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SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Session, Thursday, August 12, 2021, with ten members present remotely. Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO presiding. Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Alan Howze and Emerick Cross, Assistant County Administrator's; Bridgette Cobbins, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Brett Deichler, Interim Unified Government Clerk; Patrick Waters, Deputy Chief Counsel; Juliann VanLiew, Director of the Health Department; Brandelyn Nichols-Brajkovic, Municipal Court Administrative Judge; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Angel Obert, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation; Deasiray Bush, Fiscal Manager, Area Agency on Aging; Wesley McKain, COVID Vaccination Resources Manager; Ashley Hand, Director of Strategic Communications; Phyllis Wallace, Human Services Department; and Dominic Geniuk, Municipal Court Administrator.

MAYOR ALVEY said before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that due to COVID-19, we have individuals attending remotely. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise. During the meeting, please make sure that you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is participating knows who is speaking. This is critical given the number of remote participants in his current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

MAYOR ALVEY called the meeting to order.

MAYOR ALVEY said I would ask the Clerk to announce the meeting and call the roll.

ROLL CALL: McKiernan, Ramirez, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Townsend, Alvey.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be held Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference of the Municipal Office Building for an ARPA Budget Workshop.

Due to COVID-19 the public will be able to observe or listen to the meeting live on YouTube or UGTV or through Zoom. The public may also view the special session from the lobby of the Municipal Office Building.

CONSENT TO MEETING of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

Mayor Alvey said tonight we have the American Recovery Plan Act Budget Workshop and I'll turn it over to Administrator Bach.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said it's good to be back in front of you on this topic, which many people in the community are very interested to learn about and for us to dig into as to various alternatives we have regarding the American Rescue Plan. A couple of weeks ago we came before you to give you an overview of some of the items we were looking at, the areas where we could expend the money. At that time we also talked about what we were looking at as we thought would be some of the immediate needs. Ms. VonAchen, our Chief Financial Officer, went through and identified one of the big buckets of areas is lost revenue and how that worked out and where that would go—or why we would be eligible to put money in for that purpose.



Tonight, and Kathleen, do you want to go ahead and share your screen for the presentation that we'll be doing this evening.

We're going to go back through some of these items and a couple weeks ago we sent you a more detailed packet talking about all the immediate needs, so we're going to talk through those items. Again, do the refresher on where we are from the revenue replacement and then talk about where we are as far as the community and kind of looking at our next steps.

A key point from this is what we're looking to come forward in the next two weeks in our Commission meeting on August 26th is that's when we would be looking for the Commission to then approve a resolution which would approve funding that goes into those immediate need categories as well as the revenue replacement. That still leaves a lot of the money that's still out there that we can go through and utilize for various purposes.

If we get to a point tonight and you want to go into that in more detail, we can, as we have the entire time blocked between now and 7:00 p.m., but we will only go as far on this as we want to. Again, no actual items tonight. However, the action that we will take from tonight's meeting is that we will be advancing the immediate needs to the Commission meeting on the 26th as well as the intent to move forward with revenue replacement which puts it over into our General Fund buckets which gives us the latitude to be able to spend that during our budget process.

With that, I'm going to turn this over to Kathleen VonAchen, our Chief Financial Officer, and let her take us through the presentation.

Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer, said I'm joined by Ashley Hand who will be handling the presentation towards the end. I'm also joined by Juliann VanLiew, our Director of the Health Department, who will be talking quite a bit during the section where we're talking about

the proposals. I'm also joined by about 10 or 15 other departments, directors, and staff that were involved in developing this immediate needs list.

ARPA BUDGET WORKSHOP

Agenda

1. Determine Immediate Needs
2. Review Revenue Replacement
3. Confirm Community Engagement
4. Define Next Steps

Purpose

- Hear comments and final amendments to the [ARPA Immediate Needs Report](#)
- Confirm and agree to an engagement strategy and calendar;
- Establish clear next steps for all stakeholders.

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

The Finance and the Public Health Departments developed the Immediate Needs Report based on the feedback from the public.

This document has been posted on the ARPA site, social media, shared with partners, and circulated over the past several days.

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Tonight, we're going to be talking over, as Doug mentioned, four areas. We're going to be determining the immediate needs. We're going to review revenue replacement and how it's calculated and then we're going to confirm the community engagement efforts, and define our next steps.

