Davis, a 30% increase in the City's homeless population since 2017. In Yolo County, the total county wide count of homeless men, women and children showed there were 655 individuals, an increase of 42.7% since the count in 2017. Those figures have likely increased over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OUR COMMUNITY RESPONSE

We have torn down our old and dilapidated ranch house at 1111 H Street, which served as our community services facility for nearly 30 years, and are building an enhanced multifunctional facility that will provide shelter and supportive services for the most vulnerable in our community.

- **When we started raising money in 2018 to fully fund Paul's Place, \$5 million was the goal.**
- **With the incredible investment of a \$2.5 million matching grant from Sutter Health, a \$750,000 gift from Partnership HealthPlan of California, and widespread support from the community, we reached that \$5 million goal.**
- **We demolished the old structure and have begun building the innovative, four-story, tiny home village with completion date set for Summer 2022.**
- **But costs have exploded during COVID and we must have additional funding to increased costs if we are to complete this project.**
- **We are requesting \$1 million to complete construction and acquire the equipment, furniture and other necessities needed to open this multi-functional vertical tiny home village that will provide much-needed shelter and supportive services.**

PROVIDING SHELTER AND SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

Paul's Place is an innovative, multi-family housing facility that will provide a broad range of services to homeless and at-risk individuals and families in Davis and the surrounding jurisdictions. It will include:

- **18 300-square-foot private units** of permanent supportive micro-housing to homeless individuals and families on two floors, with two units accessible to those with physical disabilities.
- **10 single residence units of transitional housing**, including a communal kitchen, family room, bathrooms, and laundry.
- **Four emergency shelter beds.**
- **Enhanced day services/resource center** including enlarged shower, restroom, and laundry facilities.
- **Expanded access to critical social services**, life skills support, job training, and coordinated referrals with other resources and service providers.
- **Important health services and programs** to address the unique physical, mental, and emotional health needs of homeless individuals.
- **Beautiful outdoor landscaping** with a welcoming front porch as its entry to contribute to the neighborhood and a sense of community.

PAUL'S PLACE FULFILLS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ARP REQUIREMENTS

Paul's Place project received needed City of Davis approvals before beginning construction.

Paul's Place is in line with the County's Strategic Plan. It addresses several top public priorities identified in the plan: Safe and Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Access to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Poverty. It addresses several priorities identified by advisory boards including Housing and Homelessness. It helps achieve the top goals under Thriving Residents:

Goal 1 Health Equity: It reduces disparities in health outcomes through upstream prevention by addressing root cause social determinants of health (education, income, neighborhood, and housing).

Our project provides permanent supportive housing to 18 individuals, 10 units of transitional housing and 4 emergency shelter beds. Additionally, it also will be our day shelter/resource center providing food, services, activities of daily living services, and referrals for many homeless individuals and families. It is an access point to housing, services, and referrals to help achieve healthier outcomes for all.

Goal 2 Homelessness: Achieve "functional zero" in homelessness with a demonstrated reduction in people experiencing homelessness countywide.

The project provides 18 more permanent housing units to help achieve functional zero in homeless in Yolo County. The units will be limited to homeless individuals and families, both chronic and otherwise.

DCMH has a long history of successful operation of permanent supportive housing in the City of Davis at Cesar Chavez Plaza, our permanent supportive housing complex that opened in 2007, and at Creekside, our permanent supportive housing project that opened in 2020. Together, these two apartment complexes provide housing for over 80 formerly homeless individuals> over the years, they have housed more than 150 homeless individuals and families.

American Rescue Plan

The Paul's Place request is eligible use of ARP funding because it will:

- 1. Support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.**

The services to be offered by Paul's Place and our current operations have remained unchanged throughout the pandemic. Except for several short closures, our services have remained open to all and been a lifeline to many during the pandemic as a place to find housing, meet their activities of daily living, get food, clothing, referrals to medical care, referrals to housing, etc. We have acted as a referrer to project Roomkey and other COVID related health and wellness services. These services will continue at Paul's Place.

