

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Council Subcommittee on American Rescue Plan Act Funds (Arnold, Frerichs)  
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**SUBJECT:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Recommendations

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### **Recommendation**

Part A: Approve Resolution (Attachment 3) to allocate \$600,000 in funding as per the Davis Arts Alliance proposal.

Part B: Approve Resolution (Attachment 4) to allocate \$1,815,000 in funding to fund programs and projects in the downtown.

Part C: Approve Resolution (Attachment 5) to allocate \$9,810,600 in funding to projects that address critical city services, COVID prevention, social services, community building and that provide economic assistance to local organizations.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The City of Davis received an allocation of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars totaling \$19,730,600. The City Council has already allocated \$7,505,000 of the funds. The recommendations in this report allocate the remaining \$12,225,600. Some of these funds will be used as direct ARPA expenditures; other amounts utilize the federal formula for revenue loss due to COVID and will be allocated to account for projects, programs, or organizations the City was not able fund.

### **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 Councilmember Will Arnold and Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs to work with staff, 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 to assist communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Davis' share is \$19.7 million.

The City Council has approved a set of Guiding Principles (Attachment 1), appointed a Council Subcommittee of Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs and Councilmember Will Arnold, and discussed the ARPA funds at several meetings, most recently on December 14, 2021. A copy of that staff report can be found [here](#). At the December meeting, the Council Subcommittee provided an update on the requests for funding, recommended the immediate allocation of up to \$1 million to the Paul's Place project to provide housing for extremely low income individuals, and requesting input from the full City Council.

**Existing Allocations.** At the conclusion of the December 14, 2021 Council meeting, the City Council had committed 35% of the ARPA funding and include the following

Existing ARPA Commitments		Recipient
<b>\$ 19,730,600</b>	<b>TOTAL AWARD</b>	
\$ (2,300,000)	21-23 Revenue Backfill (in Budget)	City of Davis
\$ (832,000)	Furlough Restoration	City of Davis
\$ (1,170,000)	Crisis Now (Public Safety/Mental Health Response)	Yolo County
\$ (790,000)	Reimagining Public Safety Efforts	City of Davis
\$ (750,000)	Continued COVID Testing	UC Davis
\$ (663,000)	Firefighters for ladder truck	City of Davis
Up to \$ (1,000,000)	Paul's Place	Davis Community Meals
<b>\$ 12,225,600</b>	<b>Balance Uncommitted (62%)</b>	

Since the December meeting, the Council Subcommittee and staff have taken the input provided by all councilmembers, reviewed all proposals (both internal and external), and refined the recommendations for the unallocated dollars. While it is neither realistic nor prudent to recommend funding every request, the Subcommittee and staff looked at requests from several angles, considered the Guiding Principles and the input provided by the full City Council to provide a slate of recommendations that both addresses the needs and interests of the community and honors the purpose of the ARPA funds. The recommendations put forward below advance some key projects and programs in our community, address issues brought on by COVID and work to move Davis out of the

pandemic. The recommended allocations are summarized in the chart and paragraphs on the following pages, with specific project proposals from outside agencies included in Attachment 3.

### **Funding Recommendation Summary**

**Key:**

Already approved by the Council at a prior meeting
Current recommendation
Not recommended at this time

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
<b>CRITICAL CITY SERVICES (24%)</b>			<b>\$ 4,695,000</b>
CITY	Revenue Backfill	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,300,000
CITY	furlough restoration	\$ 832,000	\$ 832,000
Fire	three firefighters to staff ladder truck	\$ 663,000	\$ 663,000
CITY – Public Works	4 changeable message boards (traffic, construction, events, etc.)	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
CITY - Public Safety	Replacement of public safety radios/equipment	\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000
CITY – Public Works	Replacement and expansion of portable building at City Hall	\$ 400,000	\$ 350,000
CITY – Information Systems	Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Replacement	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 0

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
<b>COVID PREVENTION (10%)</b>			<b>\$ 1,885,600</b>
CITY	HDT COVID Testing	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
CITY	HDT COVID Testing	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
CITY	COVID Response Reserve	\$ 385,600	\$ 385,600

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES (41%)</b>			<b>\$ 8,060,000</b>
CITY – Police/Housing and Social Services	Crisis Now	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 1,170,000
CITY - Housing and Social Services	Start-up funding for new dept of housing and social services	\$ 790,000	\$ 790,000
Davis Community Meals and Housing	Paul's Place	\$ 1,000,000	Up to \$ 1,000,000
CITY - CMO/Housing and Social Services	Homelessness Services (Sanctioned Camping, Shelter, Respite, PAWS, etc) and Affordable Housing /Trust Fund	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
CITY - Housing and Social Services	Downtown Streets Team	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
CITY - Parks and Community Services	Community Needs Assessment to identify priority support programs including youth focus	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
CITY - Parks and Community Services	Scholarship Program for recreation programs	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Yolo Food Bank	General Funding Assistance	\$ 700,000	\$ 500,000
First Five Yolo	Welcome Baby Program	\$ 300,000	\$ 275,000*
Yolo Adult Day Health	Adult Day Health Expansion Project (Woodland)	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000**
Yolo Crisis Nursery	Yolo Crisis Nursery	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
VCE	Yolo Electric Bill Relief	\$ 655,000	\$ -
YoloHospice/ YoloCares	Facility	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -
Davis Village Network (Sr Transportation)	Funds to begin senior transportation program	\$ 250,000	\$ -

\*Staff is reviewing other fund sources that may allow for funding without using ARPA dollars.

\*\*This funding is contingent upon the project proceeding.

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
<b>DOWNTOWN (9%)</b>			<b>\$ 1,815,000</b>
DDBA	Downtown Security Cameras	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
DDBA	CPTED Grants	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
CITY/DDBA	Downtown Cleaning and Maintenance	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
CITY- PWUO	Off Cycle Pruning - E Street Plaza and parking lot	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
CITY - CMO	City banners	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
CITY - CDS	Hunt Boyer Porch Improvements	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
CITY - CDS	First and F St Garage Maintenance	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
CITY - CDS	X Permit Parking Subsidy for Restaurant and Retail Workers at Olive Drive Lot	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
CITY - CMO	RR Quiet Zone Application Preparation	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000
DDBA	Night Market & Music Series	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000
CITY/DDBA	Enhancements to downtown infrastructure and community space, to include beautification, landscaping/trees, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & B and/or E Street Plaza	\$ 4,865,000	\$ 1,200,000

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
<b>COMMUNITY BUILDING (12%)</b>			<b>\$ 2,470,000</b>
PCS	Renovate Playfield Synthetic Fields	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 990,000
PWET	Bike Pump Track	\$ 500,000	\$ 600,000
CITY	Veterans Memorial Theatre Roof and Facility Rehabilitation	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
CITY	Climate Resilience Hub/Climate Action Needs	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
CITY	Mobile Stage - gap in equipment replacement fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
<b>ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZATIONS (4%)</b>			<b>\$ 805,000</b>
Arts Alliance	Arts Grant(s)	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Chamber of Commerce	Funding to assist Chamber with COVID recovery	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000
Explorit	COVID recovery	\$ 900,000	\$ 100,000
Inventopia	Ag Tech Center	In Kind (city property)	\$ -
	Bioengineering Lab Expansion Facility	\$ 250,000+	
	Additional Resources (loan forgiveness, operational assistance)	\$ 340,000	
Pamela Trokanski	Life in 11Dimensions	\$ 3,391,515	\$ -
Valley Clean Energy	Low Income Household Energy Retrofits	\$ 2,700,000	\$ -

<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 19,730,600</b>
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ARP GRANT AWARD: **\$ 19,730,600**

Unallocated: **\$ -**

### **Background**

Below is additional narrative about each of the line items in the charts above. The staff and subcommittee recommend classifying all the funds at this time, while recognizing that some of the dollars that will stay with the City will in effect act as a reserve fund. These dollars can be repurposed over the next year if needed to address other issues in the community brought on by COVID. Utilizing the ARP funds on certain City projects, as proposed in this report, relieves the burden on the City's General Fund, ensuring the City is able to maintain and provide all essential and planned services.

In considering the recommendations, staff and the subcommittee considered the guiding principles, the City Council Goals and Objectives, current community needs, and previous City Council input.

### **Critical City Services**

- *Message Boards (\$100,000)* – When the City has emergency information it needs to convey to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, it must rely on reader board provided by contractors or rent boards directly. Purchasing our own reader boards would allow the City more control and timeliness in messaging detours,

construction, and emergency information. The proposal is to purchase 4 boards for a total of \$100,000.

- *Public Safety Radios/Equipment (\$450,000)* – The City does not have a replacement fund for public safety radios and as they reach the end of their supported life, the City is no longer able to repair them if they are damaged or replace them when they age out of service. Radios are used for daily fire and police operations, as well as by other staff and volunteers for citywide emergencies. Individual radio units cost approximately \$10,000. These dollars would allow the City to replace radios currently out of service. The original request was for \$500,000, and staff will look to another non-ARPA fund source to pay the balance.
- *Portable Building at City Hall (\$350,000)* – The modular building annex at City Hall has been onsite for over two decades and needs to be replaced due to a multitude of deficiencies. With the development of a new department (Social Services and Housing) and the focus on providing coordinated development services at the public counter in Community Development and Sustainability, the City needs adequate work space at City Hall for staffing. Co-locating certain functions translates to better services provision for the public.
- *Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Replacement (\$0)* – The City has allocated \$2 million to fund the replacement of the ERP system, which provides the backbone for the City's financial, human resource and land management records. While additional funding may be needed, the group recommends using the budget already allocated first before providing additional funding. No funding is recommended from ARP at this time.

### **COVID Prevention**

- *Additional COVID Testing (\$750,000)* – In the fall of 2021, the City Council allocated up to \$750,000 to pay for community COVID testing through Healthy Davis Together. This funding was intended to last through June 2022. However, the omicron variant caused the number of tests in January and early February to exceed the number originally predicted. Staff and the Subcommittee are recommending setting aside an additional \$750,000 to cover the costs of testing through the end of June (and beyond if necessary).
- *COVID Response Reserve (\$385,600)* – Based on the omicron surge in January, the group is also recommending that any remaining funds not allocated elsewhere be tagged for a COVID response reserve, so that there is some funding available if/when there is an additional surge or new needs.

### **Social Services**

- *Homelessness Response and Affordable Housing (\$3,000,000)* – Addressing the immediate needs of the community's most vulnerable individuals is an area

where the City (and the County) have focused significant COVID funding and attention over the past two years. The City has received CARES Act and ARP funding through other grant programs (\$843,308 in CDBG-CV, \$66,575 in CSBG-CV, \$268,938 in ESG-CV, \$1.37 million in HOME-ARP), all of which must be used to assist individuals who are unsheltered or are at risk of homelessness. These funds have been used to purchase equipment for DJUSD students who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, provide emergency shelter through multiple programs, provide food from Yolo Food Bank for Project RoomKey participants, purchase a mobile shower/restroom facility for the respite center, provide respite center services, etc. The City Council also allocated up to \$1 million in ARP funding to provide gap financing for Paul's Place, which will provide shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing.

There is much still to be completed in this arena, including the following:

- finding permanent housing for current participants of the Bridge program, which is housing individuals in local apartments and providing them services to assist moving them to permanent housing situations
- establishing overnight shelter and/or camping options
- continuing to fund CommuniCare manage the daytime respite center, which provides unsheltered individuals with basic needs and connection to services
- funding the PAWS program, which provides veterinary medical care for pets of unsheltered individuals at the respite center
- ensuring availability of low-cost housing options available in the community through the City's affordable housing program,

Since homelessness services and affordable housing currently have many moving parts, including the implementation of a new Department of Social Services and Housing, staff and the Subcommittee are recommending that a total of \$3 million in ARP funding be earmarked for project needs. The County has also asked whether the City will have specific requests for use of the County's ARP allocation for homelessness services. Once the Council weighs in on City ARP funding, staff will work with the County to recommend a reasonable request from the City.

- *Downtown Streets Team (\$300,000)* – Both the City and Davis Downtown Business Association (DDBA) explored the use of Downtown Streets Team. This program provides job training and connections to other services to unsheltered individuals who assist with maintenance and clean up efforts in the community. While the focus could be on the downtown, services could be provided across the community. It also works to develop a bond and respect between the unhoused and their community. A one-year pilot is recommended as a partnership between the City and the DDBA.
- *Community Needs Assessment (\$250,000)* – In order to best serve all members of the public, including those who may be disadvantaged or not currently served by City programs, staff has requested a community needs assessment. An



assessment would include, but not be limited to, needs of youth throughout the community. A comprehensive assessment will also position the City well to be competitive for grant opportunities as they arise. Completing a community needs assessment would allow the City to prioritize future resources for target populations.

- *Scholarships for recreation programs for disadvantaged youth (\$50,000)* – The City has a structure in place to provide scholarships for low-income or disadvantaged youth to participate in the City's various recreation programs. However, the program is not well utilized. Funding is recommended to provide additional scholarships and to develop partnerships with the school district and service providers to connect eligible kids to the benefit.
- *Yolo Food Bank (\$500,000)* – Yolo Food Bank made a request in July to Yolo County for ARP funding. As part of this request, YFB asked for \$700,000 each from Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento. These funds are intended for general financial and operational assistance to YFB. Staff and the Subcommittee recommend a maximum of \$500,000 to YFB.
- *First Five Welcome Baby (\$275,000)* – First Five requested \$300,000 for its Welcome Baby program which focuses on Medi-Cal families and intervenes at the earliest point of life. It provides home visits with medical and clinical services at critical points for a baby and his/her family. Staff and the Subcommittee recommend \$275,000 from ARP funding, with up to \$25,000 in cannabis community benefit funding, in excess of the \$50,000 that First Five already receives annually from that account.
- *Adult Day Health (\$225,000)* – Yolo Adult Day Health is planning a major project that will give them a facility to house their countywide programming. They have requested \$225,000 from Davis, and are also seeking funding from the other cities and from the County. The funding would go to the funding gap to rehabilitate a property. City staff are also working with Adult Day Health to determine whether CDBG funding may be an eligible source of funding. While the project is recommended for funding, staff notes that the project is on hold awaiting a solution for the ownership of the property in question. At this stage, it appears the issue will be resolved shortly, but if there are significant delays or if the project was terminated, then this funding would need to be reallocated.
- *Yolo Crisis Nursery (\$500,000)* – Yolo Crisis Nursery is building a new facility in south Davis. This facility will enable them to serve additional children and provide services onsite. They have requested funding to assist with gap financing for the project.
- *Valley Clean Energy Yolo Electric Bill Relief (\$0)* – Valley Clean Energy requested up to \$655,000 to provide electric bill relief to households affected by the pandemic. The State continues to run a similar program to assist people with

assistance for utilities. The group is not recommending this program for ARP funding.

- *YoloHospice/YoloCares (\$0)* – YoloHospice/YoloCares provides end-of-life care for individuals in Yolo County. Their proposal for ARP funds requests \$3.5 million to assist with the conversion of a site in Davis from office space into a hospice and serious-illness-care facility with a primary focus on the homeless. Due to the high cost of the project and the magnitude of other needs requested, this project is not recommended for funding at this time.
- *Davis Village Network (Senior Transportation (\$0))* – The Davis Village Network requested \$250,000 to develop a program for affordable, on-demand, door-to-door rides for seniors, specifically a fleet of electric vehicles to be used for a Senior Ride Service. As is noted in the proposal, the City currently provides Davis Community Transit for those with disabilities, many of whom are seniors. Creating a separate network at this time with ARP funds is not recommended.