The purpose is to hear comments and final amendments to the Immediate Needs Report we gave you and to confirm and agree to an engagement strategy and calendar, and establish some clear next steps for all stakeholders. I should point out, the Immediate Needs Report is available on our ARPA website.

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How It Works

- The Unified Government receives a total of \$87 M allocated over two years.
- The federal government directs how they can be used.
- A portion of the funds can cover the lost UG revenue in 2020-2021 caused by the pandemic's economic disruption.
- The remaining funds are eligible for use based on the ARPA categories defined by the US Treasury.
- All funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.

\$87M
Total ARPA Local Recovery Fund

\$55M City of Kansas City, Kansas
\$31M Revenue Loss
\$24M Other ARPA Categories

\$32M Wyandotte County
\$11M Revenue Loss
\$21M Other ARPA Categories

Proposed Allocation Based On Current Revenue Loss Estimates 08.12.2021

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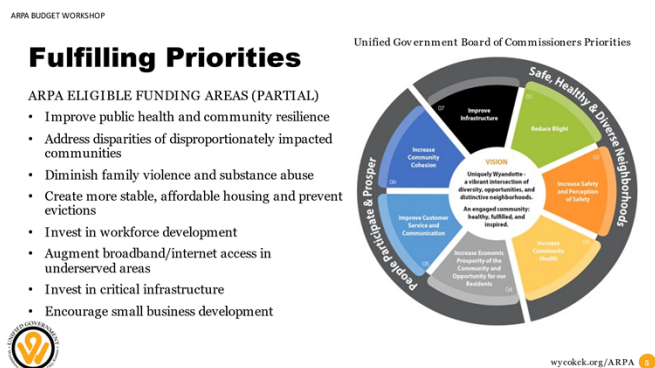
I'm just going to take you through the buckets. We received \$87M, \$55M of it is for Kansas City, Kansas funds, \$32M for Wyandotte County. Based on the—you know, the federal government directs how these funds are to be spent. A portion of the funds can cover revenue lost. Revenue that was lost during the pandemic during 2020-2021. The remaining funds are eligible for use

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based on the ARPA categories defined by the US Treasury. All the funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and must actually be spent two years later at the end of 2026.



The Board of Commissioners' goal here is to use the American Rescue Act funds to enable the community to recover from the pandemic, while also addressing long-standing disparities in our community in key priority areas.



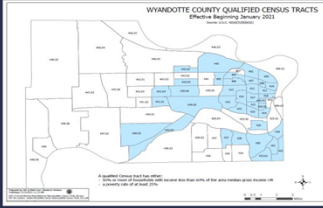
We have together developed some fulfilling priorities list we hope to achieve with these funds and they're in line with our Board of Commissioners strategic goals. So, these priorities, fulfilling these priorities include improving public health and community resilience, addressing the disparities of disproportionately impacted communities, diminish family violence and substance abuse, create more stable and affordable housing and prevent evictions, invest in workforce development, augment broadband and internet access in the underserved areas, invest in critical infrastructure, and encourage small business development. All of these areas are also priorities of the American Rescue Plan.

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Disparity in our Community

- Poverty in Wyandotte County is defined as living on an annual income of \$26,000 for a household of four persons.
- Twenty-four of these 38 qualified census tracts have average poverty rates of 25% or greater.
- Of the 70 total census tracts in the County, 38 meet the QCT criteria.
- Of the total resident populations of approximately 165,000, 54% or 89,360 residents live in a qualified census tract.



[Map] ARPA Qualified Census Tracts define specific areas where certain funding would be eligible to be directed.

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As I mentioned before, and in a white paper I provided you about a month ago, there are deep disparities in our community, so the poverty in Wyandotte County is defined as living on an annual income of about \$26K for a household of four people. Here is a map that shows where the qualified census districts are within our county and they're defined by the US Treasury—or the US Census Bureau as specific areas where certain funding would be eligible to be directed. There's 38 of these census tracts that meet those qualifications that are considered qualified and 24 out of the 38 qualified census tracts have an average poverty rate of 25% or greater. Of the 70 total census tracts in the county, 38 of them on this map here are qualified. The total resident population amongst the qualified districts is 54% of the total population in the county.

