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MEMORANDUM

To: Finance and Personnel Committee Members  
From: Andrea Fowler, American Rescue Plan Act Director  
Subject: Police ARPA-related questions

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The following ARPA related questions were posed during the Milwaukee Police Department's budget hearing. I provide responses below each question.

**Question 1: How much ARPA funding has been used for squads/ SUV's? How many were purchased?**

**Response:** The Milwaukee Police Department spent \$247,992 on 6 Ford Hybrid SUVs.

**Question 2: Would gun buyback be an allowable use of ARPA?**

**Response:** Gun buyback programs are an allowable use of ARPA funds, and have been implemented in multiple cities throughout the nation. Due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's December 31, 2024 contracting/expenditure deadlines, the program should be administered through a subaward executed before the end of 2024, or through City staff distributing gift cards in exchange for guns. If the second scenario is utilized, City staff time cannot be charged to the grant after 2024, and all gift cards must be purchased before the end of 2024. If this program is identified as a priority, we can work with council members to identify existing ARPA programs that still have money left which is eligible for reallocation.

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