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REPORT BACK ON MOVING FORWARD ON THE EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ITEM NO. 25, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021) AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT EXPEDITED CONTRACTING (ITEM NO. 12, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021)

On September 15, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in collaboration with County Counsel, to provide bimonthly reports on the implementation of the equity formula and principles in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) contracting process and to include updates on the public dashboard and website that ensure implementation information is available to the public. A follow-up motion adopted by the Board on November 30, 2021, directed the CEO to submit quarterly reports on the status of contracts executed for programs approved in the ARP Spending Plan, as well as any subsequent new or amended ARP Spending Plans.

Progress to Date

Attachment I provides an update on the above-noted directives since the last report submitted on July 25, 2022, and includes a summary of progress made on the implementation of the ARP Phase One Spending Plan and efforts to ensure that equity based investments reach the communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The progress report covers the following topics:

- The Request for Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) for contracted services using ARP funding;
- ARP contracting outreach efforts;
- The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) Exemplary Systems in Government Award for the Equity Explorer Mapping Tool; and
- The status of ARP project designs and approvals.

The RFSQ for the ARP Support Services Master Agreement was released on April 29, 2022 and remains open and continuous to ensure vendors have the opportunity to qualify as a contractor under the Master Agreement. To date, fifty-two (52) applications were received and reviewed; twenty-six (26) vendors were deemed qualified to provide services in one or more categories. On August 16, 2022, the Center for Non-Profit Management, BDO FMA, the County of Los Angeles (County) Chief Executive Office, Departments of Economic Opportunity and Internal Services co-hosted a session on navigating ARP funding opportunities, such as the Support Services Master Agreement. Event outreach targeted community and faith-based organizations interested in learning more about potential ARP funding and how to pursue contracts with the County. One hundred and fourteen (114) participants attended the event. A second event is planned for September 22, 2022.

On August 5, 2022, URISA announced that the County Equity Explorer Mapping Tool was selected by the Exemplary Systems in Government (ESIG) Review Committee to receive recognition as a Distinguished System. Only two entries submitted under the award's Enterprise Systems category were chosen for this honor.

As of September 12, 2022, all eighty-three (83) projects have been approved for launch and implementation, including projects that were fast-tracked to expedite their implementation and funding areas allocated by the Board to support pandemic response services, the disaster services worker program, and centralized administrative expenses related to the response. This equals a total of \$975,000,000 that have been approved for launch. Attachment II lists all of the approved projects.

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The Chief Executive Office will continue to provide bimonthly Board updates on these two motions, *Moving Forward on the Equitable Implementation of the American Rescue Plan* and *The American Rescue Plan Act Expedited Contracting* with the next report due in October of 2022.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or D'Artagnan Scorza, Ph.D., Executive Director of Racial Equity, at (213) 974-1761 or dscorza@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments

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Report on the Equitable Implementation of the American Rescue Plan and Expedited Contracting

Background

On September 15, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in collaboration with County Counsel, to provide bimonthly reports on the implementation of the equity formula and principles in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) contracting process and to include updates on the public dashboard and website that ensure implementation information is available to the public. A subsequent motion adopted by the Board on November 30, 2021, directed the CEO to submit quarterly reports on the status of contracts executed for programs approved in the ARP Spending Plan, as well as any subsequent new or amended ARP Spending Plans.

This report details the progress made on the implementation of the ARP Phase One Spending Plan and efforts to ensure that equity-based investments reach the communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The update includes the status of:

- The Request for Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) for contracted services using ARP funding;
- ARP contracting outreach efforts;
- The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) Exemplary Systems in Government Award for the Equity Explorer Mapping Tool; and
- ARP project designs and approval process.

Request for Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) for Contracted Services Using ARP Funds