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Determine Immediate Needs



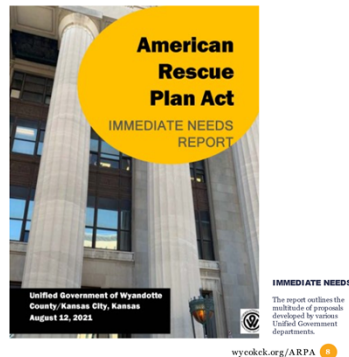
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Now I'm going to go through a number of slides that summarize all the proposals that we have developed when we talked with all the departments and the various community groups and that we have deemed as immediate. By immediate we mean that we need to get the money out the door in order to continue our fight against COVID.

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Scope of Report

Focus Area	Proposed Allocation
Public Health	\$5.95 M (51%)
Reduce Negative Economic Impact	\$2.38 M (20%)
Disproportionately Impacted Communities Assistance	\$1.07 M (9%)
ARPA Grant Support	\$422 K (4%)
Online Processing & Technology Investment	\$1.93 M (16%)
Total Immediate Needs Request	\$11.74 M
County	\$8.8 M
City	\$2.94 M



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Just to give you a scope, there are five categories within the American Rescue Plan and those categories are here; public health, reduce the negative economic impact, disproportionately impacted community, some ARPA grant support, and then this category is our funds that we're using from our revenue loss category to support online processing and technology investments.

Within the Immediate Needs Report, which totals \$11.7M, the funding proposals are detailed here with the percentages. This \$11.7M is split between the county and the city with most of it coming from the county allocation, \$8.8M and the city portion, \$2.9M.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

VACCINATION, TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING

**Proposed
\$1.77M**

01 COVID19 Vaccinations UGPHD	02 Mobile Vaccine Unit	03 COVID19 Testing	04 Contact Tracing	05 Deputy Medical Office	06 Technical Assistance	07 UG Courts Vaccine Initiative
3 nurses and 2 admin staff for 24 months. Vaccinations will continue at UGPHD after the Kmart vaccination facility closes. Need two years of secured funding to attract hires. (\$739K)	15 months operating costs for 1 Mobile Vaccine Unit; Oct 2021 - Dec 2022. July - September 2021 funded through FEMA. Operations for vaccination outreach must continue unabated until county rates increase. (\$239K)	Continue testing with Vibrant Health, focus on at-risk & vaccine hesitant populations through first six months of 2022 (\$150K). Testing in schools, long-term care facilities, inpatient mental health facilities, congregate living facilities, high risk settings. Consider budget if KDHE does not fund more. (\$25K)	2 contact tracing staff for 24 months. UGPHD needs baseline contact tracing staff on-site for outbreaks and surges in case rates. Funds may be depleted sooner depending on volume. (\$216K)	Part-time Deputy Medical Officer to assist with COVID response leadership for 12 months, 07/21 through 06/22. Stability in leadership is critical for operational continuity. (\$98K)	Robust technical assistance to area medical providers for more local healthcare providers to offer testing and vaccinations in their facilities. UGPHD will assist them in getting up and running (both of these areas through July 2022. FEMA reimbursable through September 2021 (\$130K)	Partnership with KS Legal Services & UG Municipal Court to forgive Municipal Court fees for those who show proof of COVID vaccination. Funds to time attorney and 90 time paralegal for 12 months. Initiate partnership due to vaccination urgency and support clearing the Court's backlog. (\$75K)



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As I mentioned, there are various categories and you're going to see the category that we're talking about up on the right-hand corner here. So, right now, we're talking about Public Health and within Public Health there are various sub-categories. This one on this sheet is vaccination, testing, and contact tracing. All of the items under this sub-category total \$1.77M and they include a variety of items, which I'm now going to have Juliann VanLiew talk about.

Juliann VanLiew, Director of the Health Department, said, Ashley, can you actually go back a slide just so I can get a little bit of a preface and I've got people's attention so they're not reading

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that slide. Thank you Commission for having us back this evening and being willing to hear our needs at the Health Department and for all of your support that we've received over the last 18 months. I feel very strongly that we would not have achieved a lot of this success in our public response if it wasn't for the County Commission that we have. I also have with me this evening Wesley McKain who for the last 18 months has been pulled out of his Community Health Supervisor role and run the finances on our COVID operation. I may be calling on him a bit this evening to get some details on some of these items.

