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MEMORANDUM

To: Nik Kovac, Budget & Management Director

From: Andrea Fowler, American Rescue Plan Act Director

Subject: Preliminary descriptions of ARPA usage in 2024 budget

This memo summarizes the proposed ARPA uses under consideration for the Mayor's proposed 2024 budget, and the funding of ongoing projects made possible by shifting remaining ARPA into 2024 salaries. Each specific use may require its own SPA, special fund, or capital line item. Changes to ARPA project budgets to create the levy offset are included at the end of the memo.

Total value of all levy-funded programs (formerly ARPA): **\$17,285,471**
Total value of all "scraped" ARPA: **\$17,516,599.69**
Total of all ARPA dedicated to 2024 salaries: **\$110,244,148**

- **City of Milwaukee Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and African American Affairs: \$400,000.**

This program funds renovations to the office space of the Office of African American Affairs. Remaining funds will be made available to the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to fund 2024 programming. This program is primarily funded by the remaining \$366,476 in the "Improving OAAA Service Access" ARPA project which will be shifted into 2024 salaries.

- **Housing and Home Ownership: \$9,246,531**

This category funds various 2024 housing programs including DCD's In Rem Property project (\$400,000), Strong Homes Loans (\$1,000,000), and Down Payment Assistance projects (\$2,000,000), and DNS's Code Compliance Loan project (\$1,000,000) and Targeted Demolition program (\$3,064,000), and DPW's new Targeted Demolition Program (\$1,782,531). Funding for these programs will be placed in special funds and/or capital budgets.

- **Multilingual Access to City Resources: \$196,064**

This category continues to fund the City Clerk's translation program which is intended to provide multilingual access and other translation services for City documents and meetings/services. Funding comes from the levy offset produced by moving \$196,064 in ARPA funds into 2024 salaries from the City Clerk's Language Translation Services project.

- **Big Clean: \$350,654**

This program continues to fund the City Clerk's Big Clean project in 2024. The special fund is funded by the levy offset created by moving \$350,654 of the City Clerk's Big Clean ARPA project into City salaries in 2024.

- **Lead Hazard Reduction: \$2,092,222**

This special fund continues lead remediation work within MHD, and adds new salaried positions to support the program.

- **Citizen-Led Transformational Grants Fund: \$5,000,000**

This SPA funds community programs recommended by the ARPA Task Force, and is funded by the levy offset created by various reductions in ARPA program budgets. In the resolution establishing this SPA, the ARPA Task Force may wish to reconstitute itself as a new task force to review and recommend these SPA-funded projects.

The following chart summarizes the proposed ARPA-project budget reductions, and the reasoning for each.

Proposed ARPA Budget Reductions				
Department	Project	Current Budget	Budget Reduction	Reasoning
City Clerk	Language Translation Services	\$300,000	\$196,064	Contracting has so far been unsuccessful. Removing \$196,064 to fund 2024 program.
City Clerk	53206 Survey	\$15,655	\$1,008	Project is complete; remaining funds may be released.
City Clerk	Big Clean	\$469,978	\$350,654	Project is ongoing. 2024 funding would be provided in a special fund.
DCD	In Rem Initiative / Homes MKE	\$15,000,000	\$497,867	This program budgeted approximately \$497,867 for staff in 2025 and 2026 (in total). Will review project again at end of 2023 to determine whether all \$14 million in renovation funds will be under contract by the end of 2024.
DCD/DNS	2024 Housing Programs	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000	These funds were allocated in 2022 for "Capital Budget – Housing." Individual programs were not specified at the time. A similar allocation in 2023 funded In Rem Property, Strong Homes Loans, Concentrated Blight Elimination, and Code Compliance Loans.
DNS	Demolition, Deconstruction, and Site Restoration	\$5,200,000	\$1,328,026	DNS has \$2,208,884.05 remaining in their budget, and requires \$785,858 through the end of the year, and an additional \$95,000 in 2023 to pay for demolition of the "Boston Store" portion of Northridge.
DOA	Administrative Services (Grant monitoring and administration)	\$1,960,000	\$350,000	ARPA Director's RNC time cannot be charged to ARPA, and one grant monitor position will be vacant until replaced. Positions cannot charge time after 2024 and Budget projects an excess of \$350,000.

Department	Project	Current Budget	Budget Reduction	Reasoning
DOA	Early Childhood Education	\$315,687	\$11,533	Program complete.
DPW	Lighting Circuit Reliability Improvement	\$19,500,000	\$268,800	\$268,800 was allocated to 2025/2026 salaries and can be released for reprogramming.
DPW	Community Supported Traffic Safety Improvements (Reckless Driving)	\$6,000,000	\$54,297	Project moving along well and most funds under contract, but \$54,297 was originally allocated for salaries in 2025 and 2026. Department will release for reprogramming.
Health	City of Milwaukee COVID-19 Response and Recovery	\$13,300,000	\$6,913,451	Funds were allocated for direct COVID-19 response, and these funds remain unspent. They are not needed by the department to meet current obligations.
Health	Public Health O&M	\$5,223,635	\$820,692	Project complete; unspent funds released for reprogramming.
Health	Lead Hazard Reduction	\$25,316,942	\$1,650,902	\$6,593,183 remaining at end of June 2023. This department did have some funds allocated to salaries in 2025 and 2026 (nursing staff and social workers), which they no longer plan to hire. They would like to reallocate those funds to their subrecipients for additional remediation work. Remediation work is ongoing and moving along well. Number confirmed 8/9/23 – note the change.
Library	COVID-19 Public Health	\$300,000	\$6,829.69	Program responded to direct impacts of COVID-19. This amount remains unspent after completion of those efforts.
OAAA	Improving OAAA Service Access Using Existing and New Programming Partnerships	\$400,000	\$366,476	Per CCFN 210894, funds were intended for “continued response to COVID-19.” Pandemic has ended and majority of funds remain unspent.
Total:			\$17,516,599.69	