## **Downtown**

- *Downtown Security Cameras (\$25,000) and Crime Prevention Grants (\$50,000)* – DDBA requested a total of \$75,000 to assist with security issues in the downtown. Up to \$25,000 would go toward connection of a network of privately owned security cameras to allow for better communication among businesses and the police department in the case of crimes. Up to \$50,000 was proposed for grants to implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) for businesses.
- *Downtown Cleaning and Maintenance (\$250,000)* – Both the City and the DDBA requested funding for downtown cleaning and maintenance. The proposal is to contract for these services (in addition to current services provided downtown). These funds are intended to be spread over three years. The City and DDBA would need to work out how the contracts are managed.
- *E Street Plaza/Parking Lot off-cycle tree pruning (\$20,000)* – The City requests funding to improve the safety and usability of E Street Plaza and the adjacent parking lot by completing an off-cycle tree pruning.
- *City banners (\$10,000)* – City staff recommends installation of hardware replacements for light pole banners in the downtown.
- *Hunt Boyer Porch Improvements (\$15,000)* – City staff recommend improvements to the porch on the Hunt Boyer so that it more easily be used for live performances. Enhancements would include reinforcements, added lighting, increased power and integrated audio.

- *First and F Garage Maintenance (\$40,000)* – The City-owned parking garage at First and F streets needs repairs and assistance. The funding requested would provide paint, lighting and other security improvements, and cleaning.
- *X-permit subsidy at Olive Drive lot (\$5,000)* – The City requests a small amount of funds to assist downtown employees with parking passes to park at the public lot at the corner to Olive Drive and Richards. This would be a pilot.
- *Railroad Quiet Zone Application Preparation (\$50,000)* - The original recommendation for this project was for \$200,000 to include initial engineering and design work. The request has been scaled down to include only preparation of the application necessary to submit to the State to request a Quiet Zone.
- *DDBA's Night Market and Music Series (\$150,000)* – The DDBA requested \$250,000 to develop and implement a Night Market and Music Series in Central Park. This concept in part replaces the popular Picnic in the Park Music Series hosted by the Davis Farmers Market on Wednesday nights during spring and summer months. The DDBA proposes to run a weekly night market from May through October with downtown businesses providing meals and/or merchandise, coupled with a weekly concert series. The DDBA believes the event could become a signature event for the city. The DDBA is seeking startup funds and hopes the event would eventually be funded through sponsorships and vendor fees. Staff and the subcommittee are recommending \$150,000 at this time to provide the seed funding to get the program started.
- *Enhancements to Downtown Infrastructure and Community Space (\$1,200,000)* – City staff and DDBA both submitted several proposals focusing on physical improvements in the downtown. Similarly, the City received input from other organizations with interest in specific improvements to downtown locations. These included beautification efforts, such as landscaping, tree planting and care, and attention to downtown entry points; rehabilitation of/improvements to E Street Plaza; and/or enhancements to the city facility and surrounding space at 3<sup>rd</sup> and B. A total of \$1.2 million would allow for progress in all three areas but depending on the scope of desired changes, projects may need to be further prioritized to determine whether additional funding is necessary.

### **Community Building**

- *Playfields synthetic fields (\$990,000)* – The synthetic turf field in south Davis has been highly used by many youth and adult groups for over a decade. The turf has now reached a point where we will soon either need to replace it or close the facility. Unfortunately, grant efforts have not been successful, and the project was one that was defunded due to COVID. Although staff estimates the replacement costs at approximately \$1.5 million, staff and the Subcommittee are recommending \$990,000 in ARP funds, with the balance to be determined using other funds from the City.

- *Bike Pump Track (\$600,000)* – The Bike Pump Track, to be located in Community Park, also lost its funding due to COVID. The project is shovel ready, and the City needs only to allocate funds for construction of the track. We are recommending up to \$600,000 to account for the likelihood that costs have increased since the original engineer's estimate.
- *Veterans Theater Roof and Facility Rehabilitation (\$450,000)* – The City has been working to rehabilitate the Veterans Memorial Theater to improve the theater's ability to provide a space to promote live performances and community arts. These dollars will be used to replace the roof, make necessary safety improvements and provide funding for equipment to be used in the theater.
- *Climate Resilience Hub/Climate Action Needs (\$400,000)* – The City is in the process of completing its Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), which will provide a roadmap and a template for the community's future efforts and priorities to address climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This request was added since the December discussion at the City Council, based on input from the City Council and the recommendation of staff and subcommittee. The funds are proposed to be utilized to prepare a "climate resilience hub" and for other priorities as determined by the CAAP.
- *Mobile Stage (\$30,000)* – The City is replacing its former mobile stage, which was used for myriad community events each year. The \$30,000 requested provides the gap funding to complete the purchase.

### **Economic Assistance**

- *Arts Alliance Arts Grants administered by Yolo Foundation (\$600,000)* – The various arts organizations in the community came together to propose one grant totaling \$600,000 be provided to assist the arts community, administered by the Yolo Community Foundation. Of the \$600,000, \$500,000 is recommended to be awarded to arts organizations to assist them with losses related to COVID, \$50,000 is intended to remain with the City to be awarded to individual artists in the same manner as Civic Arts grants, and \$50,000 would go to the Yolo Community Foundation to cover the costs to administer the grants.
- *Chamber of Commerce (\$105,000)* – The Chamber of Commerce requested \$30,000 per year over three years to assist with operational costs for the business organization, which has been deeply affected by COVID. In addition, the Chamber requested \$15,000 as revenue backfill for the funds lost from their inability to hold Celebrate Davis, again due to COVID. Staff and the subcommittee are proposing that these requests be combined into a one-time payment of \$105,000.

- *Explorit (\$100,000)* – Explorit Science Center requested \$900,000 in ARP funding spread across three areas: access to broadband and building digital upgrades; development and implementation of virtual science and nature education programs; and support for recovery from COVID. Staff and the subcommittee are recommending \$100,000 to be put toward broadband and digital upgrades. Explorit, located in Mace Ranch Park, does not have reliable internet connections, making it difficult to conduct business and to provide digital education.
- *Inventopia (\$0)* – Inventopia, a Davis-based research and development incubator home to 26 start-up companies, submitted three requests for funding to assist with: COVID recovery funds to include forgiveness of a loan provided to the organization by the City, a bio engineering lab expansion facility, and AgTech Center. Inventopia provides low cost space and resources for early stage technology companies. The City Council approved a \$100,000 loan to Inventopia in the fall of 2020. As Inventopia has not had the City loan for very long, staff and the subcommittee believe these requests are premature and would require additional policy discussions by the Council; additional time is necessary to see how Inventopia performs before considering any allocation of additional funds. No ARPA funding is recommended at this time.
- *Pamela Trokanski's Life in 11Dimensions (\$0)* – Pamela Trokanski requested \$3,391,515 for gap funding to complete her Life in 11 Dimensions development. The project is a 22,300 square foot building focusing on the arts, wellness, education, relaxation and activities that building community. Staff and the subcommittee are not recommending ARP funding at this time.
- *Valley Clean Energy, Low Income Household Energy Retrofits (\$0)* – Valley Clean Energy proposed using \$2.7 million in ARPA funding for income qualified households to pay for energy retrofits, such as building improvements, high efficiency appliance upgrades, and smart controls to make efficient use of electricity. If funded, this would be used in tandem with other, similar programs to maximize the number of households that could participate. ARPA funding is not recommended for this program at this time.

### **Next Steps**

Staff and the Council Subcommittee are requesting full Council consideration for allocation of the ARP funds. The City has received 50% of the ARPA allocation from the federal government and will receive the remainder by May of this year. Funds must be spent or encumbered by December 2024 and fully expended by December 2026. For funding that is approved for outside organizations, staff will work with the organization to determine timing, dispersal and any necessary agreements in order to provide the funds. For funds that are anticipated to remain with the City organization, staff will develop timelines and assign specific staff responsibilities to complete the proposed projects.

**Attachments**

1. City Council ARPA Guiding Principles
2. Funding proposals from external agencies
3. Resolution – Arts
4. Resolution – Downtown
5. Resolution - General



## American Rescue Plan Act City of Davis Guiding Principles

The City Council approved the following set of guiding principles 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

## Rationale Request to City of Davis Project Support *(rev 1.5.22)*

Yolo County has been the licensee for Yolo Adult Day Health Center since it first opened in 1984. The County has contracted for service provision with Dignity Health since 1998. For five years the two parties have worked to identify a space to expand the program to meet the growing demand (waiting list is currently at 60) for community-based chronic disease management. In 2020, with the closing of Stollwood Nursing Facility, it was determined that this newly vacant space, once renovated, would accommodate all referrals in a timely manner, allow for the program to break even given Medi-Cal reimbursements rates and meet the ever growing demand for community-based support for frail adults thus making it feasible to bridge the license to Dignity Health who would then have 100% program responsibility. The project is an urgent shovel ready response to COVID as adult day health, with its clinical team, provides a skilled facility level of care while keeping people home, safe and out of nursing homes both in pandemic and non-pandemic times. Nursing home patients accounted for 31% of deaths in the US the first year of COVID. YADHC experienced no COVID related deaths among our enrollment of 90 participants since March 2020.

**The new site will enroll a minimum of 200 elders and frail adults of which 85% will be Medi-Cal.** Adult day health care serves disabled individuals over the age of 18. Along with frail elders, the model provides clinical and support services to behavioral health clients, dementia patients, individuals with traumatic brain injuries and the medically complex developmental disabled population. Positive outcomes are achieved by tailoring all services to address the individuals' needs as well as those of family caregivers. YADHC differs from the soon to open Galileo Place in that we are a medical model and are reimbursed by Medi-Cal. As a result, we will continue to serve the lowest income frail Davis adults at our Woodland site. Today, and historically, 15% of our total enrollment is Davisites.

### Project Costs:

The renovation was originally estimated at \$4.6M in late 2020 which includes construction, equipment, architect, and project management. By early 2021, all funding was secured. All contracts are in place and demolition is ready to begin in February 2022.

Secured Funding Sources	
Yolo County	\$1,500,000
Yoche Dehe Tribe	\$1,250,000
County from Brentwood Davis Project	\$1,250,000
WHC Foundation Capital Campaign	\$600,000
<b>Total Funds for Project</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>

In November, project costs were recalculated given significant environmental changes:

- Supply shortage and inflation severely impacted the cost of building materials, furniture and essential equipment needed
- Workforce shortage quickly increasing costs for all subcontract work
- Blueprints provided by landlord were insufficient and did not alert us to significant structural issues which are increasing engineering and construction costs by \$165,000

### Costs History

Original estimate developed August 2020	\$4,600,000		
Revised budget November 2021	\$5,900,000	(\$1,300,000)	
	Requests	New Totals	Approved
Add'l Funds from WHC Foundation Capital Campaign	\$200,000	\$4,800,000	12/24/21
Request to Yolo County	\$650,000	\$5,450,000*	Pending
Request to City of Davis	\$225,000	\$5,675,000	Pending
Request to City of Woodland	\$225,000	\$5,900,000**	Pending

\* From \$5.9M, eliminates replacing aged roof, old HVAC and developing a therapeutic garden to allow for maximum outdoor programming. It also includes significant downgrading of building materials.

\*\*Allow for replacing aging roof, old HVAC and would include a therapeutic garden plus upgrades quality of building





November 4, 2021

Mayor Gloria Partida  
Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs  
Councilmember Will Arnold  
Councilmember Dan Carson  
Councilmember Josh Chapman

Dear Davis City Council members,

As members of the arts and culture sector, we respectfully request \$600,000 in ARP funding support for nonprofit arts and culture organizations in Davis to stabilize our operations in the aftermath of the pandemic. With depleted reserves, decreased operating budgets, and lower attendance at events and programs, this critical funding source will aid us in bringing vibrancy, life and social cohesion back to our community. The organizations represented in this request have all been negatively impacted by the pandemic, many if not all, were forced to close to support the health and safety of our community. In addition, the arts and culture sector has only recently received permission from the State and County to hold events and programs, but will be operating at a reduced capacity, which further limits recovery.

Arts and culture are significant drivers of economic development in our community. When people go to a music or gallery event, or theatre production, they spend money on meals, accommodations, drinks, parking, clothing, childcare expenses, and other costs. Local investment in the arts results in a direct and quantitative financial infusion to businesses in our local community. Arts and culture events and programs also foster inclusion and belonging, giving people meaningful ways to express themselves and participate in civic life.

This request directly corresponds to the City's priorities for ARP funds to address negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19, to focus on recovery from losses and fiscal re-stabilization. The arts and culture sector recovery has a nexus to the pandemic because the pandemic eliminated in-person gatherings and events, cutting off most of our revenue sources overnight. In addition, the isolation resulting from the pandemic is the very thing the arts and culture sector can provide by rebuilding programs and

services to our community for collective healing, growth and processing. Without funding, we are struggling to provide these resources.

### **Our Request:**

The need in our sector is much greater than our ask, but we also recognize that there are many worthy uses for American Rescue Plan funding. We are asking for the following:

- \$500,000 be distributed to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through a granting process by the Yolo Community Foundation
- \$50,000 (10% of the grant) to be distributed to the Yolo Community Foundation to administer the funds for the organizations.
- \$50,000 be distributed to individual artists through the Arts and Cultural Affairs program of the City of Davis.

This funding will:

- Support arts workers, artists, musicians, and organizations to get back to work through workforce development. Many have been without work or shuttered for almost 2 years, and they have been second responders throughout the crisis. Putting them to work will not only contribute to economic recovery, but also to community and individual health and well-being.
- Almost immediately be spent within our community, creating an economic impact many times greater than just the dollar amount given to the sector.
- Provide vital arts educational resources to area youth who have been isolated from their peers, missed out on many milestones, and are struggling with pandemic-induced mental health challenges.
- Connect the arts to community events that bring people together. This will facilitate problem-solving and healing in a way that few things can.

We come to you collectively because we believe in the value of collaboration and our intention is to uplift and support each other, as well as the artists, culture bearers and activists in our community.

### **DISTRIBUTION PLAN:**

#### **Nonprofit Organizations:**

We suggest that the Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) receive \$550,000 to distribute to nonprofit arts organizations, and cover their administrative costs. YCF has a proven history of distributing COVID-19 Relief Funds in a timely manner to non-profit organizations. We request that YCF distribute funds as timely and efficiently as possible

without further burden on city staff, or the organizations to be supported, and ensure that the undersigned receive support as requested pending due diligence. Please let us know if you would like us to recommend more specific guidelines and application processes to YCF.

The following are suggested categories for funding guidelines:

**Brick-and-mortar non-profit arts and cultural organizations:**

Brick-and-mortar nonprofits have seen revenues plummet while expenses to maintain facilities, improve infrastructure for virtual and outdoor programs, and pay their staff remain. We request that you recognize the significant losses that these organizations have suffered, including over \$1 million in lost potential revenue from programs and events. Creative workers have lost equivalent lost wages because organizations were unable to hire or partner with others for canceled events and programs, diminishing the economic influx into the community. Organizations with facilities have incurred more significant financial losses than those without facilities, but all organizations need support to recover from the pandemic.

**Non-profit arts and cultural organizations with employees/cultural workers but no facility:**

Organizations without permanent facilities, including most theatre and dance companies, have struggled to maintain their staff and create programs for the community. They incurred expenses and lost potential revenue because of canceled programs and events. These organizations normally hire creative workers for events and programs such as festivals, concerts and plays as well as caterers, lighting and sound technicians, and other vendors.

**All-volunteer non-profit arts and cultural organizations:**

Organizations without facilities or staff can use funding to restart their work, including renting space, marketing, and planning costs.

**Individual Artists:**

As part of the request, we ask that \$50,000 be distributed to the City of Davis Arts and Cultural Affairs program to support individual artists. The City has a proven track record of supporting individual artists and YCF does not make grants to individuals.

## **Economic Recovery, Workforce Development and Support of our Collective Wellbeing**

As we recover, now is the time to support the second responders and third spaces who contribute to the health, well-being, social cohesion and vibrancy of our region, and offer ways for our community to positively process what has happened, express our humanity, and forge new and better pathways forward beyond the pandemic. In addition, money put towards the arts and culture sector will almost immediately be spent within our community, creating an economic impact many times greater than just the dollar amount given to the sector.