I wanted to preface first by giving a general idea of where we are in terms of our COVID funding for our public health response to the COVID-19 crisis. About 4.5 months ago we had \$4.9M in General Fund set-aside basically for our COVID response, for all of our COVID related activities. We are now sitting with about \$900K left, so in just over four months we spent about \$4M. We spent it strategically and I think pretty wisely. We've made some really positive decisions and we are seeing the impacts of those decisions, but we are getting to the point where our funds are running considerably low and that within the next month or so we will be pretty zeroed out without these ARPA funds. So, I just want to go into this with everyone understanding where we are in terms of our ability to sustain our robust COVID response.

I also want to just provide a preface to the wide range and variety of projects that you're going to see proposed this evening. As a Health Department we have a response far beyond our clinical and our physical response to the COVID-19 crisis. COVID has caused so much pain and suffering in our community, but that's not just limited to the individuals who have experienced COVID or, God forbid, passed away from COVID or for the many caregivers who have sacrificed this year to take care of their family and friends who have COVID. That suffering and pain extends, of course, to the economic and the social impacts of COVID as well. As a Health Department, our responsibility is to create a community where people can achieve health and wellness and so, of course, that goes beyond the clinical needs, the testing and vaccination needs to those social needs that people have around stability and housing and the ability to purchase food and to maintain employment.

Again, you're going to see, even though this is immediate needs, many of them from the Health Department, you're going to see a very wide and broad variety because there is so much need for us to respond to right now.

Lastly, I want to note that a lot of these projects, almost all of them, I think just a couple of them aside, we are rolling out—or have already rolled out and are well underway with community partners and so I think it's an important thing to note that for all of these projects and every dollar that we are investing into these programs and projects, they are being matched by community partner resources. They're putting up staff time, they're putting up their own grant funds and so by investing this money the same way we invested the CARES money, we are leveraging it and actually amplifying these funds by doing it in partnership with community.

Our priorities as a Health Department for these funds this evening are, of course, number 1) to battle the COVID disease itself. 2) to battle the social and economic fallout of COVID with a specific focus on equity, and 3) to leverage these funds to amplify them as much as possible and to do that in partnership with the community so that we have a long response to the COVID fallout for the next several years and to see Wyandotte County to come out of this stronger. With that, Ashley, next slide please.

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This first bucket is very straight forward and I keep it high level because I don't know that we need to go into too much detail here. We have to continue our robust vaccination efforts of course. This is at our set site as well as our many mobile vaccine events that are happening every week in coordination with our sporting venues and our schools and our churches and our community-based organizations, we have to continue our testing. Our testing is actually an area where we will likely need to come back and ask for more funding along with contact tracing.

When we put these immediate needs together six or eight weeks ago, the COVID landscape was markedly different than it is today, I'm sorry to say, so we have likely dramatically underestimated how much funding we need for COVID testing and contact tracing. Just to give a

sense, in the month of May we tested about 300 people at our various Health Department related testing sites. In the first 11 days of August, we tested 2,000. So, just to give you a sense of the fact that requires staff, that requires considerable resources. My contact tracing amount that you have here is for two contact tracing staff, which is what we were down to in June and doing perfectly well with, we're now back up to 10 because we are seeing 90 to 100 cases of COVID a day. So, those two buckets will likely need a little bit more. The rest of these amounts we have on this screen are fairly stable.

We need to continue to contract with KU to have access to both the Health Officer and a Deputy Health Officer. These are Dr. Greiner and Dr. Corriveau who you know very well who we rely on very closely for their medical guidance and expertise. No. 6 here is a technical assistance project. This project is built to set us up for reducing the burden of the COVID-19 disease on the Health Department. We need to get community clinics, primary care providers, our federally qualified health centers, we need our other providers in the community to be doing testing and vaccinations with us and many of them are, but many of them are not. So, we'll be rolling out a technical assistance program to support them in getting up and running so that they can take on some of that burden of vaccination and testing and support the Health Department in that way.