The Chief Executive Office, in partnership with County Counsel and the Internal Services Department (ISD), released the RFSQ for the ARP Support Services Master Agreement on April 29, 2022. The first round of vendor applications was due on May 26, 2022, and the solicitation will remain open and continuous to ensure vendors can qualify as a contractor under the Master Agreement. To date, fifty-two (52) applications were received and reviewed. The first step verified the completeness of each application and the applicant's administrative eligibility. For those applications that were incomplete, vendors were contacted and given the opportunity to correct any omissions before determining final qualification status. The second step verified whether the minimum qualifications indicated in the RFSQ were met, which involved contacting approximately two hundred (200) references using an electronic survey. As a result of the entire qualification process to date, twenty-six (26) vendors have been qualified to provide services in one or more categories, and twenty-seven (27) vendors have been disqualified for one or more categories and three applications are currently being processed. The reasons for disqualification primarily include vendors not meeting required years of experience or not

providing the same or similar services included in the Master Agreement.¹ To increase the number of qualified vendors, additional outreach and technical assistance will be provided to those disqualified vendors with issues that may be resolved. For disqualified vendors with services that were inconsistent with the Master Agreement, referrals will be made to the County departments with more suitable contracting opportunities. Notification to all vendors is currently underway and will be completed within the next few weeks.

Navigating ARP Funding and Contracting Opportunities

In partnership with the Center for Non-Profit Management and BDO FMA, the County's Chief Executive Office, Department of Economic Opportunity, and ISD co-hosted a session on navigating ARP funding opportunities on August 16, 2022. Event outreach targeted community and faith-based organizations interested in learning more about potential ARP funding and pursuing contract opportunities with the County. The session was offered in English with Spanish interpretation. Another session is scheduled September 22, 2022.

One hundred fourteen (114) participants attended the August 2022 session. 61 percent of participants represented small to very small organizations with operating budgets of one million dollars or less. Of the 77 percent of attendees who responded to an in-session poll, more than one-third (35 percent) had no prior experience with County funding. Engaging these organizations will continue to diversify the pool of qualified contractors and support the County's goal of equitably distributing ARP and other County funds to support the communities most negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and become more inclusive of smaller organizations that tend to serve underserved communities.

2022 URISA Exemplary Systems in Government Award

The URISA Exemplary Systems in Government (ESIG) award competition recognizes outstanding achievement by government agencies around the world for their use of geospatial information technology (GIS) at the local, regional, state/provincial and federal levels. Projects are scored based on the effective application of GIS to improve service delivery and benefit communities. On August 5, 2022, it was announced that the County's Equity Explorer Mapping Tool was selected by URISA's ESIG Review Committee to receive recognition as a Distinguished System. The project was one of two entries chosen for this honor in the Enterprise Systems category, which evaluates information systems technology applied in multi-department environments as part of an integrated process.

¹ This data includes hybrid vendors who applied for multiple categories but were qualified in one or more category and disqualified in other categories.

ARP Project Status Update

To ensure the equitable implementation and allocation of ARP funding, ARDI and the Consultant Support Team are working closely with departments to expedite project design review and assist project managers with: complying with Treasury data and reporting requirements; identifying and applying Countywide Equity Guiding Principle(s) and ARP Act Budget Equity Principle(s); developing project goals, objectives, activities, target populations, and outcomes that consider equity; and using the Equity Explorer Mapping Tool, as well as apply the Board's approved funding formula.

As of September 12, 2022, all eighty-three (83) projects have been approved for launch and implementation, including projects that were fast-tracked to expedite their implementation and funding areas allocated by the Board to support pandemic response services, the disaster services worker program, and centralized administrative expenses related to the response. This equals a total of \$975,000,000 that have been approved for launch. Attachment II lists all of the approved projects.

Of the 83 approved projects, thirty-eight (38) have launched. An additional twenty-eight (28) projects are expected to launch by September 2022, while the remaining projects are expected to launch in late fall or early winter. Funding amounts encumbered and/or expended across these projects currently vary depending on their level of implementation. As of August 11, 2022, 24 percent of funds for approved projects was encumbered with approximately 18 percent of approved projects expended.

Figure 1 shows the percentage of funds encumbered for projects approved to launch by spending pillar, ranging from 2 percent to 18 percent. A total of 76 percent of approved project funds were unencumbered.

