

Milwaukee's American Rescue Plan Program

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American Rescue Plan Task Force



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Signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021

ARPA funding can be used only for:

- Replacement of public sector revenue (government services)
- Public health expenditures to address problems made worse by COVID-19
- Addressing negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

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How much did the City of Milwaukee receive?

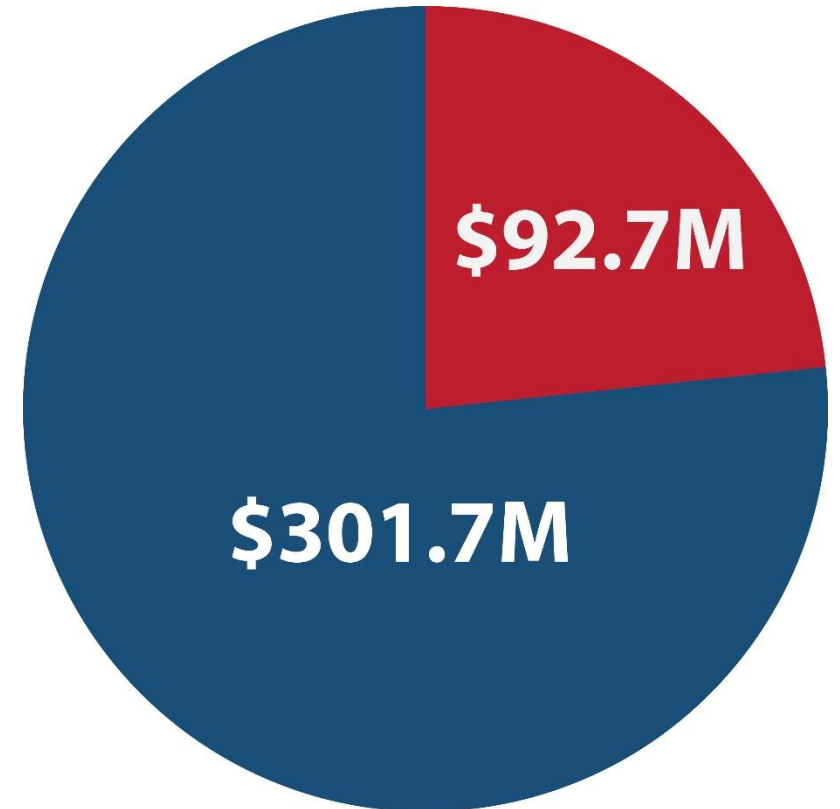
\$392.4 million

How much has the City already allocated?

\$301.7 million

How much is left?

\$92.7 million



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How did the City decide to allocate the first \$301.7?

- Public online survey (city.milwaukee.gov/ARPA)
- Mailed survey to the 53206 zip code
- Targeted outreach to especially vulnerable communities