No. 7 here is an initiative that we put together with Judge Brajkovic in Municipal Court which would provide an incentive for folks in the court system to be vaccinated and also it would really help the courts backlog in terms of clearing out cases by providing funds for attorney's to assist them in doing so. This is a unique initiative and partnership with public health in the court system and we think it could be very effective in incentivizing vaccines.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

PREVENTION IN CONGREGATE SETTINGS & OTHER COVID EXPENSES

Proposed
\$854K

MENTAL HEALTH/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE & CHANGES IN FACILITIES THAT RESPOND TO COVID

Proposed
\$374K

08 Food Delivery Equipment

For the Area Agency on Aging to replace food delivery equipment at congregate sites that will mitigate disease spread. (\$79 K)

09 Quarantining, Isolation & Other Support

COVID quarantining & isolation support for unhoused individuals, or those needing social distancing from family. Depends on case rates. (\$82K)
COVID-19 Assistance Response (CAR) program includes delivery of food, cleaning supplies, PPE to households under quarantine. Funding for remainder of 2021. (\$100K)

10 Testing and Vaccine Communication

Testing and vaccine communications by UGPHD. Reimbursable through FEMA through Sep 2021. Funds communications agency, internal communications staff support, and other costs for 12 months. (\$500K)
Additional COVID related communication targeted for UGCH residents related to vaccination hesitancy (\$150K)

11 Mental Health

To provide behavioral support management, counseling, therapy, psychological testing, and additional treatment services. No Medicaid for 4 sessions/month. (\$72K)

12 Substance Abuse

Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator at UGPHD for 2 years. Substance abuse increased during pandemic; additional prevention & treatment funding requested later under ARPA; immediate need to increase staff support to assist coordinating partners; secured funding for two years needed to attract hire. (\$160K)

13 Changes in Facilities that Respond to COVID

Recreation Community Center Cleaning Machines (\$65K) and Municipal Court Re-Opening Needs, such as microphones, speakers, building improvements, equipment to view body-worn camera videos (\$77K)

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This slide kind of has—runs the gamut a little bit. It's a little bit varied. Do you want to speak to No. 8, Kathleen, that didn't come from the Health Department, before I move on.

Ms. VonAchen said this request is from the Area Agency on Aging to replace food delivery equipment at their congregate sites in order to continue to mitigate the disease spread. At the moment the food delivery systems don't have sufficient shields to guard against the disease and I believe that the agency is on the call if you have any questions.

The other areas that I wanted to touch upon are over here in Changes of Facilities that respond to COVID. This request isn't very much money because we're just addressing the immediate needs right now, but in the additional needs that we'll talk about later in September, you'll see that this request is quite big because there are a variety of facilities, public facilities, that need HVAC improvements in order to improve upon in the air in the facilities to mitigate the spread.

In this immediate needs what we're looking for are additional machines to clean the air in the various recreation centers as well as some equipment that's needed by Municipal Court in order to reopen, so that's what those are and the Judge is on if she wants to talk with that. There is another request in the Municipal Court area later on in the presentation which we will ask the Judge to talk about. All the others are basically the Public Health Department.

Ms. VanLiew said to skip back to No. 9 and 10 here, No. 9, it doesn't do a lot of good to do contact tracing if you're not able to support in quarantine and isolation. Some folks cannot stay at home and isolate because there simply aren't enough bedrooms because there are too many people in the home so we provide that support for people who have nowhere else to go to quarantine or isolate. We also provide food and household supplies and PPE delivery to households for those folks who are able to stay at home who can't get to the grocery store or can't get out to buy those cleaning supplies, but with those provided at their doorstep, they can appropriately stay at home to isolate and quarantine. It's a really important public health mitigation strategy that has been extremely well received with positive reviews from our community members about how helpful that has been to them in allowing them to adhere to public health guidance.

No. 10 here, it doesn't do us a lot of good to set up testing or vaccination sites or events if people don't know about it, so it takes a lot of bandwidth, it takes two full-time staff and access

to a third-party agency for us to be able to keep up with just how much we need to communicate on the topic of COVID as things continue to evolve every single week with new things coming down from CDC, new mandates going into place, that all requires really robust communications.

No. 11 and 12 here, I know it's no surprise to anybody on this call, this country and our county included, is experiencing a mental health and substance abuse crisis right now that has been significantly exacerbated by COVID-19. Wyandotte County had higher rates of mental health issues and substance misuse issues before COVID-19 and those have only been made worse by the isolation people have felt by the economic situation a lot of folks have found themselves in. We already had a woefully underfunded and understaffed mental health and substance abuse kind of response network in our county.

We just don't have enough providers, we don't have enough points of interventions for folks on these topics especially right now with everything flaring up again around COVID. It's really important that we're able to provide these services. Simple things like mental health and substance abuse services can really do wonders for people in terms of helping them stabilize, stay in the workplace, maintain their home, and all those really important functions that they need to stay above board with their family members.