Figure 1:

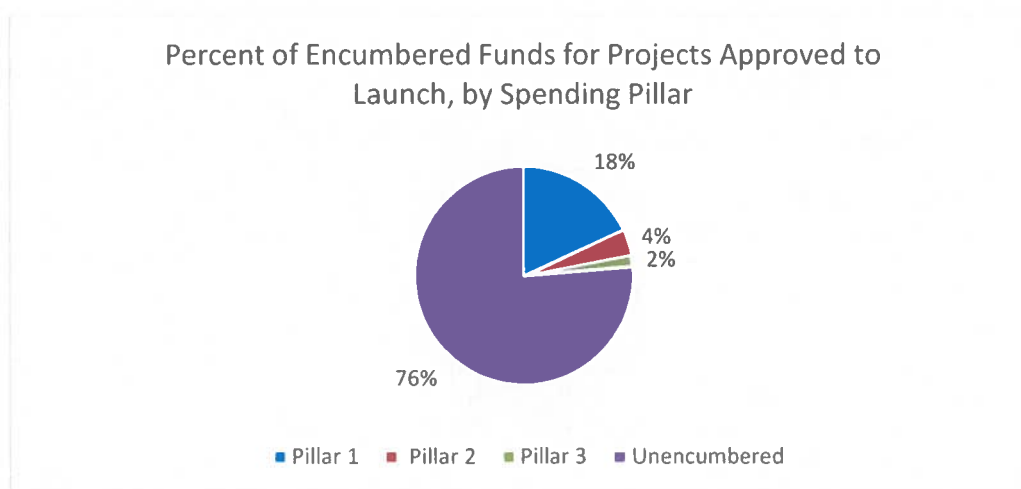
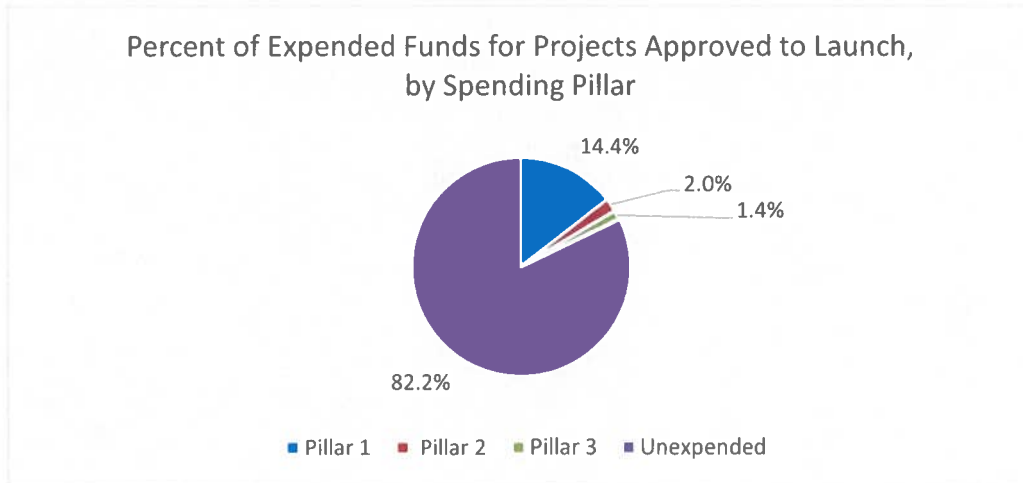


Figure 2 shows the percent of funds expended for projects approved to launch by spending pillar, ranging from approximately 1 to 14 percent. Eighty-two (82) percent of approved project funds were unexpended.

Figure 2:



Conclusion

The Chief Executive Office will continue to update the Board through these status updates and biweekly presentations during the Board meetings. The goal is to maintain this level of transparency to inform the Board offices, potential vendors, and community members of progress made in expending ARP funds and the availability of contracting opportunities to support the County's equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN		
PROJECTS BY STATUS		
<i>Last updated September 12, 2022</i>		
	Program	Project Amount
APPROVED FOR LAUNCH/IMPLEMENTATION*	Administrative Costs	\$4,220,000
	Advanced Provider Response Units (ARPU)	\$8,100,000
	Alternative Crisis Response	\$18,500,000
	Antipoverty-Guaranteed Basic Income	\$16,300,000
	Arts Education Program for Vulnerable LA County Schools	-
	Arts for Justice-Involved Youth	\$1,500,000
	Arts Relief and Recovery Grants	\$12,000,000
	ATI-Mapping Resources for Justice-Involved Populations	\$1,500,000
	Building a Better Connection for Older Adults	\$700,000
	Cap Projects-Conversion of Interim Housing Units to Perm Housing (PHK 1.0)	\$118,000,000
	Cap Projects-Perm Supportive Housing through New Modular and Prefab Construction	\$100,000,000
	Cap Projects-Project Homekey 2.0	\$115,000,000
	Capacity Building for Immigrant-Focused CBOs	\$3,500,000
	Capacity Building Grants for Justice Focused CBOs	\$5,000,000
	Capital Programs	\$50,000,000
	Childcare Providers Grants and Incubator Program	\$20,000,000
	CIO-Bed Availability Navigator System	\$1,500,000
	Community Food Resource Grants (EO)	\$6,500,000
	Community-Based Outreach (DMH Bucket)	\$7,500,000
	Community-Based Outreach (DPH Bucket)	\$7,500,000
	Creative Career Pathways for Youth	\$1,600,000
	Creative Works Jobs for Artists	\$5,000,000
	Delete the Divide	\$2,900,000
	DSWs and related costs	\$65,000,000
	DV Experts for DCFS Hotline	\$300,000
	DV Shelter-Based Program	\$8,000,000
	Economic Mobility Initiative	\$15,000,000
	Elder Nutrition Program+	\$17,300,000
	Ethnic and Hyper Local Media (DCBA)	\$1,500,000
	Ethnic and Hyper Local Media (JIC)	\$1,100,000
	Fair Chance Campaign	\$2,000,000
	Financial Coaching Partnership	\$1,200,000
	Food Assistance Awareness Campaign	\$500,000
Food Distribution Program	\$2,250,000	