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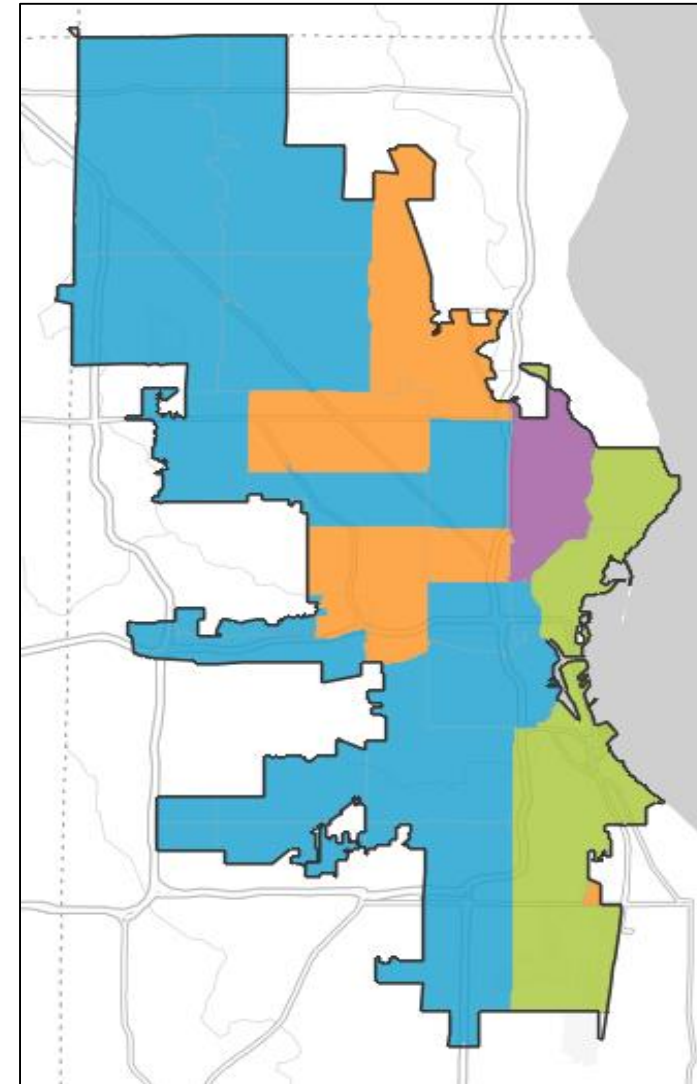
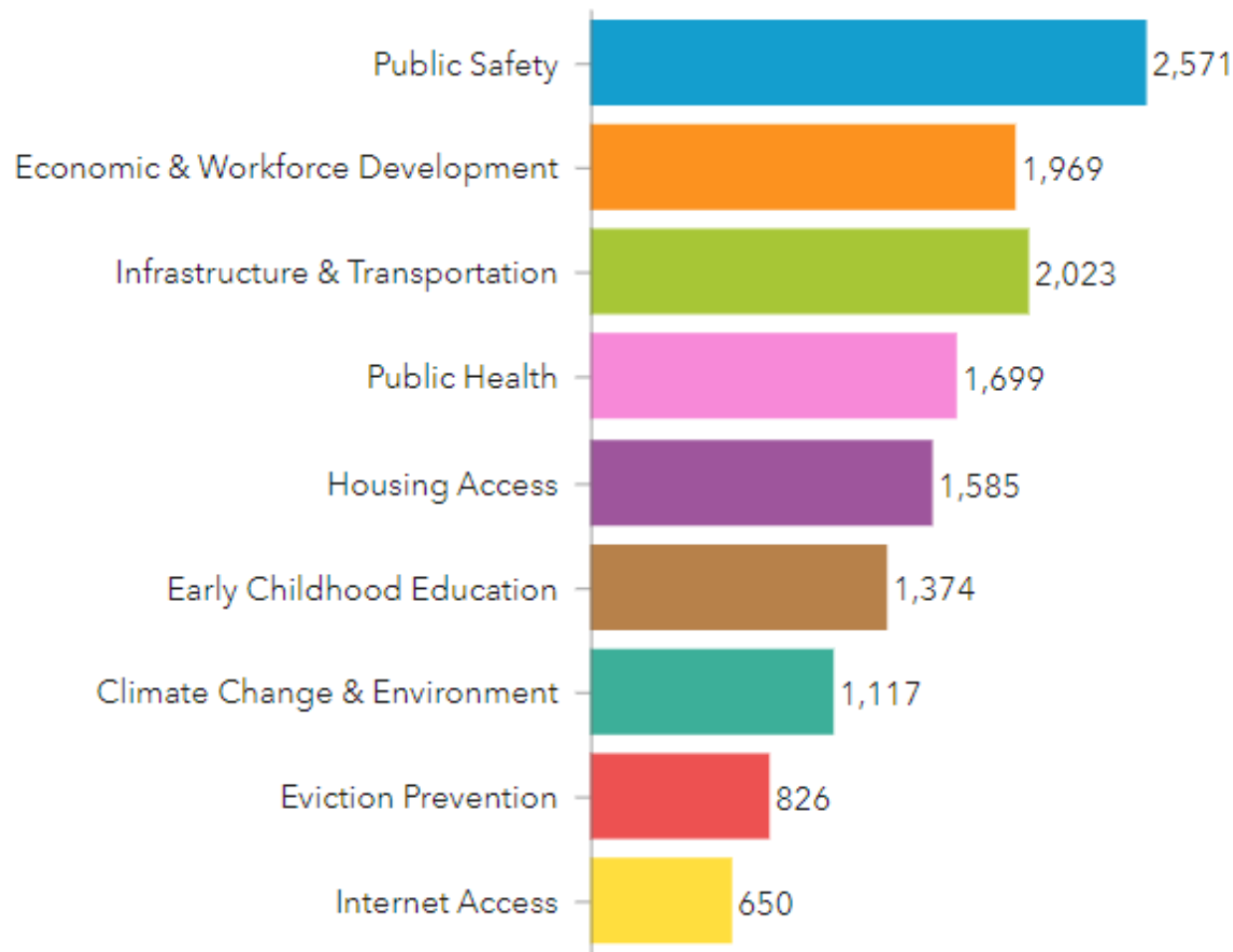
53206 mailed survey responses