You can find more information about the members and activities of the Arts Alliance Davis here: <https://artsalliancedavis.org/>

Sincerely,

### **Organizational Members of the Arts Alliance Davis:**

International House Davis  
Pence Gallery  
Davis Media Access  
Davis Arts Center  
Davis Live Music Collective  
Acme Theatre Company  
Elodie's Voice, Heart Resonance and Healing Space  
Davis Chorale  
Couleurs Vives Art Studio and Gallery  
Peregrine School  
Davis Craft and Vintage Fair  
Davis Repertory Theatre  
Stories on Stage Davis  
Wakamatsu Taiko Dan  
Davis Musical Theatre Company  
Pamela Trokanski Dance Theatre  
The Artery  
Third Space Art Collective  
Solidarity Space Davis  
Davis School Arts Foundation  
Bike City Theatre  
Davis Shakespeare Festival

**Individual Artists:**

Dave Nachmanoff

Anya McCann

Linda Bair, Artistic Director of Linda Bair Dance Company

Julia Levine, Davis Poet Laureate

Mamadou B. Traore, the Malinke Group

Denis Kurata, Wakamatsu Taiko Dan

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Carrie Ziser, Artist/Arts Educator

Kate Anibaba

Matthew Sonstein, Emerson Art

Stephanie Thayer

Tracia Barbieri, Woodland Community College professor, Music dept.

Isabelle Henry, Vocal Art Ensemble Member

Laura Sandage, Cafe Panache, Free Range Singers, Vocal Art Ensemble member



November 2021

Dear Members of the Davis American Rescue Plan Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to outline our case for the allocation of \$500,000 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds towards expanding crisis resources for our city's most underserved families. A **one-time investment** of ARP funds targeted toward building a larger, enhanced Crisis Nursery would meet a **clearly-demonstrated need** in our county; **a need that grew substantially at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

The pandemic significantly increased the need and the **urgency** to complete this building project. Indeed, **the Crisis Nursery served more children and families over the past fiscal year than at any time in our history.** In FY'21 we provided services for **67% more families** and **47% more children** than in FY'20. The fact is, the need for services is beginning to outpace our capacity to provide them. Even prior to the pandemic, our community was facing several stark realities:

- **Children ages birth to 5 make up over 47% of all substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect in our county.** These are the most critical years in a child's development.
- Over the past six years, **our county's rate of substantiated cases of child maltreatment have exceeded the State percentages in this age group in each year.**<sup>1</sup> These cases of abuse and neglect have devastating consequences in the present *and* in the future.
- **Yolo County has the highest poverty rate in California.** 20.9% of our county's families live in poverty and 15.3% of our children live in poverty.<sup>2</sup>

**Now is the time** to address these critical issues that impact not only far too many children, but also the health and wellbeing of our community as a whole. This one-time investment of ARP funds would **bring to fruition** a project that already has strong community support and **addresses the needs of those most impacted by the pandemic at the moment when it is needed the most.**

**Early plans for a larger, enhanced Crisis Nursery already have the substantial backing and investment of Davis residents and city leadership,** demonstrating that child wellbeing is a community priority and that confidence in the Nursery to deliver these services is high. When added to a generous in-kind gift of land, valued at \$1 million, we have already raised over one third of our \$6.5 million goal to build the new Nursery.

A modest upstream investment of ARP funds in the Nursery's services provides not only immediate protection for young children vulnerable to abuse, **but also prevents costly downstream consequences of unaddressed childhood trauma.** A broad and extensive body of research notes strong correlations between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and harmful and persistent individual and societal issues, such as acute physical and mental health diagnoses, homelessness, unemployment, and involvement with the criminal justice system.

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<sup>1</sup> Retrieved Aug 25, 2021, UC Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website. URL: <https://ccwip.berkeley.edu>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ppic.org/publication/poverty-in-california/>; <https://www.ppic.org/interactive/california-poverty-by-county-and-legislative-district/>

Building a new Crisis Nursery also squarely addresses community equity. The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare in several ways the stark inequities that exist in our country and our communities. The Crisis Nursery is the place where under-resourced families come when they have nowhere else to turn. We address inequity by serving the people most likely to experience crisis and the short and long-term economic, health, and socio-emotional impacts of the pandemic:

- **Over 60%** of the people we reached last year identify as members of the **historically underserved BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color) community**.
- **65%** of the children we serve come from families experiencing **homelessness** and housing insecurity and 62% live with families at risk of or experiencing **domestic violence**.
- **99%** percent of the families we serve are Medi-Cal eligible, a top indicator of poverty.

Yolo Crisis Nursery is a quiet but essential frontline responder in the most urgent situations facing our county and city's under-resourced young children and their families. **We are a steadfast, trusted fiber in our community's safety net.** In our two decades of service, we have reached over 7500 children with resources that protect them from harm and **have prevented the majority from experiencing the immediate and long-term impacts of family separation.** The Nursery meets a need for critical resources and transitional housing that would otherwise be unmet in our city and county. We have a high retention rate for senior staff, a knowledgeable and engaged Board of Directors, and a dependable corps of community volunteers, many of whom have been actively involved with the organization for over a decade.

There is **no organization in Davis or Yolo County** that provides *both* a 24/7 safety net for families in crisis, *as well as* a continuum of ongoing resources that prevent recurring adversity and the profound downstream impacts of ACEs. Thus, our Board and staff leadership recognized that it is incumbent upon us to rally our community to support the building of a new, spacious, modern facility for Yolo Crisis Nursery.

**Building a new Crisis Nursery will be a transformational project.** With a new, larger, modern building, the Yolo Crisis Nursery will be positioned to implement trauma and toxic stress interventions on an increased level that responds to annual rises in community need. When completed, our new home will offer **triple the number of beds for emergency respite space** and thousands of additional square feet of designated space for an expanded continuum of programs and wraparound supports.

**Right now, Davis has an unprecedented opportunity** to make a one-time investment of \$500,000 in a resource that dramatically changes the outlook for children today as well as the entire Yolo County of tomorrow. The Board and staff leadership at Yolo Crisis Nursery implore you to seize this moment. **There truly is no better upstream investment we can make than an investment in preventing and treating childhood trauma.** Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,



Heather Sleuter, Executive Director



Jane Eadie, Campaign Chair

MEMO: Davis Village Network Recommendations for Use of American Rescue Plan Funds

DATE: October 29, 2021

TO: Mayor Gloria Partida, and Davis City Council City Members

COPY: Chair Elizabeth Lasensky and Senior Citizen Commission Members  
Davis City Manager Michael Webb

FROM: Joan Jarvis, Founding Member of Davis Village Network

SUBJECT: Proposal for developing low cost, zero-emission, on demand travel fleet for Davis' Senior residents

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This is to request that consideration be given to creating a remedy to address the unmet transportation needs of Davis senior citizens when making decisions about the distribution of funds the City will receive from the American Rescue Plan Fund.

The goal of this recommendation is to meet the current transportation gap for Davis' senior residents by providing affordable, on-demand, door-to-door rides. Transportation within the City of Davis is a regular need for many members of our senior community who may not be able to easily use the local bus system to go to their destinations. In addition, transportation to neighboring cities, particularly including travel for medical services that are only available in those cities, represents a significant barrier to many Davis Senior Citizens who no longer drive themselves. We recommend that American Rescue Plan Funds be made available to support the development of a fleet of electric vehicles to be used for a Senior Ride Service in Davis. These vehicles would be driven by trained volunteers and the ride service would be administered by a collaborative partnership between the City of Davis and an appropriate aging services community agency.

A Senior Ride Service in Davis would allow seniors who have been isolated during COVID (partially due to lack of easily accessed transportation) to become once again a vital part of our Davis community as they return to being actively engaged in shopping and socializing, and thereby helping to revitalize Davis small businesses which were negatively impacted economically by the COVID pandemic.

In addition to supporting the critical transportation needs of Davis' senior residents, this initiative will also assist the City of Davis with meeting its goal for a zero-emission future and could lessen the demand on downtown parking.



### Project to include:

- One-time purchase of a fleet of ADA accessible electric transportation vans for use in providing rides for seniors to medical and non-medical destinations within an approximate 25-mile radius in and around the City of Davis.
- Formation of a community/city partnership to run the new transportation program.
- Search and selection of an appropriate City property to house the program's administration and fleet dispatch headquarters.
- Installation of adequate number of electric vehicle charging stations at the Davis Senior center or at the program's dispatch headquarters if different.
- Provision of financial support to purchase fuel and maintenance for these vans for the first two years of service.
- Provision of financial support for the first two years of service to pay for liability insurance on these transportation vans.

### Project supports American Rescue Plan Guidelines and City Goals

- Supports public health by providing safe transportation for Davis seniors, who may no longer be able to drive themselves, to have rides for non-emergency healthcare appointments.
- Supports public health by providing Davis' aging population transportation to social gatherings to relieve the depression and isolation brought on by the COVID stay-at-home orders.
- Helps mitigate the negative economic impact caused to our communities' small businesses by providing transportation to bring seniors door to door to again "go shopping" and meet friends in our downtown area for coffee or tea together (once COVID restrictions are lifted), thus promoting a vibrant downtown district.
- Fosters excellence in City services by providing a new Senior Ride Care Service that will provide meaningful help to our aging citizens and indicate that the City government values them as an important component of our Davis intergenerational community.
- One of the goals for 2021-2023 adopted by the City Council is to "Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Equitable Community". Many of our seniors may be living alone, no longer having helpful family members nearby, or even if nearby, family may not always be available to

give rides to elderly family members. Considering and fulfilling the transportation needs of those elders to be as important as any other individuals in our community...that would be creating equitable treatment for the older residents of our city!

## Background

### Davis' Senior population is significant and is increasing:

- The 2020 US Census indicated that the senior citizen population in Davis (those aged 65+) was 11.3% of Davis' total population, that is 7843 individuals of the 69,413 total Davis population.
- The 2020-24 Agency on Aging/Area 4 plan states "We continue to witness a dramatic increase in the Older Adult population that is driven largely by the aging of Baby Boomers (and longevity). About 22% of the 2,482,459 people living in our service area (seven counties<sup>1</sup>) today (2020) are age 60 or older, by 2060, it is projected to rise to 30%."
- According to the National Institute on Aging, physical and mental changes related to aging may make driving problematic for our senior citizens.

### As people age:

- Eyesight can change. Eye diseases, such as glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration, as well as some medicines, can cause vision problems.
- Hearing can change, making it harder to notice horns, sirens, or sounds warning drivers to move to the side of the road in emergency situations.
- Reflexes might get slower, and one might not react as quickly or may have a shorter attention span.
- Loss of feeling or tingling in fingers or toes can make it difficult to steer or use foot pedals.
- Many medicines that older adults take have side effects that can make driving unsafe.
- In the very early stages of Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia, some people keep driving, but as memory and decision-making skills get worse, they should stop driving.

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<sup>1</sup> The Agency on Aging/Area 4 serves Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

We want to point out that though some older adults in Davis may have physical issues that make driving difficult or even impossible for them, they still have buying power to support Davis businesses if they have transportation to get to those businesses.

As our local businesses struggle to regain economic health in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic, providing low-cost door-to-door transportation would allow seniors to have access to businesses like restaurants, galleries, coffee/tea shops, the farmers market etc. which they otherwise may not visit for lack of accessibility, parking, and other concerns. The additional footfall is something our local businesses could really use.

All these issues make it imperative that senior citizens in Davis have free or low-cost transportation options for rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social events in order to continue being a vital part of our community.

#### Existing transportation services in Davis:

- *Davis Community Transit* provides Paratransit service for disabled citizens. This service is not available for seniors who are not disabled but may have difficulty driving.
- Of the four major health plans that serve our region (*Sutter Health, Dignity Health, UC Davis Medical* and *Kaiser Permanente*), only Sutter has its hospital within the Davis City limits. Dignity Health has its hospital and major health services in Woodland, more than 15 miles from Davis. Though Kaiser and UC Davis have some medical offices and a small number of health-related services located in Davis, their hospitals and major health services are located more than 20 miles from Davis in either Sacramento or Vacaville.
- Currently, none of the health care organizations serving our community offer a non-emergency shuttle service for their patients who must travel from Davis to facilities in either Vacaville or Sacramento.
- In some areas (not Davis), *Lyft* has recently launched a new service (*Lyft Business*) which allows organizations to cover the cost of rides for their employees. But who pays for the rides for senior citizens who are retired and trying to live on Social Security income? Another Lyft service (which is also not available in our area) *Lyft Pass for Healthcare* allows medical related organizations to arrange and pay for rides for their patients.

Great idea, but we don't have that service in Davis yet. Currently, a round trip Lyft ride from Davis to the Kaiser Medical Offices in Vacaville was recently quoted as costing \$73 to \$107 (depending on the time the ride is needed and how fast one wants to get to the medical appointment.) This fee would be well beyond the resources of most seniors in our community.<sup>2</sup>

- In 2017, the *Agency on Aging Area 4* Survey indicated that transportation was among the top three concerns for senior citizens. 60% of those surveyed wanted to have the Agency fund transportation services. Currently, though transportation services in Yolo County are available for those who are disabled, no transportation services are provided for seniors who are without qualifying disabilities.
- Though *2-1-1 Yolo County* lists four programs offering senior transportation services<sup>3</sup>, they are all only for disabled riders.
- *Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance* has 15 transportation services<sup>4</sup> listed on their website. Most of these have restrictions (do not serve Davis, only for the disabled, require physician referral etc.) that make their services unavailable to ordinary senior citizens in Davis who need a ride. Though Yolo Bus offers transportation to some surrounding towns, it does NOT offer transportation to Vacaville where Kaiser Medical offices are located. Unitrans is only available for rides *within* Davis, not to medical facilities in Vacaville or Sacramento. Amtrak does travel from Davis to Vacaville but does not offer transportation from the station to the medical facilities.
- *The Davis Senior Center* does not provide transportation services.

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<sup>2</sup> 2020 US Census states that 29.8% of the total population in Davis live in poverty.

<sup>3</sup> 211 Yolo lists the following four transportation services on their website: Senior Transportation Voucher Program (Dignity Health), Yolo Bus Paratransit Service, YoloBus Special Dial-a-Ride, and Shores of Hope Transportation Service.

<sup>4</sup> Am. Cancer Society, California Co-op. Cab, Woodland Community Cab, Davis Community Transit, Sac. Regional Transit, Senior Transportation Voucher Program, Shores of Hope, UC Med Center Shuttle Program (Sac), Veterans Vans, Via in West Sac, Winters Med. Appt. Car, Yolo Special Bus

### Case study of Woodland Community Care Car:

- *Woodland Community Care Car*<sup>5</sup> (WCCC) is an all-volunteer transportation ride service providing affordable rides for senior citizens in Woodland. They have been operating successfully in neighboring Woodland since 1973 and could be a promising model for the Davis senior citizen transportation initiative.
  - WCCC has a fleet of 4 vans for rides occurring only in Woodland (service does not include inter-city travel).
  - The ride service operates Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm
  - Rides are free or riders may donate \$2.00 per ride.
  - They have 15 Board Members, 140 volunteers (drivers, helpers, schedulers) in their organization, all seniors
  - The Highway Patrol provides FREE background checks for all the volunteer drivers
  - They have a \$3,000,000 liability insurance policy, which costs \$16,000 per year to insure all 4 vans.
  - The City of Woodland allows WCCC volunteers to have a desk from which to operate at the Woodland Senior Center, but WCCC is not actually part of the Senior Center and is governed independently.

### Fiscal Impact of Starting a Senior Ride Service in Davis:

- Approximately \$50,000 would be needed to purchase each electric van plus approximately \$4500 to purchase and install three hydraulic lifts on each van.
- The median cost of installing each electric vehicle charging station is approximately \$800
- The average cost to operate an EV in the US is approximately \$500 per year.
- The cost to insure 4 electric vehicles (under a \$3,000,000 policy) would be approximately \$16,000 per year.
- Total initial cost would be approximately \$60,000 per van.