Food for PEH	-
Grants to CBOS Focused on Financial Wellbeing and Wealth Building in Low Income and Immigrant Communities	\$3,500,000
Grants to Support Youth Workforce Development	\$3,500,000
Grocery Voucher	\$10,000,000
Healthy Food Kickstarter Program	\$5,000,000
High Road Training Partnerships (General/Digital Media)	\$9,000,000
HI-Safe Parking	\$1,100,000
Home Visiting	\$9,200,000
Homelessness Prevention	\$13,750,000
Increase Capacity to Address Pandemic-Related Hate	\$1,000,000
Intensive Case Management Services and Tenancy Support Services for Federal Voucher Holders	\$16,700,000
Interim Housing Operating Costs for Community-Based Sites	\$6,000,000
Interim Housing Operating Costs for Safe Landing Site	\$4,250,000
Jail Closure-System of Care Expansion	\$10,500,000
Job Programs for Reentry Populations-Careers for a Cause	\$2,600,000
Job Programs for Reentry Populations-Fire Camp Expansion	\$5,000,000
Job Programs for Reentry Populations-SECTOR	\$1,000,000
Keep LA Dining	\$10,000,000
LA Community Impact Hubs	\$2,000,000
LA County Library Early Literacy and Education	\$1,430,000
LA County Mortgage Relief Partnership	\$5,000,000
LA Regional COVID Fund: Nonprofit Grants	\$15,000,000
LA Regional COVID Fund: Small and Microbusiness Grants	\$20,000,000
Landlord-Tenant Mediations	\$1,000,000
Laptop and Hotspots Lending and WorkReady Programs	\$3,400,000
Legal Aid for Small Business Owners	\$1,500,000
Legal Representation for Immigrants at Risk of Removal	\$2,000,000
Market Match	\$2,000,000
New Private Sector Affordable Housing Developments	\$40,000,000
Nurse Family Partnership	\$2,700,000
ODR Interim Housing Beds	\$5,000,000
Pandemic Recovery Rapid Reemployment	\$20,000,000
Park and Connect Program	\$1,500,000
Public Health Emergency	\$20,000,000
Public Wi-Fi at County Parks	\$1,500,000
Recreation and Aquatics at County Parks	\$8,800,000
Rental Subsidies for Perm Supportive Housing	\$30,000,000
Reopening Culture, Tourism, and Marketing Initiative	\$1,900,000
Safer at Work	\$500,000

Sanitation Services for PEH	\$2,500,000
Shop Local Campaigns	\$1,000,000
Small Business Rent Relief	\$7,500,000
Small Dollar Grants & Loans for DV Survivors	\$1,400,000
Stay Housed LA County	\$12,000,000
Street Vending Collaborative	\$3,500,000
Tenant Protections Hotline and Small Claims Advisor Program	\$500,000
Trauma Prevention Partnerships	\$20,000,000
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for PEH	\$2,300,000
Wraparound Services for Critical Employment Initiatives	\$1,000,000
Youth@Work	\$5,000,000
TOTAL: \$975,000,000	

* Includes fast tracked items.