- Housing Access
- Economic & Workforce Development
- Public Safety



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Online Survey Responses



Top priority for city residents by ZIP code

Top priority



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Housing Access

- Provide more units of affordable housing
- Provide more accessible housing
- Provide more resources and remove barriers for renters to avert evictions



Mental Health

- Increase the number of providers
- Offer an array of mental health services
- Make mental health services more accessible so that people can get to them easily



Public Safety
and Recreation

- Program to fix and add street lighting
- Add speed bumps in neighborhoods to discourage speeding
- Street cleanliness throughout neighborhood
- Provide more resources for children such as green spaces, playgrounds, community centers, educational/career opportunities

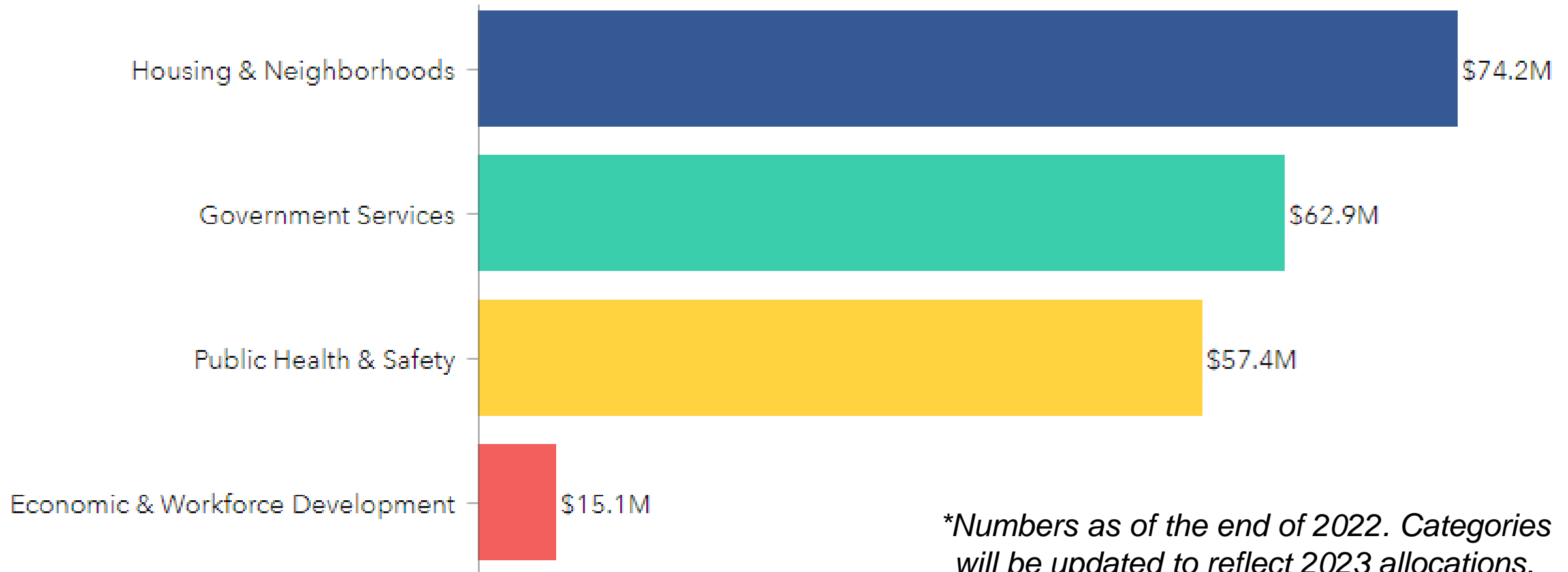
Noteworthy Ideas

- Appropriate training services for EMT workers to deal with the disabled/deaf or hard of hearing
- Quality clear masks for the deaf
- Create community pools to make more accessible to residents
- Allocate more funds to assisted living and TRANS housing; safe shelter for LGBTQ+ community

