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Martha Collins submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 3. 210135 Communication relating to public comments on the allocation and distribution of ARPA funds.

eComment: As a resident of Milwaukee and hunger advocate, I believe the ARPA funds should be directed to address food insecurity experienced by so of the most vulnerable populations in our community. As of March 2021, Feeding America estimates that just over 1 in 8 Wisconsinites and 1 in 5 children experienced food insecurity in 2020. That is a 27% increase compared to pre-pandemic in the amount of people facing hunger. The fallout from the pandemic will be felt for years to come. COVID-19 and its impact on the economy created a significant increase in the number of people requesting nutrition benefits as well as a host of challenges for people enrolling in benefits and the organizations that serve them. For instance, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, the largest food bank in the state and is located in the heart of the City of Milwaukee saw an increase of 36% increase in the number of neighbors in need and distributed 79% more food compared to 2019. Please use this funding to help provide \$10 Million for food to struggling families in Milwaukee.

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