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<sup>5</sup> For information about Woodland Community Care Car service: <https://www.communitycarecar.org>

### Davis Village Network:

- The group making the recommendations listed in this document is the Davis Village Network (DVN) which is an intergenerational, community-based organization offering helpful services and friendship to seniors.
- We recognize that the COVID pandemic has exposed many in our senior community to sometimes unhealthy emotional isolation. As COVID restrictions (hopefully) begin to ease, we plan to offer friendly gatherings for seniors to expand their intergenerational community. In addition, we believe our planned volunteer-based Senior Ride Service will empower older adults to sustain independence, attend local events and get back to actively participating in our city.
- Volunteer services provided by DVN may include but not be limited to transportation, check-in calls, friendly visits, light home repairs and technology assistance.
- We are affiliated with both the *National Village to Village Network* as well as *Village Movement California*<sup>6</sup>
- The current President and some of the Board Members of the Woodland Community Care Car organization, which has been in successful operation for almost 40 years, have generously offered to guide the Davis Village Network in setting up and operating a volunteer-based transportation service similar to the one in Woodland that is functioning so well.
- The Davis Village Network is a young organization still in its development phase. Though we are aware that since we have not yet applied for 501c3 status, it is unlikely that we would receive City of Davis/ARP funding at this time, we have decided to submit these detailed comments to the City Council, Senior Citizen Commission and City Manager so that you will be aware of our commitment to having a Senior Ride Service in Davis. Perhaps, you know of a way to help us make our vision a reality.

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<sup>6</sup> For further information about the National Village Movement, please refer to <https://www.vtvnetwork.org>  
Or the Village Movement California: <https://villagemovementcalifornia.org>

### Relevance of this documents to ARP Funds:

- In alignment with one of the 2021-2023 City of Davis Council Goals to “Foster Excellence in City Services”, we request that the City allocate American Rescue Plan Funds to help establish a free or low-cost transportation service to allow the senior citizens of Davis to be driven to both medical and non-medical destinations within an approximate 25-mile radius of Davis (within Davis, as well as Vacaville, Sacramento, Woodland, and nearby communities).
- We suggest that using American Rescue Plan funds to provide accessible, reliable transportation services for our senior citizens not only meets the ARP’s criteria for supporting public (emotional, physical & economic) health, but this transportation funding should also be viewed as a critical function of our city’s infrastructure, thus fulfilling one of the Davis City Council’s Goals to “Fund, Maintain and Improve Infrastructure.”
- Considering that the current City of Davis greenhouse gas Inventory<sup>7</sup> showed that 69% of the City’s greenhouse gasses are generated by on-road travel in and around Davis, and that 95% of this travel is external (originating or ending in Davis, implying travel to or from other cities), we further propose that the City of Davis use American Rescue Plan funding to purchase a fleet of electric vehicles for use in our volunteer run ride service which would offer a free or low-cost rides for Davis senior residents within our city and to surrounding communities

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<sup>7</sup> Yolo County Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update for the Cities of Davis, Winters and Woodland.

### Specific Recommendations:

- We request that the City of Davis use American Rescue Plan funds to do the following:
  1. Make funding available to develop a Senior Ride Service in Davis.
  2. Make funding available to make a one-time purchase of a fleet of *electric* transportation vans for use in providing rides for seniors to medical and non-medical destinations within an approximate 25-mile radius in and around the City of Davis.
  3. Make funding available to purchase and install electronic fuel stations at the Davis Senior Center where these vans would be housed,
  4. Make funding available to provide ongoing financial support to purchase fuel and maintenance for these vans for up to the first two years of service.
  5. Make funding available to provide financial support for the first two years of service to pay for liability insurance on these transportation vans.
  6. Allow the volunteer-based organization which implements the Senior Ride Service of Davis to use a rent-free desk space at the Davis Senior Center from which to operate the service and receive ride request calls.

### In Conclusion:

The Davis Village Network is grateful for this opportunity to present our vision for development of a Senior Ride Service in Davis. We hope the Davis City Council will give serious consideration to the comments and vision we have presented in this document and allocate some of the American Rescue Plan Funds to implement a Senior Ride Service in Davis

We will happily make ourselves available to answer any questions you may have about these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Joan Jarvis  
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RE: Downtown Aesthetics City Council Focus Item & DDBA ARP Funding Request

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Davis Downtown Business Association's (DDBA) Board of Directors had the pleasure of working closely with City staff in order to address a variety of concerns associated with the downtown core. As we are on the precipice of a revival of the city center and its amenities, our Board of Directors were able to apply careful thought and consideration with respect to the myriad of choices set forth by the City with the onset of ARP funding. At the basis of the DDBA's selections lies the need for adequate safety and cleanliness, in conjunction with the introduction of modern amenities to draw local and regional visitors alike. A distinct focus on the downtown should be highlighted in order to develop a thriving community alongside amplified business engagement.

Based upon the City's Downtown Aesthetics and ARP Funding Considerations Memorandum, the DDBA Board of Directors is officially requesting (in order of priority):

**1. Complete Redesign & Reconstruction of E Street Plaza with New, Modern Amenities**  
(\$750K-\$1.2M)

- The Board of Directors believe the intention of E Street Plaza needs to be refocused towards its ability to attract visitors for multiuse. The current status of the plaza is dilapidated and arguably unsafe, acting as more of a repellant to visitors than it should. A complete redesign and reconstruction of the space is necessary to create the modernization and vibrancy our community deserves. The DDBA has an interest in management of the space so long as there is a meticulous understanding of roles and responsibilities formed through an agreement between our organization and the City.

**2. Contract Service Provider(s) to Enhance Cleaning & Maintenance Activities Downtown**  
(\$150K-\$250K)

- The cleanliness and overall appeal of the downtown core has remained consistently problematic. In fact, it is an enormous concern within our membership that continues to grow, and we strongly believe it must be swiftly addressed. Using contracted service

providers allows for the accountability that this issue requires. Excuses for lackluster performance or follow-through would need not be acceptable or tolerated. Service providers have the ability to perform ongoing and one-off tasks as they have specifically trained skills and carry insurance in accordance with identified projects. The DDBA has interest in management of such contractors to complement the City's perpetually understaffed workforce that struggles to maintain the level of cleaning and maintenance services our membership and community demands and deserves, so long as there is a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities formed through an agreement between our organization and the City.

### **3. Night Market & Music Series at Central Park (\$250K)**

- The Board of Directors are listening to the community's strong desire for the return of a regular downtown music and family entertainment event. Our organization also understands that there has been an emergence of support in relation to downtown businesses providing meals and/or merchandise during a weekly night market that runs May through October, which we believe would pair well with the return of concerts. This event, if executed properly, could develop into a signature event for our city that has the potential to attract a continual flow of visitors. As the primary stakeholder, the DDBA is seeking startup funds for a variety of overhead costs, with the belief that the event would eventually become funded through sponsorships and vendor fees. A DDBA-led subcommittee that includes community leaders with an immense amount of knowledge and experience to the table, is scheduled to start working diligently on the planning of this event in mid-October.

### **4. Downtown Streets Team (\$300K)**

- Another top concern of DDBA membership has been the need to mitigate issues with the increasing unhoused population downtown. As addressed in a previously submitted letter to Council, we are in strong support of the implementation of Downtown Streets Team (DST) in order to assist with the eradication of many problems that are frequently the manifestation of homelessness. DST would play a critical role in life management and sustainment for our unhoused community members with an emphasis on the need for food and shelter, work readiness/employment opportunities, medical services, substance abuse assistance, veterinarians for unhoused pets, and navigation of the criminal justice system. DST also helps to develop a bond and respect between the unhoused and their community while they assist in cleaning and maintaining the downtown. Compensation to unhoused individuals for work they provide will be made through the DST program via gift cards purchased from city businesses, directly giving back and strengthening our local economy. The DDBA is asking for a one year "trial" commitment to implement the DST program, with the hope of success and sustainability for years to come. The DDBA is willing to oversee the DST program so long as there is a meticulous understanding of roles and responsibilities formed through an agreement between our organization and the City.

### **5. Downtown Business Security Camera Network - Fusus (\$25K)**

- In August of 2021, our Board of Directors voted to approve an annual subscription of Fusus technology, a company specializing in connecting a network of preexisting and privately owned cameras throughout the downtown. The introduction of a camera network (CameraNet) is directly related to the inundation of crime affecting downtown

business owners. The usage of a CameraNet is a key factor in solving a variety of crimes quicker, notifying neighboring businesses and law enforcement of real time criminal activity, deterring criminals, and protecting our citizens. Discussion surrounding DDBA funding of an annual subscription was primarily based on the notion that the Davis Police Department could simultaneously acquire a subscription to Fusus in order to communicate instantaneously with business owners who have selected to provide custom-tailored access to law enforcement for crime prevention. The DDBA strongly believes this program is a vital piece of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in our downtown.

**6. CPTED Grants/Subsidies for Downtown Businesses (\$50K)**

- The Board of Directors believes that it would be highly beneficial to provide microgrants to downtown business owners seeking to implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The DDBA would work in tandem with the Davis Police Department to establish suggestions of deterrents, which would facilitate the creation of specific criteria, guidelines, and a rubric for the grant application and awarding process. Business and property owners that wish to apply for CPTED improvements would have a maximum limit they could receive through the subsidy.

**7. Downtown & Entry Point Beautification Efforts (\$200K)**

- The health and wellbeing of landscaping and entry points throughout the downtown plays a significant role in the beautification and attractiveness of the space. The DDBA holds the belief that pruning and replanting of trees, shrubbery, and improvement of the overall landscape should not be overlooked and must continue in order to support an overall welcoming downtown ambiance.

Our organization understands the magnitude of requests the City of Davis has received in relation to ARP funding and designation, and while we realize the difficulty in making selections for usage, there is also a grave understanding of the indispensable role our downtown plays in the health and vitality of our city's overall economic and cultural prosperity. The DDBA asks for Council's acknowledgement and award of the crucial financial support that *the heart of our wonderful and unique city needs at this critical time.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Valued Partnership,

Davis Downtown Business Association Board of Directors

DOVe ARP Request (November 2021)

Dear City Manager Mike Webb and Assistant Manager Kelly Stachowicz,

We are writing as the Board of Directors of Davis Opportunity Village (DOVe) to express our views on the City's use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) and American Rescue Plan-HOME (ARP-HOME) funds. DOVe is a local non-profit whose mission is to ensure that those living unhoused receive the housing and social services they need to prosper. DOVe was a key partner with Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) in the conception, design, and support of Paul's Place, an innovative structure that offers a mixture of permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, emergency shelter beds, and services. It engages people where they are.

We urge the city to utilize the unique ARP and ARP-HOME opportunity to strengthen affordable housing in the City. We suggest that two actions top the list of housing-related priorities, the first being most urgent. Each is a one-time investment and each fulfills the ARP goal of addressing the needs of those disproportionately affected by COVID, in public health & safety, and in decreased economic resources.

1. Fill the funding gap for Paul's Place. Paul's Place construction was to begin June 2020. Given COVID-delays, the costs of materials and labor have risen significantly.. Construction has begun and the second floor is being framed. However, Paul's Place requires an infusion of about \$2 million to complete construction and add needed furnishings. This unique project not only addresses housing and services for those experiencing homelessness, but also has enormous support from many Davis citizens, who have donated nearly \$2 million toward its construction, as well as significant financial support from Sutter Health and Partnership HealthPlan. It is run by DCMH and so does not commit ongoing City resources. It is a model to other cities.
2. Capitalize the Housing Trust Fund. The Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is the City's most powerful instrument to create more affordable housing units, but is currently severely under-capitalized. We request the City Council use up to \$2 million in ARP/ARP-HOME funds to kick-start the HTF. Such an infusion would help build public awareness of the HTF's potential and drive momentum for future funding mechanisms, including a ballot measure approving a housing-related property transfer tax.

Finally, we urge the City to [join the House America program](#) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). House America is a powerful network of jurisdictions across the country making a shared commitment to address homelessness through the resources provided by ARP.

Thank you for considering these urgent actions, all of which qualify under the "negative economic impacts" and "replace lost public sector revenue" ARP criteria, and are also ideally suited to ARP-HOME's mission. The City of Davis has the opportunity to be a national model in addressing homelessness and the lack of affordable housing, and we hope you will lead us in doing so.

Respectfully,

The DOVe Board of Directors

Brent Hawkins

Roger Kingston

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## **Explorit Science Center City of Davis-American Rescue Plan Request**

Explorit Science Center has been providing quality, hands-on STEM education for school age children in Davis and the region for almost 30 years. A vibrant science center is a gem for a city like Davis that values education and science and supports our children and young families to learn and have fun together. Explorit has a museum in Mace Ranch Park, and camps and programs for preschool to elementary age children. We are a Davis institution and are proud to support and create tomorrow's scientists.

### **1-Access to broadband and building digital upgrades**

**\$150,000**

Explorit's museum and office in Mace Ranch is a City of Davis building that is leased by Explorit. It is an old farmhouse that was once the Mace Family home. In addition, Explorit owns a portable classroom for in-person educational programs on site. Explorit is responsible for all upkeep of the buildings. When the neighborhood was developed, no internet lines were run to the property. We currently have an unreliable, slow, work-around for internet that also does not support digital education. The request will address this digital divide for our science museum. This is a one-time expenditure request.

### **2-Develop and implement virtual science and nature education programs**

**\$350,000**

This request will include purchase of recording and sound equipment to create recorded programming for distribution as well as live virtual or hybrid educational events for preschool to high school students in Davis and beyond. During the COVID pandemic school-age children were isolated from peers and teachers and most experienced great loss of educational time and progress. Explorit would like to utilize our fun and hands-on approach to science to meet NGSS standards for science education in California. We will utilize this opportunity to stretch our educational offerings to middle and high school age students. This new way of outreach and expansion of programming will be transformational for science education for children in Davis. We would like to collaborate with Davis Media Access on the production of videos. With the purchase of the equipment and development of the programs, this program will be sustainable at the conclusion of the grant period through school program fees.

### **3-Support for recovery from impact of COVID**

**\$400,000**

The Explorit the museum was closed for 18 months and all educational program was halted due to the COVID pandemic. Even as schools have opened this fall, we have had very few reservations as school groups are not yet ready for visits, transportation is complicated, and most schools are not yet welcoming outside personnel. This situation has led to significant fiscal impacts at Explorit losing \$200,000 annually. We have started to re-hire staff, re-opened the gallery in October and offered programs to schools but do not have a revenue stream to bring us back to the vital science education center that we were. This fiscal support will help Explorit recover from COVID-19 revenue losses and accelerate City fiscal re-stabilization. We will utilize a portion of the funding to support scholarships for Title I school programs and individual summer camp scholarships for children eligible for free and reduced lunch to enhance access and equity. We are requesting \$400,000 for support as we continue to build back programs and school outreach. This is temporary assistance, as once we are back to full capacity we can utilize program fees and grants to sustain the program.

**Total request \$900,000**



## Welcome Baby American Rescue Plan Funding Proposal

First 5 Yolo proposes a broad-based prevention strategy, “Welcome Baby” (WB), focused on Medi-Cal families, that intervenes at the earliest point of life and creates lasting impacts for young children and families and the Yolo County community. Welcome Baby would add a pathway in First 5 Yolo’s countywide CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R) to address pandemic impacts. Welcome baby is a proactive, comprehensive approach designed to mitigate exposure to toxic stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic and build resiliency as early as the birth of the child to support families, particularly those who are struggling the most, through the next three years of COVID-19 recovery.

*The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has prioritized Welcome Baby as one of four projects identified as meeting an immediate, COVID Pandemic-related need and has funded it at \$2 million. First 5 Yolo requests City of Davis partnership in the amount of \$300,000 (total over three years) to leverage with similar funding from other cities and First 5 Yolo to reach full funding for all three years of the Project to meet the needs of our youngest children born during The Pandemic.*

Welcome Baby is family-centric and focused on health equity, designed to reach those who are often invisible, while offering a broad strategy to address the collective trauma and negative effects the community has experienced during the pandemic. It reaches families at the earliest point to strategically coordinate flow into available services and to support medical, mental health, and other essential care that has lapsed during the pandemic. The approach helps to de-stigmatizes screening, care, and service access, leverages existing resources, and creates a transformative early identification, home visiting, and early childhood system of care in Yolo County.