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF RESPONDING TO COVID AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Proposed \$2.95M

PUBLIC HEALTH

14 Public Health Staff	15 Operations Demobilization	16 Mobile Clinic Unit	17 ARPA Coordinator	18 Evaluation Data and Analysis	19 CHIP Healthcare Access Staff	20 Community Education Team
Most UGPHD staff cannot be paid out of their current grant funding to do COVID-19 work. \$2m will sustain UGPHD staff and the necessary new positions for 22 months. Substantial additional funding may be needed for subsequent years of COVID response. (\$1 M)	Demobilization of COVID mass vaccination sites, including ongoing storage of equipment and supplies. Need to maintain services sites closed; evaluating how long at Kmart in 2021. Need for immediate funding to secure and climate control storage facility. (\$600 K)	UGPHD mobile clinic unit that provides multiple UGPHD services in off-site community locations. Increased need for community based health services during and post pandemic. Vehicle procurement will take time; need to secure funding to initiate process. (\$400 K)	ARPA Coordinator for UGPHD for 24 months. Administrative management of multi-year funding, including budget oversight, and reporting; includes some COVID project responsibilities for ARPA funded projects. (\$200 K)	Add data analysis tool to electronic medical record system; license for 36 months. (\$108K) Third-party evaluation of UGPHD COVID response. (\$50K) Third-party evaluation of UGPHD clinical services post-COVID. (\$100K) Ongoing primary data collection re: vaccine hesitancy. (\$50K)	Increase CHIP Healthcare Access backbone staff @ Vibrant Health from .5 FTE to 1 FTE. Increased healthcare access projects during COVID strain our backbone agency's capacity. Cover 24 months to sustain staff increase. Need now to deploy new projects (e.g., non-emergency medical transport). (\$80K)	UGPHD community-based COVID education team funding for two years. (\$313K) Third-party access projects inclusion consultant will work with the UGPHD to conduct training, audit programs impact on health equity; ensure COVID response is focusing on reducing existing health disparities. (\$50K)

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This is also a lot of pretty straight forward stuff, but I'll kind of run through it quickly here. No. 14, we're asking for a million dollars just to cover the cost of Health Department staff and contractors. Unfortunately, public health, we run two-thirds to 70% of our budget off of grants, but many of those grants do not allow us to pull staff and deploy them to the COVID efforts and stay on those funding sources. So, for example, I cannot pull my WIC dietitians off of WIC and deploy them to the vaccine site unless I change their funding source and so it's really important

that we have flexible funding that we can use to cover those salaries of those staff who otherwise are generally paid from grants and doing different activities. That also supports a number of our contracted and temporary positions that are keeping our vaccine and testing and other work going.

No. 15 here, we bought a lot of equipment, a lot of PPE, a lot of stuff that we use routinely that will eventually have to be stored somewhere. We've also demobilized two mass vaccination sites already and eventually, not sure exactly when yet, but we will demobilize the K-Mart site eventually as well. All of those supplies have to be really carefully maintained in compliance with FEMA regulations and they need to be stored in a weather controlled environment and so we are working on securing and making a climate controlled facility as we speak to make sure that we are prepared for when we shutdown K-Mart and need to demobilize our final operations.

No. 16 is a mobile clinic unit and that's an actual mobile clinic unit, so you may have seen these really big looking vans, they're more like a big bus where you actually have a small exam room inside, you have a place to drop vaccines, you have a place for medical waste, all those sorts of things. It's a clinic on the road essentially. We've been doing our mobile vaccine clinics out of a couple of vans that we've purchased, which is great, but we have a lot more mobile vaccine work to do on COVID, on the influenza, on a number of things. Purchasing an actual mobile clinic unit is not only beneficial right now during COVID, but it's an excellent long-term strategy for public health in terms of us staying engaged and continue to provide public health services in the community far beyond COVID. This is really a strategic investment and a way to use ARPA funds now and later.

No. 17 is an ARPA Coordinator. It's really difficult to manage an influx of cash that's higher than our general average budget on an annual basis. Wes has been doing a fantastic job, but the simple fact is, that we need support in this arena. Our business office in the Health Department is 1.5 FTE's and they, over the last year, have managed about \$22M, many millions in grants and contracts which requires an incredible amount of diligence to ensure that there's a level of accountability, that we're getting those outcomes reported to us, that the money is being spent in accordance with the Commission's wishes and with our strategic priorities. So, we need support administratively on that front.