- 2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.**

Paul's Place will address one of the greatest public health risks of the pandemic and economic harms: individuals who are homeless. Paul's Place will become a home for 18 individuals/families, it will serve as a transitional housing program for individuals to become self-sufficient, it will provide 18 units for permanent housing, it will provide emergency shelter, and it will be a safe place where those who remain unhoused can shower, eat, get clothing, referrals, housing resources and a myriad of other services.

Principles for Use of Funding

- **One-Time Funding – There is no expectation that these funds would recur in the future and they shall be treated as one-time funds, they will not be used to fund on-going commitments.**

We are respectfully requesting a one-time funding commitment of \$3 million.

- **Nexus to Pandemic – To comply with the restrictions on funding, a nexus to the pandemic should be clearly demonstrated. That may be:**

- **Pre-existing Gaps – Circumstances that existed prior to the pandemic but the impacts or negative outcomes are exacerbated by the pandemic.**

The lack of extremely low income and affordable housing to provide permanent housing to homeless individuals has existed for many years. Paul's Place addresses that gap with 18 units of permanent supportive housing.

- **Direct Impacts – Things that are necessary to respond to the present and immediate impacts associated with the pandemic. This may be characterized as disaster response.**

Paul's Place provides more housing options, both permanent and temporary, to homeless individuals and families. Better health outcomes during the pandemic will be achieved for homeless individuals who are living in a safe, stable environment and providing for their daily needs.

- **Recovery – Items that improve or accelerate the recovery from COVID-19 for the County and its citizens or better prepare the County against future disasters.**

Paul's Place will provide needed long-term housing for many, will help those individuals and families acquire housing, and be better prepared for future disasters by having a safe and stable residence.

- **Needs Based/Data Informed – project or programs funding requests should contain a demonstrated need and available data must be provided to properly align the funding with the need.**

Housing for homeless individuals is critically needed as discussed above in relation to the county's Strategic Plan.

- **Maximize Opportunity –The County should partner to the extent possible (with Cities, State, or other agencies) to create or support broader regional programs to stretch the impact of County funding.**

Yolo County, the City of Davis, a leading local health system and health plan, as well as many community members already have made significant investments in Paul’s Place. The ARP funds ensure all those who have made this commitment, as well as at-risk individuals and our community at large, see return on that investment. We cannot afford to see construction halted due to lack of funds.

- **Avoid Duplication – Significant disaster funding has been approved at the State and Federal Level. The County should not duplicate funding unless the need shows current funding is inadequate to meet that need.**

We have received no other federal or state funds for this project.

- **Prioritize Transformational Projects – The County should prioritize projects or programs that may be transformational in solving challenges or improving its ability to serve constituents.**

ARP funds allocated for Paul’s Place will be used to complete construction and fully equip a permanent facility that will provide housing, support services and other resources to at-risk and homeless individuals and families for many decades.

- **Linkage to the Strategic Plan - The County should accelerate goals included in the Strategic Plan that have a nexus to COVID and are appropriate to fund.**

Paul’s Place is in line with many of the goals of the Strategic Plan as discussed above.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The supporters of Paul’s Place are passionate about this project and its contributions to our community. Our major contributors have been Sutter Health, which invested by providing a \$2.5 million dollar matching grant, and Partnership HealthPlan of California, which donated \$750,000. Other funds were raised from throughout the community.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has extremely impacted construction costs for the project, both in skyrocketing materials and labor costs.

We are seeking \$1 million from the city of Davis to complete construction and secure the living unit and office furnishings, desks, equipment, hardware, and other necessities needed for the facility and the PSH units, and to pay for the soft costs of the construction project, permit fees, impact fees, architectural fees and consultant fees.

HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF ARP FUNDS

We know this facility will improve the lives of individuals and the health of our community.

Paul's Place is under construction. With your support and the much-needed infusion of ARP funds, we will open the doors of this innovative multi-functional shelter and services facility next summer.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 530-756-4008 or by email at billpride@dcmah.org.

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