Welcome Baby provides home visits at critical points for every baby born with public insurance in Yolo County over the duration of ARP. Hospitals offer connection to WB at point of labor and delivery. Families enrolled receive up to three “Welcome Baby” home visits, one by a registered nurse within the first weeks of returning home from hospital, and up to two visits by community healthcare workers who are The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R) Healthy Families America trained Family Resource Specialists during the following postpartum weeks. Families in greatest need are offered enrollment in more intensive home visiting services through R2R, while families with lower needs are referred to other home visiting and community resources.

The nurse visit provides more immediate health screens (including maternal mental health) and clinical assessment for both mother and baby, immediate triage, lactation support, and checks on continuing health care, including immunization (**COVID-19 vaccine** and others) status. This visit bridges postpartum and newborn care, including checks on women’s postpartum healing that otherwise might not occur for many weeks, and allows for early identification of a variety of critical health and safety issues. The nurse visit will include a risk assessment inclusive of ACEs indicators to determine eligibility for further services.

In the following weeks, eligible families not already enrolled in a longer-term home visiting program may receive 1-2 home visits from community healthcare workers, based on family needs and preference. In these visits, parents receive a First 5 New Parent Kit with



culturally and linguistically appropriate “Baby Basics” *health literacy materials* and other concrete supports, parent education, and referrals to community resources, as well as an in-depth screening to determine need for longer-term home visiting and other community resources. Families identified as in greatest need, will be referred into more intensive existing home visiting services within the county, including home visiting services through The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (expanded as part of this proposal to create more access), and/or offered a Newborn Observation (NBO) Home Visit to provide in-depth parenting support. Connected to the existing Help Me Grow system, the NBO home visit includes a clinical observation toll that qualified providers use to help parents understand their newborn’s language and build strong parent-child relationships.

All community healthcare workers receive training in evidence-based Healthy Families America as well as the Baby Basics program, designed to serve the population with culturally sensitive and trauma-informed care. These community healthcare workers are trusted advocates, representative of the target community’s cultural and linguistic needs, which helps them to better identify and address the local community’s barriers to timely care, attending to children’s developmental milestones, ACEs screening, and linkages to services. Community Healthcare workers support families in accessing existing services, such as health insurance, health and mental health services, perinatal care, WIC, and concrete supports, and connect families—many of whom would otherwise not be identified early—to programs and services that meet their unique needs.

Families identified as higher risk will be offered enrollment in First 5 Yolo’s The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R) home visiting services that include Healthy Families America home visiting and/or Behavioral Health home visiting services for families better served by a mental health clinician. For those enrolled, the community healthcare worker provides a warm hand-off to R2R home visitors to ensure continuity of care. For families identified as lower to moderate risk, the community healthcare workers will connect families to other home visiting and community services.

CommuniCare Health Care Centers will hire and train the WB nurses, including postpartum mental health training and lactation counseling training. Yolo County Children’s Alliance will hire community healthcare workers who are culturally and linguistically matched to engage women and families in Welcome Baby. Hospital birthing centers and medical systems would facilitate connection to WB at birth.

Welcome Baby will become a component of The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience, leveraging the existing infrastructure, to allow capacity building for deeper services by expanding the proven effective home visiting services in R2R. The expanded R2R home visiting services will not require a substance use indicator for eligibility, thus removing one of the greatest barriers (substance use disclosure) to consent to services for the perinatal population.

**Welcome Baby address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic’s effects on families, including economic impacts.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating toll on families--lapses in healthcare, declines in mental health, financial strain, parental stress, parental and child resilience, and



social isolation. Adverse effects have been pronounced in more vulnerable populations, exposing the need for greater community supports. Women, people of color, and children have been disproportionately affected. While crisis response has been necessarily prioritized during the COVID-19 pandemic, prevention has suffered, creating downstream consequences for children and more intractable and expensive problems moving forward. Of great concern are the proven long-term impacts of early childhood adversity on physical and mental health, brain development, and school readiness and the real risk that shorter-term pandemic impacts will deepen disparities for those disproportionately impacted, hindering economic and social wellbeing.

Early experiences have a profound impact on a child's life. During pregnancy and the first year of life, children are the most sensitive to experiences and need a healthy environment for optimal brain development. Parents are critical to buffering their children from the impacts of adversity (ACEs), but when parents are themselves stressed, suffering economically, or experiencing crisis, their capacity in this role is compromised. Early childhood exposure to stress has life-long consequences (e.g., learning difficulties in school, physical health problems, and higher probabilities of substance use). Investing in this critical time is one of the most effective and efficient ways to reduce poverty, increase self-sufficiency, promote economic prosperity, and to protect the entire community into the future.

The pandemic has negatively impacted pregnant women and parents of infants:

- Stress and maternal mental health issues—mental health issues have been exacerbated by the pandemic with recent studies showing significantly increased rates of mental health problems among pregnant and postpartum women compared to pre-pandemic rates. Recent estimates show that **2 in 3 perinatal women** now suffer from clinical depression (López-Morales et al., 2021). The deterioration of maternal mental health has toxic and enduring effects on both mother and baby, as increased mental health problems in pregnancy are associated with adverse birth outcomes which limits parental capacity for caring, responsive relationships that are foundational to brain development. Additionally, greater prenatal and postpartum mental health issues are associated with declines in parenting, increased risk of child abuse and neglect, substance use, and cognitive impairment.
- Alarming trends in perinatal care—In Yolo County, pregnant women have been significantly delaying their prenatal care, experiencing higher-risk pregnancies, and giving birth to low-weight babies. Data collected by Communicare Health Centers (CCHC) in 2020 revealed that only 47% of pregnant women in Yolo County received on-time prenatal care, in stark contrast to the overall Yolo County rate of 84% on-time prenatal care in 2018. Additionally, data from CCHC (2020 – 2021) show that the rate of extremely high-risk pregnancies (i.e., a combination of both high medical and social risks such as substance use and/or domestic violence) dramatically increased nearly 40% over the pandemic. Of great concern for lasting developmental impacts on infants, rates for low-birth-weight infants have *more than doubled* during the pandemic (CCHC, 2020 – 2021). Birth weight is one of the most important birth outcomes because low birth weight is associated with increased infant mortality, cognitive delays, and behavioral

issues (Goisis et al., 2017). Nationally, statistics show that pregnant women are medically vulnerable with only 23% of pregnant women having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine despite being at serious risk for COVID-19 complications including hospitalization, stillbirth, and maternal death. Rates are even lower among pregnant women who identify as Black (11%) or Latina (18%).

- Decline in pediatric well-child visits and immunization rates—In CA, pediatric well-child visits are down an estimated 24% from pre-pandemic baselines and the number of childhood vaccination doses administered to California children dropped by more than 40% at the start of the pandemic. This has especially impacted children covered by Medi-Cal and disrupts critical preventive care and early identification of developmental and social-emotional issues.
- Prolonged community stress and adverse childhood experience—Many Californians suffered economically, but households with children fared worse in 2020. Specifically, 50% of households with children had difficulty paying bills compared to 30% of households without children. Latino children were more likely to have a caregiver in a sector highly impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns. This financial strain deteriorates children's wellbeing. Nationally, 52% of children in families with financial hardship are facing emotional distress.

*Welcome Baby meets the tremendous responsibility to address pandemic-related needs of vulnerable young children and their families. Designed to mitigate exposure to toxic stress and build resiliency, Welcome Baby is an upstream approach with a clear nexus to ARP Funds.*

**Estimated costs build on existing program infrastructure, allowing services to begin quickly with no ongoing obligations after the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds conclude.**

The projected budget for Welcome Baby across 3 years is \$3.125 million (approximately \$1.04 million per year). Cost estimates are based on the assumption of 840 Medi-Cal births per year and a roughly 70% acceptance rate (based on rates seen in similar programs)

No on-going obligations after ARP funding concludes are anticipated. Welcome Baby addresses the pandemic-related, immediate need to screen more widely and offer prevention and early intervention support more broadly for a limited term (3 years). Welcome Baby services are completed within the first month or two of engagement of families. All contracted direct services would be clearly term-limited (in First 5 Yolo's contracting process) and can telescope up and down without affecting current, on-going care programs. Welcome Baby connects clients to existing, on-going programs that are already funded.

F5Y may identify alternative sources of funding for in the future, but this will not affect the one-time nature of ARP funding. First 5 Yolo anticipates the potential to continue Welcome Baby in some form based on results from evaluation and work with hospitals/managed care plans that may likely realize cost savings from the approach. Additionally, some of the components are anticipated to be billable to Medi-Cal. The First 5 Association and local First 5's are already engaged in partnership discussions around the funding of similar work with managed care plans.



**Investment in Welcome Baby creates long-term and ongoing benefits for Yolo County's children and families.**

Welcome Baby is expected to have both immediate and long-term benefits to families, healthcare systems, and the community. It is a critical time to introduce parents to community agencies, resources and services that can assist them. Welcome Baby helps ensure that families, particularly those most disproportionately affected by the pandemic, have a safety net of support during COVID-19 recovery. Providing positive support to families will have lasting effects for the baby, the family, and ultimately, our entire community.

Home visits more immediately, postpartum for all Medi-Cal births, will help families avoid significant challenges, such as severe and unaddressed maternal depression, by screening all enrolled families for postpartum depression and identifying needs early. Moreover, administering a common risk screening to all eligible families will enable greater identification and referral of high-risk families to more intensive home visiting services. This referral system will also allow for greater coordination among home visiting programs in Yolo County and more effective engagement of underserved families.

Home visiting programs have proven highly effective in supporting maternal mental health, attendance of well-child visits, child immunization rates, parenting skills, and decreased need for entrance into Child Welfare Services. Welcome Baby provides a gateway to, and extension of, these benefits in more intensive, evidence-based home visiting services in Yolo County. First 5 Yolo's and City of Davis' home visiting initiative aimed at higher-risk families, The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R), has demonstrated the benefits of home visiting enrollment on well-child visits and immunizations rates. Highest risk families identified in Welcome Baby will be offered enrollment in R2R. Recent data show 86% of children receiving R2R services are current on well-child exams and 88% are current on immunizations, per the recommended guidelines. In stark comparison, data from CommuniCare patients not supported by home visiting show only 62% of children were current on well-child exams and only 49% were current on immunizations, per the recommended guidelines, across the same time period (FY 2020-2021). More than 99% of R2R clients avoid the need for CWS (Fiscal Half Year 2020-21). Other similar home visiting programs have demonstrated numerous on-going benefits including fewer emergency room visits by both mother and baby, fewer hospital stays, increased positive parenting, less child welfare involvement, improved maternal mental health, and greater community connections. Welcome Baby is based on similar, successful programs by First 5 LA, Orange, and Contra Costa, and Family Connects Universal Home Visiting.

All families experience challenges associated with pregnancy and childbirth, but these stressors have been heightened due to the pandemic. F5Y's Welcome Baby program would ensure all Medi-Cal families receive support during this critical time. Importantly, by providing temporary, limited home visiting services, we can help mitigate the trauma of the pandemic's unprecedented impact on families and prevent lasting effects on children. The early outcomes could transform the system of care in Yolo County and the future of the Yolo County community.



Key Outcomes are expected to include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Reduced maternal mental health issues
2. Increased community connections (e.g., referrals)
3. Improved rates of well-child visits and immunization
4. Lowered rates of entry into Child Welfare Services
5. Improved timeliness to care and identification of child development or maternal health issues
6. Reduced per capita costs in Yolo County of prenatal/postpartum care, infant hospitalizations, emergency department utilization, and urgent care utilization

UC Davis Health Equity Across the Lifespan (HEAL) Lab will provide, in-kind, data collection and evaluation for WB. The HEAL Lab has expertise is designing, implementing, and evaluating clinical interventions to promote health equity in pregnant and postpartum people.

**Welcome Baby builds on existing partnerships to amplify impact.**

First 5 Yolo has worked with qualified direct service partners, CommuniCare Health Centers, Yolo County Children's Alliance, and Northern California Children's Therapy Center in the design of Welcome Baby and will contract with these agencies for implementation of the main direct services. First 5 Yolo will provide project management and coordination, specifically leveraging its F5 CA Home Visiting Coordination Grant that will allow an in-kind contribution of management staff (Sarah Hartman) funded by this grant and leveraging the work under that grant. Sarah Hartman, PhD, is First 5 Yolo's Systems Improvement Officer with expertise in prenatal stress and resiliency.

First 5 Yolo and partners have already begun discussions with Sutter Hospital for first phase implementation and will subsequently include local/regional hospitals or medical systems (such as Elica) where Yolo County babies are born.

First 5 Yolo is a lead partner on a CA State ACEs Aware Grant with UCD, YCCA, CCHC, and others. This work will be leveraged to provide ACEs and developmental screening, coordinating with Help Me Grow as a systems improvement in Welcome Baby. The ACEs Aware Grant expands and streamlines screening and the connection of health care providers to community networks of care to prevent and mitigate ACEs. Help Me Grow itself (a program funded by F5Y and County MHSA) is a key systems integration for early childhood mental health (screenings and linkages).

The NBO piece of Welcome Baby leverages the prior training of 4 infant-child specialists at Northern California Children's Therapy Center who trained as Napa Infant-Parent Mental Health Fellows with a County MHSA-funded F5Y scholarship. These specialists have hours of service that are leveraged for the first year, and then ARP funding extends the services for the following two years.

Welcome Baby would also leverage existing funded programs to build on the continuum of care and offer higher intensity services or other resources to clients. These include but are not limited to: F5Y's The CHILD Project: R2R, a countywide, nearly 1-million dollar per year in-clinic and in-home navigation/visitation program including evidence-based Healthy Families America



and Behavioral Health Home Visiting; other county HV programs that would be utilized according to individual needs; County of Yolo supports, benefits, and programs; Yolo Crisis Nursery; Family Resource Centers; F5Y early learning programs; and more. Welcome Baby, as a component of R2R, will also expand capacity within the home visiting arm of R2R; ensuring that families in greatest need have access to critical home visiting services. Notably, WB also creates an opportunity for vastly increased coordination with and among home visiting programs countywide, as well as channels the population into community resources and services.

UCD will provide in-kind support of a .5FTE post-doctoral evaluator through its Health Equity Across the Lifespan (HEAL) Lab. Under the mentorship of HEAL Director Dr. Simmons, and in collaboration with the First 5 Yolo, YCCA, and CommuniCare teams, the postdoctoral fellow will specifically support activities including: (1) designing and developing data collection tools to capture process and participant outcomes of the home visiting program (e.g., ease of scheduling, lactation rates, postpartum urgent care and emergency visits for parent-infant dyad, adherence to well-baby visit schedule); (2) conducting pre-/post- countywide cost analyses of Medi-Cal recipients (e.g., comparing per capita costs in Yolo County of: prenatal/postpartum care, infant hospitalizations, emergency department utilization, and urgent care utilization); (3) conducting pre-/post- countywide program evaluation on child protective services reports and foster care placements; and (4) supporting the team in conducting individual interview and focus group discussions on the home visiting program to improve access, process, and outcomes.

Cities in Yolo County are very likely to support Welcome Baby, leveraging some portion of their ARP funding. First 5 Yolo is already aware of leadership interest in each of the cities.

### **In-kind and leveraged funding is available to ensure the successful implementation of Welcome Baby.**

There are multiple in-kind and leveraged sources available to support the proposed project, as briefly outlined above. Additionally, First 5 Yolo will offer, in-kind, F5Y management staff (equal to approximately \$89,000-93,000 annually) and the UC Davis HEAL Lab will provide .5FTE for data analysis and program evaluation (approximately \$50,000, annually).

First 5 Yolo also has an on-going relationship with the Baby2Baby Foundation to supply, free-of-cost, concrete supports, including items such as diapers, baby wipes, safe sleep Pack N Plays, and other supplies that can be used for Welcome Baby. To support the distribution of supplies, F5Y purchased storage facilities for YCCA during the pandemic and this ability to store supplies could be leveraged. This estimated contribution is likely over 50,000 but difficult to estimate as supply materials are donated to F5Y in-kind.