No. 18 is around evaluation data and analysis. We need to continue to use all the data that's at our fingertips. We have an informatic at the Health Department who is doing her best to keep up and she maintains our COVID hub and dashboard. There's so much more we can be doing

and we can be using a lot more data that we have at our fingertips for decision-making if we had the right tools to do so. You see some elements in here about improving the way we can report out of our electronic medical record system, about using a third-party to evaluate our COVID response. It's really important that we start to do some of that evaluation and look at how effective we've been on a number of fronts of our COVID response in terms of actually, of course, you know battling the COVID disease itself, but also about deploying resources for communications and effectively working with our commissioners and all those areas that have impacted how successful we've been able to be or not be on the COVID response front.

We also need money to continue to do primary data collection. The vaccine has a hesitancy and the reason why people are getting vaccination has changed dramatically in seven months. The reason people weren't getting vaccination in January looks quite different than the reasons today, so it's important to really keep our finger on the pulse of what people are thinking, feeling, and hearing. The way we can do that is by continually collecting information directly from our own residents to know what's happening.

No. 19 provides some funding, some really important facts on funding, for Vibrant Health. That's a lead agency of our CHIP Healthcare Access Team. That team has shifted and it has done a lot in the last year to keep the CHIP work going, but also to mitigate COVID as well. They have a fantastic new project coming online in the next month or two to provide free non-emergency medical transport to any Wyandotte County resident which is phenomenal. It will allow folks to get access to primary care, hopefully, significantly sooner than they otherwise would which helps us keep chronic conditions from being exacerbated due to lack of medical care. So, there is some really important stuff going on in the CHIP Healthcare Access Team, but that work cannot continue if we can't support the lead agency that is doing really the groundwork of bringing that team together, writing the grants for that non-emergency medical transport project and all those sort of things.

Lastly, on this slide, we put together a Community Education Team specific to COVID vaccines. This team has had some great success. If you've been at a Farmer's Market or a church or elsewhere lately, you may have seen this team out tabling and talking directly to residents. It's really paramount that the Health Department has a direct line to residents to hear their issues and their concerns, to answer their questions about the vaccine and anything related to COVID, but that requires paid staff and a team of paid staff to be able to be on the ground, out in the community

soliciting that information and responding to people's concerns. We would like to maintain that team for the next two years to ensure that we have that direct line with the community.

ARPA BUDGET WORKSHOP

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE		NONPROFIT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE		NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT			
Proposed \$868K		Proposed \$1.15M		Proposed \$358K			
01 Direct Assistance	02 Bilingual Housing Navigator	03 Legal Assistance	04 NonProfit Assistance	05 Small Business Assistance	06 Tourism to Mitigate COVID	07 Job Training Assistance	08 Other Economic Support
Direct Food Assistance to households via Dotte Mobile Grocer. Funds 7,570 food boxes for households. (\$200 K) Direct Financial Crisis Support Stipend-Human Services (\$108K) Funds for hygiene/personal care items (\$50K)	2 bilingual staff (English/Spanish) for 24 months for housing navigator staff to assist families with housing/housing education needs. (\$200K)	Two fulltime attorneys from Kansas Legal Services focused on assisting county residents with housing/housing education needs. (\$300K); counseling in dispute resolution for persons with housing issues to settle/resolve conflict between landlord/tenant. (\$10K)	Funds to human services related community non profits and other agencies for COVID-related projects as required by ARPA. Competitive application process to be led by UG sub-committee. (\$500K)	Small Business Support (\$250K); Funding for small businesses in the Qualified Census Tracts (\$250K); Augment funding for UG/Tobacco that assists new businesses in navigating the permit processes, with the funding to cover upfront equipment start costs (\$150K)	CVB support of programs to assist hotel industry to implement mitigation and infection prevention measures (\$200 K)	Increase CHIP Jobs & Education backbone staff @ WY EDC from .5 FTE to 1 FTE. Increased communitywide workforce development projects during COVID to train our backbone agency's capacity. Funds cover 24 months to sustain staff increase. (\$80 K)	Program Manager for BankOn Initiative to address unbanked residents \$20 K; Bonuses for public safety new hires (\$40 K); Recruitment postcards and postage (\$18 K)