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Funding by priority area



**Numbers as of the end of 2022. Categories will be updated to reflect 2023 allocations.*

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Major current investments:

- Addressing Lead: **\$30 million**
 - Lead abatement/services to lead-poisoned families: \$25 million
 - Lead abatement workforce training: \$3 million
 - Energy efficient upgrades to lead-abated homes: \$2 million
- Affordable Housing Homeownership/Rental Opportunities: **\$40 million**
 - Housing Trust Fund (\$10 million); HACM Westlawn (\$9 million); Homes MKE (\$15 million); (Down payment assistance \$5 million); (STRONG Homes \$1 million)

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Major current investments:

- Early Childhood Education (stipends, training, tutoring): **\$7.3 million**
- Earn and Learn Programs: **\$5.1 million**
- Basic Life Support Ambulance Service: **\$9.7 million**
- Gun Violence Reduction: **\$6.5 million**
- Reckless Driving Reduction: **\$7.2 million**
- Street Lighting Improvements: **\$19.5 million**
- Violence Prevention: **\$4.3 million**

City of Milwaukee's upcoming 2024 Budget



Summary of the current financial situation:

- Due to reduced annual revenue from the state (down \$155 million annually adjusted for inflation since 2000) and increases in annual pension contributions (\$100 million in 2023) the City had a budget gap of \$151 million in the 2023 budget
- That gap was more than half filled with ARPA allocations. Without those allocations, massive layoffs of city employees and reductions in city services would have been necessary this year.
- Future gaps are expected to be of similar scale as 2023.

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How should we spend the rest?

- Task Force
- New survey efforts: engagemke.com/arp
- Outreach meeting
- These meetings – give us your ideas!

Questions?

Thank you for joining us!



Take the survey now!

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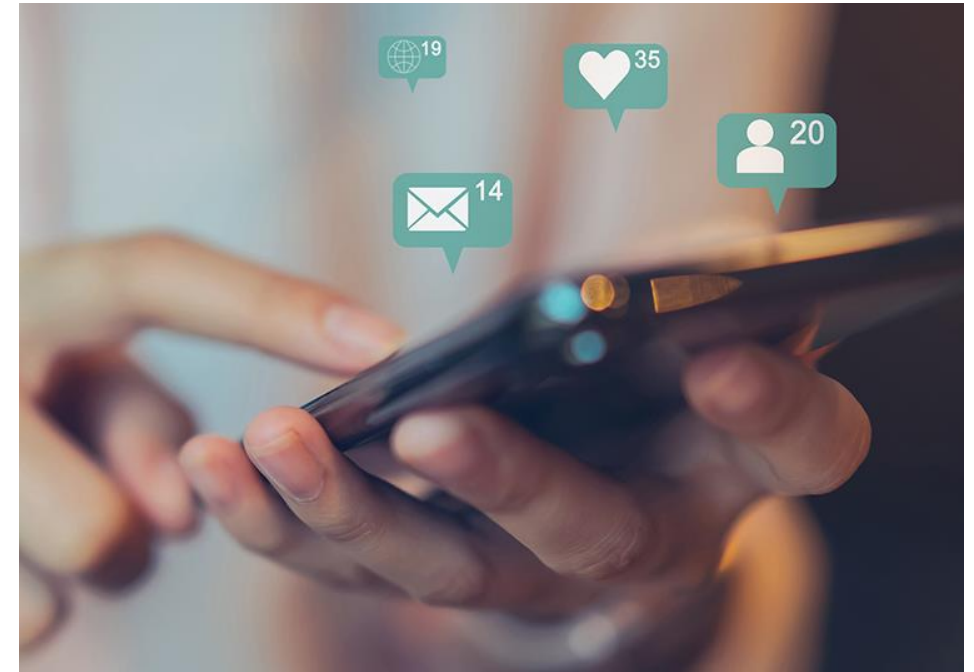
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