Welcome Baby is well-aligned with ongoing work within the County and the services and programs fed by Welcome Baby referrals are easily in the range of several millions of dollars. First 5 Yolo leveraged programs alone are approximately \$3 million per year, NBO services offered in Welcome Baby are levered in using service hours from the Napa Infant Parent Mental Health Fellows and the ACEs Aware grant work being leveraged in support is a total of over \$2.9 million (First 5 Yolo/HMG specific portion over \$400,000).



Finally, First 5 Yolo will contribute Proposition 10 funding to support the direct costs of the program, up to \$125,000 across the term of the program.

First 5 Yolo and community-based partners have actively supported families and children during the COVID-19 crisis, and we remain committed to ongoing recovery efforts. Additional local and flexible funds are critical to ensure we meet the needs of young children. Welcome Baby would strategically invest American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding as a funding stream intended to address COVID-19 impacts at a local level. Together, we can meet this unprecedented crisis, set the developmental trajectory of our youngest children towards reaching their full potential, and strengthen our families and communities for years to come.

Project Title:

Providing Critical Healthcare for Yolo County's Severely-Ill Homeless Population

Project Description:

#### IDENTIFYING THE NEED:

Homeless people often suffer from complex and chronic comorbidities, have high rates of morbidity and die at much younger ages than the general population. Due to a complex combination of physical, psychosocial, and addiction problems at the end of life, they often have limited access to palliative and hospice care. Both the homeless and healthcare providers experience many barriers to care, and hospitals carry a heavy cost burden when emergency departments become the sole healthcare provider.

As explained by Michael Liu (Harvard Medical School) and Stephen W Hwang (Dept. of Medicine, University of Toronto): "The upstream causes of poor health in the homeless population include extreme poverty, harsh living environments, trauma and structural barriers to care. The downstream causes include infectious diseases, heart disease, substance use disorders (SUDs) and suicide. Mental illnesses and SUDs are quite prevalent among the homeless population; for example, alcohol and drug dependence rates are ~38% and ~24%, respectively. Other important health-related issues are poorly controlled chronic diseases, high prevalence of traumatic brain injury, disproportionate victimization and high rates of tobacco use." (*Nature Reviews: Disease Primers*, 2021.)

COVID-19 disproportionately hit the homeless population and showed the vulnerability of this group to public health crises. Project Roomkey helped many homeless COVID-19 patients whose condition didn't require hospitalization. But for those with more severe cases, there was nowhere to go except the hospital, even if a step-down unit would have been more appropriate. The pandemic showed the cracks in systems and services that this highly vulnerable population can easily fall through.

Therefore, providing quality end-of-life and severe-illness care that fits the needs and concerns of the homeless is a challenge to healthcare providers but is something that needs to continue to be addressed.

In 2019, Yolo County outlined several goals in its Yolo County Plan to Address Homelessness. Primary goals include:

1. Strengthen the homeless crisis response system.
2. Stabilize and maintain physical and behavioral health.
3. Examine systems-level coordination identifying opportunities for improved partnerships.

Hospital systems bear a substantial financial burden when homeless patients' conditions improve, but they still require too high an acuity level of care to be released. These patients occupy beds needed for other patients and continue to cost the hospital a great deal of money, but they cannot be discharged if they have nowhere to go and still require care.

## PROVIDING CARE AND COMFORT

Yolo Hospice has a proposed plan that will:

1. Provide hospice and palliative care to Yolo County's homeless population.
2. Offer an alternative to extended hospital stays for homeless patients as acuity levels change.
3. Give dignity, comfort, safety, and expert, high-quality healthcare to a vulnerable and often overlooked population.
4. Fill the gap between Project Roomkey shelter and hospital emergency departments for the homeless in the event of future COVID-19 outbreaks.
5. Provide crisis beds and care for displaced Yolo County residents in the event of a future pandemic, wildfires, or other disasters.

In addition the plan falls well within the parameters established for qualifying expenses under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The proposed project will:

1. Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
2. Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

Finally, the project meets the guidelines established by the Board of Supervisors for American Rescue Plan funding, as it:

1. Requires only one-time funding;
2. Is born of a clear nexus to the pandemic;
3. Assists the county in its recovery from the pandemic;
4. Is needs based/data informed;
5. Maximizes opportunity to create a significant, sustainable impact for Yolo County;
6. Avoids duplication;
7. Prioritizes a transformational project that can significantly improve service to a key, priority constituency; and
8. Provides a linkage to the Strategic Plan by addressing and supporting Goal #1: Thriving Communities, through Outcome #1 (Health Equity) and Outcome #2 (Functional Zero Homelessness)

Yolo Hospice proposes to convert the soon-to-be-vacant Suite B at its Galileo Court offices in Davis into a hospice and serious-illness-care facility with a primary focus on the homeless



population of Yolo County. This extensive renovation will include six to eight separate suites, each fully appointed with hospital-level electrical and HVAC systems, beautiful, restful decor, a visiting space with sofa bed for family and friends in each suite, ADA-compliant full bathrooms in each suite, access to our peaceful healing garden, and all durable medical equipment needed for critical, end-of-life care.

The facility will serve severely ill homeless patients, including COVID-19 patients who require ongoing medical care and/or hospice, but who would benefit from a step down in care acuity from a hospital emergency department or intensive care.

The facility will also serve as a resource in times of community need. In the event of a COVID-19 recurrence, a future pandemic, a natural disaster, wildfire or other hardship, each suite will be able to sleep and safely shelter a displaced individual or small family.

#### WHY YOLO HOSPICE

Yolo Hospice is uniquely qualified to develop and manage such a facility. As one of only three community-based organizations in Northern California and only 30 nationally to be Joint Commission accredited for both hospice and palliative care, Yolo Hospice is known for its 360-degree, compassionate, end-of-life care.

For more than six years, Yolo Hospice has been at the table through the planning and development of Joshua's House, the first hospice house for people experiencing homelessness on the entire West Coast (to be sited within Eastern Sacramento County). This collaboration has steadily improved organizational competence and knowledge and informed Yolo Hospice's work with this population in Yolo County, including addressing barriers to access and quality care.

The organization merged in 2018 with Citizens Who Care, another long-time Yolo County nonprofit serving the frail elderly with social engagement, peer counseling, and caregiver support. Together the two organizations have created the most comprehensive palette of services available to hospice and palliative care patients and their loved ones.

Yolo Hospice has forged targeted partnerships within our community to promote mutual goals. Sutter Health, Dignity Health, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition, Yolo County Health & Human Services, the City of Davis, Fourth & Hope, and CommuniCare have all engaged in partnerships with Yolo Hospice.

Yolo Hospice is also the only Northern California hospice to be invited to serve on the prestigious National Partnership for Hospice Innovation.

The organization currently serves Yolo County's homeless population, and was particularly praised by the Joint Commission for its dedication to caring for this vulnerable community, meeting each patient where they are, and going to all lengths to ensure they had proper care.

## BUDGET & SUSTAINABILITY

It's anticipated that the costs for hospital-level renovations to Suite B at 1909 Galileo Court will be between \$3 million and \$3.5 million. These costs are due to the strict electrical, HVAC, plumbing and insulation requirements of a hospital-quality facility. In addition, hospital beds and durable medical equipment as well as all furnishings must be acquired, and each suite must include a fully ADA compliant restroom.

Yolo Hospice has the resources and expertise to develop and staff the facility and program. Ongoing operating expenses would be funded by Medi Cal/Partnership HealthPlan, as well as designated philanthropic funding from our local partners and Yolo Hospice fund allocation.

However, having just completed construction on its soon-to-open adult day program and healing garden, the organization does not have the financial resources for the one-time, initial capital investment for the extensive necessary renovation and outfitting of the facility.

If the board would consider this project and provide this one-time funding, Yolo Hospice could build and develop the facility, providing ongoing partnership outreach with providers of basic services to the homeless as well as with our hospital and healthcare system partners.

## CONCLUSION

COVID-19 demonstrated the gap in services and disproportionate impact of public health emergencies on the homeless population. We don't know what the coming months and years will bring in terms of COVID-19 outbreaks and variants. If Yolo County had a dedicated partner who could provide emergency care for those who are falling through that gap in services, the entire county could benefit.

Yolo Hospice acknowledges that this is a large project requiring a significant capital investment. However, the impact of this investment on the Yolo County community would also be significant. The facility would:

1. Address three of Yolo County's stated top priority county goals for mitigating homelessness in our communities.
2. Support our hospital partners by reducing hospital costs and providing an appropriate, high-quality step-down program for their patients experiencing homelessness.
3. Increase hospital bed capacity for all patients in Yolo County by offering an alternative for homeless patients whose care acuity levels can be addressed by hospice or palliative care.
4. Provide a dignified, safe, stable, high-quality healthcare option for our community's seriously ill homeless population.
5. Offer comfort, care, compassion and dignity to homeless patients through the final chapters of their lives.
6. Lower taxpayer costs for Medi Cal programs at local hospitals.

7. Provide a crisis-response space for any Yolo County resident who is ill or displaced due to public health emergencies, wildfires, or other community crises.

The facility would provide those who are already facing the pain and insecurity of homelessness the compassionate care they need at end of life and during serious illness. It would allow for the comfort of family and other visitors, so that patients do not have to face their final chapters alone and forgotten.

Illness is one of the most terrifying prospects for someone facing homelessness. Data gathered throughout Sacramento County by Joshua's House volunteers show many fears and stressors that are common to all homeless people facing illness. The most common fear is that they will die alone, with no record or recognition and "it will be like I never existed." Many homeless people face the impossible task of trying to keep prescription medications refrigerated or find the means and transportation to get to the doctor or even make an appointment.

Yolo Hospice can provide Yolo County with a true partner in helping to mitigate the effects of ongoing COVID-19 spread, as well as addressing key goals of the Yolo County Plan to Address Homelessness: strengthening the homeless crisis response system; stabilizing and maintaining physical and behavioral health; and examining systems-level coordination identifying opportunities for improved partnerships. The program will reduce recidivism to hospital emergency departments and offer a viable, sustainable, compassionate step-down plan for long-term homeless patients upon discharge from the hospital and at the end of their life.

# Investing in the Economic Future of Davis.

A proposal to develop shared R&D facilities to support and retain high-tech companies in 4 high-value industries where Davis has an opportunity to be a global leader.

Proposed by: Tim Keller, Executive Director of Inventopia.

## Background:

Inventopia is the leading R&D business incubator in the region, serving as a home to 26 startup companies in 6,000 square feet on Peña Drive. We help early stage technology companies through their initial phases by providing them flexible and low-cost space in which they can do their foundational product development work. Our current cohort ranges from bootstrapped concept stage companies, to rapidly growing ventures who have raised multiple millions of dollars of venture capital.

As an economic development non-profit, our goal is to support these high-tech companies and give them a home within the city, so that the economic benefits of their that activity can be retained within our local economy.

As a city which has always struggled with development, this work is of particular import because these companies, especially in their earliest stages, can easily move elsewhere if they don't find the resources they need in town.

Although Inventopia tripled the size of its facilities over the past year, the new space is already full, and we are currently having conversations with additional companies who would like to locate themselves in Davis – IF we can find space for them.

This proposal seeks to expand on the success of these existing efforts and diversify our offerings to support additional companies by developing two additional facilities which will enable us to help startup companies in 4 targeted industrial segments described below.

## Strategy and Targeting:

This proposal is narrowly focused on supporting a set of industries which we think are best aligned with our natural strengths.

Through our experience in working with startups over the past 4 years, there are definite trends, both in the kinds of companies that seed to set up shop in Davis, as well as in the kinds of facilities they are looking for.

By providing the resources described in this proposal, we can encourage the native companies that start in Davis to stay here, and we can attract strategically important companies from elsewhere as well.

## Targeted industries

1. Bio-Technology
  - a. Pharmaceutical - creating medicine from engineered organisms
  - b. “Microbiome” – finding and breeding beneficial microorganisms for use in agricultural, veterinary and human health
  - c. Cell Cultured products - The future of food, high performance nutrition grown in a tank – not on a farm.
2. Robotics
  - a. Robotics – People who make robots to do repetitive or dangerous tasks
    - i. Agricultural robotics in particular is an important emerging industry which Davis has a particular opportunity to benefit from.
  - b. Sensors – Companies developing new ways to detect and respond to changes in our bodies and the environment.
  - c. Automation – Companies providing solutions for other manufacturers who need to automate their in-house processes
3. Crop Science
  - a. Plant Breeders - creating new crop strains
  - b. Fertilizer & Water management - developing new crop management technologies
  - c. Crop protection - technologies and materials to protect crops in the field and post-harvest.
4. Renewables
  - a. Biofuels companies that turn plant matter into usable fuel
  - b. Renewable materials companies which process crops, or agricultural byproducts into usable materials
  - c. Energy efficiency and management technologies, including energy storage

These targeted industries are not accidental, and they are not new. These are areas in which Davis already has developed significant traction because of the natural strengths of the university and our local population. By focusing on further supporting these industries where we already have significant traction we stand to create “industrial clusters” where multiple similar (but not necessarily competitive) companies establish themselves in an area in order to access a valuable pool of talent, and where a number of related companies who service that industry will also take up residence.

Creating industry clusters of this type is our best opportunity for creating a long-term economic engine which provides high-paying jobs as well as sales tax revenue for those companies who produce their high-value products here.

Industry Category	Existing Successful Examples
Bio-Technology	Marrone Innovations AgraQuest Expression Systems
Robotics & Automation	Schilling Robotics DMG Mori Advanced.Farm Resonetics
Crop Science	BASF Mars BioConsortia
Renewables	Sierra Energy SunPower

## The opportunity:

The good news about these targeted industries is that they all these target industries all share a set of similar technological requirements at their core:

- Microbiology, Crop Science and Biofuels companies all need aseptic biological laboratory facilities and “clean process” space for pilot scale R&D projects.
- Agricultural Robotics, Sensors, Biofuels and Crop Science companies are all in need of experimental farmland on which they can grow their products or test their systems
- Alternative energy and Automation & Robotics companies need access to advanced manufacturing technologies.

These kinds of facilities are exceedingly hard to find access to in the general market, and these companies need these types of resources are quite willing to pay for access to them.

The facilities are expensive and time-intensive to develop from scratch, so being able to access them on a membership basis is a huge benefit to young companies in these industries. And by providing facilities of this type we can ensure that the companies that fit our target profile will set up operations in Davis, hire Davis talent, and stay in Davis for the long term.

		Resource Types Needed		
		Lab Space	Engineering Space	FarmLand / Open Space
Company Types	Bio-Technology	✓		
	Robotics & Automation		✓	✓
	Crop Science	✓		✓
	Renewables	✓	✓	✓

## Proposed Facilities:

### Davis Bio-Engineering Center

Inventopia’s current laboratory space is entirely full, and we struggle to accommodate companies who are doing microbiological work in our existing space, because it lacks the ability to keep different companies working with different organisms in separate areas.

We are also currently working with 5+ companies who all have requirements for better, dedicated Bio-Engineering facilities: There are several “flavors” of facility types we would like to provide, including “GMP” ( clean manufacturing space ) “BSL-2” ( containment of potential pathogenic organisms) and “Pilot Process” space, which would be able to support fermenters and bioreactors etc.

All of these space types are all variations on a theme: Clean spaces with epoxy floors, washable walls, and well-filtered HVAC systems. The only difference is the size of the rooms and limitations on how the rooms connect to each-other so that the desired amount of isolation (and thus cleanliness) can be achieved.

Providing this kind of space is critical to attracting and retaining companies in the rapidly growing sectors of “cultured foods”. As well as the better established, but still highly profitable pharmaceutical sector, which is growing as a specialty in of the region.

We are currently evaluating sites for establishing this kind of facility, and funding from the city will be critical to enabling the up-front investment required to get a facility like this operational.

We want to approach the provision of bioengineering facilities like this in two phases:

Phase 1: (Immediate) Expanding Inventopia to take additional commercial space at an existing lab location on Cantrill Drive which will be vacated at the end of the year.

Phase 2: (Next several years ) Build a much larger dedicated city-owned bio-engineering incubator facility.

Facilities of this type are of extremely high value, and are not cheap to produce. The phase-1 space discussed above makes economic sense only because the space is already mostly built out as laboratory already, and because we only anticipate making modest upgrades to suit the least-demanding types of applications.

But that facility itself will also fill up very quickly. So we want to simultaneously start working with the City to make a longer-term investment in Bioengineering economic development

We recognize the City's stated interest in redeveloping its existing corporation yards, and potentially relocating them to the periphery of town, as discussed in Goal#2 / Objective 5c of the City Council's Goals.

That property on 5<sup>th</sup> street would be an ideal location for a city-sponsored bioengineering incubator, and while the timeline for such a development is beyond the scope of this proposal, part of the use of funds for a part-time administrator discussed below would be dedicated to the exploration and development of that opportunity. Both a fully city-owned and city-private sector partnership models are likely to be economically viable.

**Cost:** \$250k for development of Lab Space + Administrative Costs  
(Cost of longer-term developed facility TBD.)

**Immediate Expansion: Backfill of space being vacated early 2022**



**Long-Term Solution: Bioengineering Center at City Corporate Yards**





## Davis Agricultural Technology Center

Inventopia would like to establish an agricultural technology center which services the needs of crop science, biofuels, and agricultural robotics industries. Over the years we have fielded numerous requests for people who “need a place to grow things”, whether it be in a field or in a greenhouse. We have also gotten many requests for farm facilities where people can build agricultural technologies and test them on the same site, or deploy agricultural sensor networks.

Of particular import is one company: Advanced Farm, which recently raised \$25 million in funding for its harvesting robots which currently serve the strawberry industry and are about to expand into apples. Agricultural robotics is an industry with explosive potential, especially as low-cost agricultural labor gets harder to find, and it is an industry which I think Davis has the unique potential to position itself as the very center of this important future industry, IF it can hold on to the important early companies in this sector ( companies like Advanced Farm)

We are proposing that the city provide Inventopia with a low-cost, 30-year lease to a plot of farmland called “the mace 25” which is located to the north of the currently proposed innovation center on mace boulevard.

Inventopia will partner with industry to create a well-resourced agricultural technology campus on the site, consistent with the site’s current agricultural zoning. This would provide AgTech startups with access to the land they need, and would have significant synergies with the proposed innovation park located nearby.

Inventopia has already secured the interest of Advanced Farm, who could serve as an anchor tenant for the project and enable us to raise the lions share of the remaining of the required resources from strategic partners in the industry.

**Cost:** Assignment of City-Owned Land + Administrative Costs





## Additional Resources and requests:

In support of the above objective, we are also asking for the city to fund 3 additional line-items, which we think could be paid for out of the American Recovery Act funds.

- 1) **\$100k** - Forgiveness of Inventopia's existing loan which we used to develop our facility on Pena drive.
- 2) **\$180k** 3 years worth of funding for administrator / industry liaison for Inventopia. This part-time position would be responsible for organizing all of the above activities, grant-writing and creating the industry partnerships necessary to fund the parts of our plan which will be supported by the public sector.
- 3) **\$ 60k** for additional improvements to Inventopia's Engineering facilities on Pena drive

## Alignment with City Council Goals:

Inventopia's efforts to retain high-tech businesses in-town is directly aligned with City Council Goal #2 : "Ensure Fiscal and Economic Stability".

Our current efforts, (and the expansion of those efforts discussed here) are an effort to create long-term economic benefit for the city by promoting profitable industrial activity which adds to the economic health of the city in general, and sales tax revenue in particular.

To achieve these ends, our strategy is focused on promoting the success of entities who manufacture here, are headquartered here, and as such, will pay their sales taxes here.

In general, this proposal aligns with Objective #4 of City Council Goal #2 which is to "Address the needs of new businesses and business types identified as desirable additions to our economic diversity and sustainability."

The largest portions of this proposal, the granting of land for the purposes of developing The Ag-Tech and Bio-Tech innovation centers also fit into Objective #5 of Goal #2 which is to "Utilize City-owned property to support economic development goals."

## Summary:

This proposal lays out a strategy to make targeted investments in the future economy of Davis by playing to our existing economic, cultural and intellectual strengths.

This is a proposal which should not be considered only in the context of the American Recovery Act. It is something we should be doing no matter what – I will leave it to the council and staff to figure out how much of this can be accomplished with ARA funds, and how much can be funded by other means.

Our total proposal consists of:

- \$250k for the creation of a Bio-Engineering lab expansion facility
- \$250k for general support and expansion of our existing operations, which includes the forgiveness of our existing city loan
- Rights to Land:
  - “Mace 25” agricultural property for establishment of AgTech Center
  - Other City-owned land on which to build a long-term BioEngineering facilities.

### **\$500k Total**

We would like to thank the Council and the City Staff for their assistance with Inventopia to this point, together we have already created the most impactful business incubator this city has seen to to-date, but we are only scratching the surface of the opportunity we have for economic development.

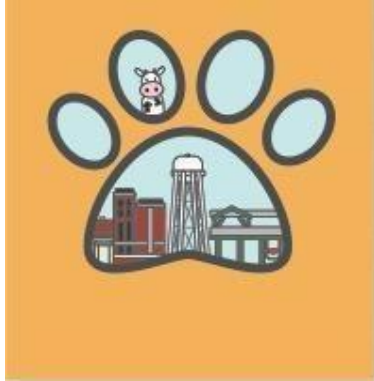
By engaging the initiatives discussed above, we will put Davis on a trajectory to becoming a world leading destination for the AgTech, BioTech, Robotics and CleanTech sectors.

We look forward to discussing these opportunities with you in more detail, and to sheparding our local economy into a more prosperous future.

Sincerely,



Tim Keller  
Inventopia Founder & Executive Director



## Davis Pet Advocacy and Wellness (DPAW)

*A Free Clinic for the Pets of the Unhoused*

*[mercerclinic.com/aboutusdavis paw](http://mercerclinic.com/aboutusdavis paw)*

### Summary

Davis Pet Advocacy and Wellness (DPAW) is a needed service for the pets of the unhoused in Davis. DPAW is affiliated with Sacramento's award-winning Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Pets of the Homeless and provides service to the Davis community including preventative medicine services, vaccinations and ecto- and endo-parasite control, pet-population control, and where possible, medical service, or surgical procedures for these pets which their owners, experiencing homelessness, cannot afford. All workers associated with DPAW are completely volunteer and much supplies and equipment are obtained free from corporations or with donations. However, DPAW lack's sufficient funds to acquire some needed supplies, medications, and ability to refer particular cases to for-fee veterinary practices. DPAW is requesting an annual budget from the City of Davis of \$12,000 to cover these costs.

### Background and Justification

DPAW opened its doors at the City of Davis Respite Center in spring 2020 as an offshoot of the long-standing Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless, co-located with Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento. Mercer was started by veterinary students Randy Singer and Dori Borjesson in 1992, modeled on the Doney free pet clinic in Seattle. "Mercer" was a fictional, empathetic character. The clinic is a 501(3)c non-profit organization which offers free veterinary care monthly for the pets of the unhoused. It is operated by volunteer veterinarians and UC Davis faculty, residents, and students. Long-standing affiliates include UCD Professor Dr. Laurel Gershwin, the CEO, community veterinarian Dr. Alissa Burnett, the CFO, and Dr. Tom Kendall, who passed away in 2014, for whom the clinic name was updated as "Tom Kendall Teaching Clinic". Mercer has proudly won numerous awards including the 1998 recipient of the American Veterinary Medical Association Humane Award, the 2005 Sacramento SPCA "Humane-itarian" Award, the Outstanding Community Service Award from the UC Davis Internship and Career Center and Community Service Resource Center, the UCD Chancellor's Civic Engagement Award, and the Presidential Award for Community Service from the Obama Administration.

In late 2019, Professor Janet Foley spearheaded "Mercer-West" by gaining approval from the Mercer Board for a local Davis satellite affiliate of Mercer. This clinic operates primarily out of the Respite Center, typically the first Saturday of each month for about 5 hours. Day-to-day organization is done by veterinary student "head coordinators" who oversee recruitment of volunteer veterinarians and student assistants, ordering drugs and supplies, following up on

treatment recommendations, etc. A given clinic might have 5-10 vet students, 2 veterinarians, a dozen undergraduates, and 5-15 unhoused clients and their dogs and cats.

The need for DPAW's services in Davis is great. The City of Davis has made considerable progress in recent years providing the daytime Respite Center and seeking options for overnight housing. However, any solution that fails to include people's companion animals misses crucial needs. A large proportion of unhoused people suffers mental health disorders including anxiety, PTSD, ADHD, or other problems, while almost all experience being marginalized in society and some feelings of worthlessness, both of which companion animals can address. A dog in particular can be a source of protection for vulnerable individuals including children, smaller stature people, and those commonly targeted such as women, gay, or transgender people, and people of color. Caring for an animal improves empathy and relationship skills and can be a much-needed motivation towards daily activity and self-care. Unfortunately, there is sometimes a stigma against animal ownership by those lacking means to provide high quality and dependable food and medical care. Aggressive animals are a liability and can draw owners into conflicts with other animal owners. Those people who might otherwise be able to take advantage of emergency shelters or could transition to stable housing face discrimination because they have a pet, forcing them to make the impossible choice between a four-legged family member and shelter, sometimes resulting in animals being abandoned or entering animal shelters. At the same time, the owner of a pet that can accompany them to a homeless shelter is in a better position to take advantage of medical, mental health, and other assistance programs than if they remain outside the sheltering system.

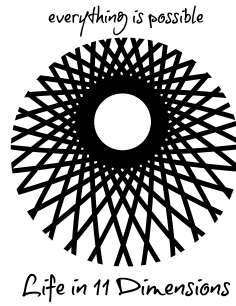
An animal program operating within wrap-around services to unhoused clients can provide a large range of benefits to society. Where neglect or abuse occur, alert staff can intervene and educate, improving the qualities of lives for the animal and the owner. Infectious disease control can feature a program to minimize contagious and even zoonotic (animal to person) disease transmission. Stable, dependable resources for animals such as basic supplies, food, sweaters, and access to grooming can elevate animals' quality of life beyond the challenging daily experiences they face on the street. A well-run animal program can educate clients regarding basic animal maintenance but also more advanced skills such as animal behavior and training or even para-veterinary skills including grooming, parasite assessment, wellness examination, and minor treatments. Interns, such as scouts, high school, college, and veterinary students, and community volunteers can learn about animal program management and vital skills such as how best to work with unhoused people and their pets. A well-run program minimizes the burden of stray animals, animal waste, and aggressive animals, and when properly summarized for broad public dissemination, can serve as a model for best practices. DPAW aims to provide all of this with free vaccines, flea, tick, and endo-parasite treatments, health examinations, medications, minor medical procedures, access to free spay and neuter, and referrals for more complex care, often completely free to the client.

Request

DPAW operates as a free clinic by acquiring free vaccines, parasiticides, and some medications from corporations, donations, and completely free labor. However, several outstanding costs are not covered. These include approximately \$100 in consumable supplies (e.g. gloves, syringes, PPE, cleaning supplies), and opportunities to refer patients to local for-fee practices for services beyond our ability to provide. N.B. however, our partnership with UC Davis is leveraged as often as possible to obtain very reduced rates or free care whenever possible. In order to provide for financial sustainability for DPAW and enhance care for more advanced medical and surgical problems, DPAW will not be able to run the clinic to its potential without financial support from the City of Davis. We are asking for \$1,000/month or \$12,000/year. If funds are provided, the City would receive a detailed report at the end of the year including accounting for all funds expended and a summary of services that were provided to unhoused people and their pets.

#### Contact

DPAW is on Facebook at @davis.PAW.clinic, as well as Instagram at @davis.paw.clinic and our website is [mercerclinic.com/aboutusdavis paw](http://mercerclinic.com/aboutusdavis paw). To contact DPAW, call (530) 746-8262 or email DPAW at [davis paw clinic@gmail.com](mailto:davis paw clinic@gmail.com). DPAW welcomes donations and explains other ways to help at <https://www.mercerclinic.com/support-us>. Dr. Foley can be reached directly at [jefoley@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jefoley@ucdavis.edu) or 530-304-6493.



Mayor Gloria Partida  
Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs  
Council-member Will Arnold  
Council-member Dan Carson  
Council-member Josh Chapman

Dear Davis City Council members,

As the owner of a small business, the artistic director of a local dance company, both of which have a history of over three decades of creating innovative programs for our community, and as the originator of a unique building project which had been approved by the City Council and was in the plan check phase when Covid hit, I would like to respectfully request your consideration in helping to make the *Life in 11 Dimensions* project a reality.

Physically, this project will be a 22,300 square foot, two-story, building with space for multiple individuals, businesses, and organizations focused on the Arts, Wellness, Education, Relaxation, and activities that build Community. Its unique and innovative design also allows for collaboration between the businesses, organizations, and their participants, creating an environment where all can thrive.

This request directly corresponds to several of the City's priorities for ARP funds:

- *Prioritize one-time items* – the construction of this building is a one-time item that will continue to provide the infrastructure for multiple individuals, businesses, and organizations for decades.
- *Address negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19, to focus on recovery from losses and fiscal re-stabilization* – Inclusion in this innovative project will help multiple small businesses and organizations rebuild after the pandemic-induced closures and loss of income, by providing a kind of "one-stop" shopping for services (examples might be a parent getting a facial or massage while their child is in a dance class or

parents visiting at the cafe while their children participate in an after-school educational enrichment program), and free advertising of their businesses as they are a part of this exciting project. In addition, because the building also includes space for weekend seminars and retreats, other off-site businesses such as hotels and restaurants would be included in the ripple effect.

- *Leverage other funds* – I am bringing the land, the plans, and the vision to this project. Before Covid hit, I was able to qualify for a \$4.5 mil construction loan. I am asking for the city's help in covering the difference between the new construction estimates and what I can bring to the table.
- *Consider transformational projects* – The *Life in 11 Dimensions* project is a transformational project in the true sense of the word. The creation of a unique environment that is focused on providing the crucial elements (Creativity, Wellness, Education, Relaxation, & Community) for individuals to live their most successful, healthy and creative life, contributing to a successful, healthy, and creative community, has been called by others both "iconic" and a "game-changer" for Davis.
- Project linkage to City Council goals specifically those regarding:
  1. *Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Equitable Community* – The project is designed to be multi-generational and available to everyone regardless of age, economic status, mobility, or other life challenges with programs that include scholarships, work scholarships, internships, and the ability to both zoom and live stream classes, performances, and post pod-casts, etc. on a diverse range of topics (Arts, Wellness, Education, Relaxation, and Community)
  2. *Insure Fiscal and Economic Stability* – By creating this environment that allows participants in one program to learn about others as well as becoming a kind of "one-stop" experience where many needs can be met at the same destination point, we help to create more stability for the participating businesses and organizations.
  3. *Enhance a Vibrant Downtown and Thriving Neighborhoods* – This project would be an asset to the Mace Ranch area as well as what I think of as East Davis (8th Street, L Street, Poleline Road area as well, and with easy access from South Davis) Because the project design also gives us the opportunity to host weekend retreats and seminars it may also become a Davis as Destination point due to its unique character, and restaurants and local hotels may also benefit.

This request also directly responds to the Federal Government's goal of *Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.*

I am respectfully requesting consideration of the use of ARP funds to move this project forward. I have been working with Harrison Construction, a Davis-based firm with an excellent reputation, and in my most recent email conversation with Jeff Harrison, have found the construction costs to have risen to approximately \$7,891,515. Before the pandemic, I would have qualified for \$4.5 mil of this, now leaving me \$3,391,515 short.

I absolutely understand that this is a very large sum and that there are many worthy and much needed uses for the ARP funds throughout our community. I would still like to submit my request though, as it is not just for me but rather, for multiple businesses and organizations throughout our community and is specifically for the benefit of all in our community.

This funding will:

- Fund the construction of a 22,300 square foot, two-story building
- Go to a Davis construction company and their subcontractors.
- Ultimately provide for multiple positive experiences for everyone in our community, young and old alike, who have certainly suffered from not only from lack of social interaction, but also the impacts on education and mental and physical wellness.
- Be a place where multiple community events can be held (performances, art/wellness festivals, etc.) thereby reinforcing and strengthening our community bonds.

You can find out more about the Life in 11Dimensions project, including many of the individuals, businesses, and organizations that have been involved, at our website:  
<https://www.lifein11d.com/>

With appreciation for the opportunity to make this request,  
Pamela Trokanski





**Valley Clean Energy ARP Proposals to the City of Davis  
7/15/21**

Note: These descriptions provide an overview of the proposals. If invited to move forward in the funding process, VCE would develop detailed scope, budget, timeline, and success metrics for each proposal.

**Proposal 1**

**Title: Yolo Electric Bill Relief**

- **Requested Amount from City of Davis: \$644K; based on Davis customers' proportional share of overall request (approx. 25%)**
- **Total ARP Requested amount from VCE member jurisdictions: \$2.56M**

**Background**

Valley Clean Energy (VCE) is the local public not-for-profit electricity provider created by the County and cities of Woodland, Winters, and Davis in 2018 to supply cost competitive clean electricity to Yolo County residents and businesses. VCE serves over 90% of electricity customers in our service territory, approximately 125,000 people (61,637 customer accounts). Based on customer billing data supplied by PG&E and analyzed by VCE and its energy consultant team at SMUD, non-payment of electricity generation charges in VCE service territory attributable to the COVID pandemic to date has totaled \$2.56M.

**Proposal Overview**

Electricity utility bill relief will serve to directly lower the economic burden associated with the pandemic for more than a thousand Davis households quickly, efficiently, and with certainty. Direct electricity utility bill relief will immediately free up household funds to focus on other essential needs such as housing, food, and health care. VCE's billing platform, designed and managed by SMUD under contract, has allowed VCE to identify those households who are struggling to pay their electricity bills during COVID. The requested ARP funding will allow VCE, with minimal administrative costs, to credit and notify all qualifying households within an estimated 30 to 60 days of a funding award. A total of 5,332 households in Davis are 6 months or more in arrears on their VCE electricity bills out of a total of 11,312 households in VCE's service territory 6 months or more in arrears.

VCE also has the ability to analyze customer segments to design a relief program prioritizing emerging and historically marginalized communities to receive relief first. This is consistent with VCE's adopted statement to integrate and address the concerns and priorities of these communities in the design and implementation of VCE's services, administration, and programs—to ensure all our customers are well served.

Key co-benefits of this ARP support request include freeing up VCE resources to continue to develop local programs, source greater levels of clean energy, improve local grid reliability, and maintain greater rate stability for 95% of Davis households. An example of the local programs

include energy efficiency improvements for residential customers that deliver on-going cost savings and GHG reductions for years after the initial investments are made – see Proposal 2 below. These and other local programs are included in VCE’s 3-year Programs Plan.

Note: VCE and other California electricity providers are currently working with the State to determine how funds identified in the Governor’s budget and CPUC for utility payment relief will be allocated - it is unclear how much or when such funding would be allocated for non-payment of VCE electric bills. In addition, VCE will be making similar companion ARP funding requests of the County and other cities it serves to also contribute to the Yolo Electric Bill Relief program. If funds are ultimately made available by the State for these purposes, VCE would amend its application to the City to avoid funding duplication.

## **Proposal 2**

### **Title: Low-Income Household Energy Retrofits**

- **Requested Amount from City of Davis: \$2.7M; based on Davis customers’ proportional share of overall request (approx. 45%)**
- **Total ARP Requested amount from VCE member jurisdictions: \$6M**

### **Background**

The Valley Clean Energy (VCE) 3-year Programs Plan identifies energy efficiency upgrades as a key action in delivering on-going savings and GHG emission reductions for Yolo County households.

### **Proposal Overview**

The proposed retrofit program would focus on VCE’s California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rates Assistance (FERA) customers, CARE and FERA eligible customers, and those who have struggled to pay their VCE electricity bills during the pandemic. The CARE and FERA customers are all income qualified through the State and represent many classes of heavily impacted essential workers. The proposed retrofit program would address two important challenges: (1) sustained energy bill reductions for lower income households and (2) retrofitting the existing building stock.

VCE’s low-income household energy retrofit program would be focused on a basic package of building envelope improvements (e.g. windows, air sealing, etc.), smart controls, and high efficiency heating/cooling/water heating and appliance upgrades. These types of improvements would allow some of the most economically impacted households in Yolo County and Davis (renters and owners alike), to improve comfort and see short and long-term reductions in energy costs. Most improvements would be “fixed” to the building helping to maintain the housing stock and benefit any tenant/owner over the life of the improvements.

In addition, this would be an opportunity to simultaneously improve indoor air-quality in lower-income households as gas devices are replaced with efficient electric appliances.

VCE's objective would be to "stack" existing rebates and incentives from the State with ARP funding to maximize impact and the number of households that could participate. VCE would draw on SMUD's decades of experience in design and implementation of energy efficiency retrofits and invite the UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute to advise on program design and measurement of outcomes to build a strong foundation for future energy retrofit programs in Yolo County.

Key co-benefits of this ARP support request include the potential for customer driven reduction of VCE's peak load through reduced demand. This not only results in household energy cost savings but also helps reduce VCE's need to buy the most expensive type of power for its customers during the summer peak. This type of power is called Resource Adequacy and cost VCE customers over \$17M in 2020. Even a small reduction in the peak load can save VCE customers hundreds of thousands of dollars a year while contributing to grid reliability. Another important co-benefit is the job creation potential for a retrofit program of this scale. In particular, the trades would be called on heavily for retrofits and installation of energy efficiency equipment.

## YOLO FOOD BANK ARP REQUEST TO YOLO CITIES (July 2021)

While it continues to be another hectic summer for our communities, especially related to ongoing COVID-related challenges and fallout, I do hope that each of you are finding some time to re-charge your batteries. We're struggling to do likewise here at Yolo Food Bank (YFB) amidst continued demand for assistance, but looking ahead to productive dialogue with you and your colleagues on the many pending matters of mutual interest.

Among those opportunities to collaborate is in regards to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds allocated to the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland. What follows is a conceptual request for ARP funding for Yolo Food Bank. If it's your priority to maintain and increase food security in your communities, YFB is eager to work with you and your staff members to create the most impactful and transformational path forward.

Brookings Institute, California Public Policy Institute and Massachusetts Institute of Technology research makes clear that approximately one-third of the families in each of Yolo County's cities suffer from some level of housing and food insecurity due to low wages and high living costs. The statistics are even more alarming for our residents of color. The pandemic has significantly exacerbated the struggles of these families and has widened socioeconomic disparities, as we are all aware from countless media accounts and studies.

Fortunately, the entire county has effectively rallied around Yolo Food Bank and our distribution partners to mitigate some of the pandemic-induced harms throughout most of the pandemic. But YFB is now seeing signs of pandemic fatigue with community and governmental support receding.

According to state data, all but two or three food banks in California have dramatically reduced their food distributions by 20-40% since March, as federal pandemic food and funding provisions to food banks are receding. Yolo Food Bank has been one of the few exceptions, successfully maintaining extraordinary service levels, but in a matter of weeks we, too, will have no choice but to significantly cutback our food distributions, absent an intervention. These cutbacks will not only impact our direct distributions in the cities, but also our support for 84 community organizations such as Empower Yolo, HEART, YCCA, Mercy Coalition, STEAC, the ASUCD Student Pantry, Woodland Community College, Fourth and Hope, and more.

ARP support not only enables YFB to avoid cutting food distributions, but provides a clear path to a nutrition-secure county in perpetuity; a transformational impact upon generations of children, in particular, in each of your cities. YFB has submitted a conceptual funding proposal to Yolo County, which if granted, secures desperately needed food supplies and funding for distribution costs to backfill the federal cutbacks. The proposal has four elements:


1. Continuation of pandemic-relief food distributions. \$3 million (\$1 million per year over three years). Funded through ARP Tranches 1 and 2.

2. Capacity expansion (second warehouse, refrigeration, trucks, and equipment). \$2 million over next twelve months. Funded through ARP Tranche 1. [Note: this funding need may no longer be necessary. The state is indicating it will fund this expansion. Details as yet unknown.]
3. Buildout and deepening of the YFB community organization partnership network to more effectively reach underserved and difficult to access neighborhoods and rural communities. \$1 million total over three years. Funded through ARP Tranches 1 and 2.
4. Securing a reliable source of locally grown produce for distribution via a food hub (either independently or in partnership with complementary organizations). \$5 million to \$10 million over three years. Funded through ARP Tranches 1 and 2.

YFB requests each of the cities fund \$700,000 of the total \$11 million - \$16 million ask of Yolo County, thereby sharing the service and capacity costs, and benefits with the county. Please note that Yolo Food Bank has been notified by the California Department of Social Services that we will be receiving a significant amount of food bank capacity-building funding. This state capacity-building funding will reduce the amount requested under #2 above, although the details of the amount, timing, and eligible uses are as yet unknown. YFB is also actively seeking funding from other out-of-area sources, but there are no additional details to share at this time.

Again, this proposal is conceptual. Please let me know whether you have a general interest in maintaining the current level of nutritional services provided by Yolo Food Bank and our community partners in your cities, and building upon them for the future. I look forward to our continued work together to nourish the future of our communities.

With gratitude,



## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-XXX, SERIES 2022**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO ASSIST ARTISTS AND NON-PROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY 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, non-profit arts and culture organizations were among the hardest hit organizations in the community because of COVID shelter in place orders and other necessary health precautions; and

WHEREAS, because of COVID, these organizations depleted their reserves, decreased their operating budgets and were unable to produce their regular slate of events and programming; and

WHEREAS, arts and culture are significant drivers of economic development in the Davis community, with a multiplying effect of revenue coming into the community through purchases, taxes and donations; and

WHEREAS, the Davis Arts Alliance worked collaboratively and collectively with its members to develop a proposal to disburse ARPA funding to help stabilize artists and arts and culture organizations; and

WHEREAS, the funding is intended to support artists, musician and organizations to get back to work, provide vital arts educational resources to youth, connect the arts to community events to bring people together and more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby approve the allocation of \$600,000 in ARPA funding in the following manner:

- \$550,000 to the Yolo Community Foundation to distribute to nonprofit arts organizations, and to cover their administrative costs, which should not exceed 10% of the grants (\$50,000).
- Funding will fall into the following categories:
  - Brick and mortar and non-profit arts and cultural organizations
  - Non-profit arts and cultural organizations with employees/cultural workers but no facility
  - All-volunteer non-profit arts and cultural organizations
- \$50,000 to the City of Davis Arts and Cultural Affairs program to support individual artists

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Yolo Community Foundation for \$550,000 to administer grants to arts and cultural organizations.

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), by \$600,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Gloria Partida  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-XXX, SERIES 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN ACT FUNDS TO FUND PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT  
THE DOWNTOWN'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY 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, downtown Davis is both the central business district and the heart and soul of the community; and

WHEREAS, because of COVID, shelter in place orders, and lack of patrons, businesses and organizations located in the downtown area suffered; and

WHEREAS, certain public infrastructure in the downtown would benefit from maintenance, repairs, or enhancements to encourage full economic recovery from COVID; and

WHEREAS, the City worked with Davis Downtown, the organization, to identify needs and develop funding proposals for the use of ARPA dollars; and

WHEREAS, funding is intended to spur economic recovery in the private sector and the public realm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby approve the allocation of \$1,815,000 in ARPA funding in the following manner:

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Program/Project</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
DDBA	Downtown Security Cameras	\$ 25,000
DDBA	CPTED Grants	\$ 50,000
CITY/DDBA	Downtown Cleaning and Maintenance	\$ 250,000
CITY - PWUO	Off Cycle Pruning - E Street Plaza and parking lot	\$ 20,000
CITY - CMO	City banners	\$ 10,000
CITY - CDS	Hunt Boyer Porch Improvements	\$ 15,000
CITY - CDS	First and F St Garage Maintenance	\$ 40,000



CITY - CDS	X Permit Parking Subsidy for Restaurant and Retail Workers at Olive Drive Lot	\$ 5,000
CITY - CMO	RR Quiet Zone Application Preparation	\$ 50,000
DDBA	Night Market & Music Series	\$ 150,000
CITY/DDBA	Enhancements to downtown infrastructure and community space, to include beautification, landscaping/trees, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & B and/or E Street Plaza	\$ 1,200,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the budget to: Increase revenue and expenditure appropriations in the General Fund (001), utilizing American Rescue Plan dollars (217), by \$1,815,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Downtown Davis to provide them with \$225,000 from the \$1,815,000 for the purposes of security cameras, CPTED grants, and the proposed Night Market/Music Series.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022 by the following vote:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 22-XXX, SERIES 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN ACT FUNDS CITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AFFECTED BY  
COVID, TO ASSIST LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO RECOVER  
FROM COVID 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 City of Davis acknowledges revenue loss due to COVID, resulting in projects and programs that have gone unfunded; and

WHEREAS, there are likewise non-profit service organizations in the community that would benefit from funding to serve at-risk populations and to make a full economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis undertook a comprehensive process to review citywide needs and has developed a slate of projects and proposals to receive ARPA funding directly or will benefit from the infusion of ARPA funds into the City's budget; and

WHEREAS, these funding recommendations have been categorized into the following areas: Critical City Services, Covid Prevention, Social Services, Community Building, and Economic Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council developed guiding principles to assist with decisions related to funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, funding is intended to assist the most vulnerable in the community, spur economic recovery, and fund projects and programs previously unfunded due to Covid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby approve the allocation of \$9,810,600 in ARPA funding in the following manner:

Recipient	Request	Amount Allocated
<b>Critical City Services</b>		<b>\$ 900,000</b>
CITY – Public Works	4 changeable message boards (traffic, construction, events, etc.)	\$ 100,000
CITY - Public Safety	Replacement of public safety radios/equipment	\$ 450,000
CITY – Public Works	Replacement and expansion of portable building at City Hall	\$ 350,000

Recipient	Request	Amount Allocated
<b>COVID Prevention</b>		<b>\$ 1,135,600</b>
CITY	HDT COVID Testing	\$ 750,000
CITY	COVID Response Reserve	\$ 385,600

Recipient	Request	Amount Allocated
<b>Social Services</b>		<b>\$ 5,100,000</b>
CITY - CMO/Housing and Social Services	Homelessness Services (Sanctioned Camping, Shelter, Respite, PAWS, etc) and Affordable Housing /Trust Fund	\$ 3,000,000
CITY - Housing and Social Services	Downtown Streets Team	\$ 300,000
CITY - Parks and Community Services	Community Needs Assessment to identify priority support programs including youth focus	\$ 250,000
CITY - Parks and Community Services	Scholarship Program for recreation programs	\$ 50,000
Yolo Food Bank	General Funding Assistance	\$ 500,000
First Five Yolo	Welcome Baby Program	\$ 275,000*
Yolo Adult Day Health	Adult Day Health Expansion Project (Woodland)	\$ 225,000
Yolo Crisis Nursery	Yolo Crisis Nursery	\$ 500,000

\*May be replaced using another fund source

Department or Recipient	Request	Amount Allocated
<b>Community Building</b>		<b>\$ 2,470,000</b>
PCS	Renovate Playfield Synthetic Fields	\$ 990,000
PWET	Bike Pump Track	\$ 600,000
CITY	Veterans Memorial Theatre Roof and Facility Rehabilitation	\$ 450,000
CITY	Climate Resilience Hub/Climate Action Needs	\$ 400,000
CITY	Mobile Stage - gap in equipment replacement fund	\$ 30,000

Recipient	Request	Amount Allocated
<b>Economic Assistance to Organizations</b>		<b>\$ 205,000</b>
Chamber of Commerce	Funding to assist Chamber with COVID recovery	\$ 105,000
Explorit	COVID recovery	\$ 100,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the budget to: Increase revenue and expenditure appropriations in the General Fund (001), utilizing American Rescue Plan dollars (217), by \$9,810,600.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with the Yolo Food Bank, First Five Yolo, Yolo Adult Day Health, Yolo Crisis Nursery, Davis Chamber of Commerce, and Yolo Crisis Nursery for the funding amounts listed in the charts above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022 by the following vote:

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