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We're moving into the Negative Economic Impact section. I think we have just a couple of items from the Health Department on this slide. No. 1, under Direct Assistance, we'd like to work closely with Dotte Mobile Grocer to provide 7,500 food boxes directly to households that are experiencing food insecurity. Again, these are folks who are directly impacted by COVID and are either unemployed or have reduced wages or otherwise struggling to get by and have food insecurity. Similar for financial crisis support in hygiene/personal care items. These are for folks like our WIC mom's who come to us in tears because they don't have diapers for their kiddos which, you know, with their WIC cards they cannot purchase. So, again, we are seeing from our community members that we serve directly just how bad some of these really basic needs are right now and so even a small amount of money like \$50K can go a long way to keeping those families afloat.

No. 2 here, the Bilingual Housing Navigator. There is a lot of housing resources available at the state level, various federal programs, those programs are difficult to access. So, this is really an effort, No. 2 here, to support our community especially our Spanish speaking community in accessing the resources that are already available. What's happening right now is our residents aren't able to get to them because they're—whether purposely or not, they're difficult to access. They require significant applications, they require knowing where to go, what documentation to provide, and so a simple thing like providing staffing time, providing bilingual housing navigators can allow our residents to tap into resources that are on the table, but we're leaving on the table because they're not able to be accessed right now.

Similar with the Legal Assistance. This is a really interesting one. We've heard from a number of folks in our CHIP partnerships across different areas that what they're hearing from the community members is that they have to access legal assistance and this is for a number of things. This is for housing and evictions, this is for health care issues that they're experiencing, this is for immigration issues. Legal assistance is pricey and a lot of the folks in our community can't access it and if they could, we could really save them from larger, longer term expenses by keeping them in their homes, by making sure they have health care coverage and those sorts of things. Again, a simple thing like offering somebody legal assistance can be what keeps their family afloat by keeping them in their home, by keeping them employed, by keeping them safe in our community essentially.

Kathleen, I'm going to throw it to you for No. 4.

Ms. VonAchen said No. 4 and 5 are similar in the fact that what we're proposing is to, with your permission and direction, to create a process where non-profit agencies and other type of health agencies can submit applications to the Unified Government. We're thinking of setting up a website with a form or a portal for these agencies to submit their applications; justification, data, and forming a committee potentially with a—including members of the Commission, to make decisions on the allocation of those funds. So, around the non-profit realm, we're dedicating a half million dollars for that process.

Then, on the Small Business Assistance, similarly we're going to be dedicating \$250K for small businesses that are looking for assistance that reside within the qualified census tract and then another \$250K for other small business support for a total of \$500K in that area. I have asked Katherine Carttar to put together a proposal and she is working on that, but similarly we would have an application process and it's similar to the process for allocation that was undertaken during the CARES Act. In addition, we are requesting \$150K to augment the funding of the UG Toolbox and that assists new businesses in navigating the permit process with the funding to cover upfront equipment and start-up costs.

Item No. 6 is Tourism to Mitigate COVID. The guidance allows you to provide funding to assist the hotel industry in mitigating the infection and prevention—and to fund prevention measures. This mountain would be also set-up as sort of an application process. I've asked Alan Carr from the Convention & Visitors Bureau to provide me some thoughts on how to undertake

that application process and it would be focusing on providing funding to hotels to assist in fixing any kind of HVAC improvements. So, that's probably where that money will be going for, but similarly, kind of an application process.

I'm going to skip over to No. 8 and this is the Other Economic Support. There is a couple of items in there that I just want to touch upon. Not a lot of money, but it will greatly help us. Bridgette Cobbins and I are working on becoming—starting up a new program called BankOn which addresses persons that are unbanked in the community and this level of funding would actually pay for the portion that is not covered by another grant process. It would assist in helping residents that don't have a bank account to get one and to start growing their own credit history and wealth and it would greatly help the future of a number of residents who right now aren't taking advantage of that opportunity.

In addition, in other economic support there's also a prevention to support the public sector in rehiring and the staff or personnel that were either not hired or let go during the pandemic, and so these two items address the recruitment issues that we're having with a little bit of funding for bonuses for the Sheriff Department and then some costs related to sending out recruitment cards and postage.

Juliann might want to talk about the Job Training Assistance.

Ms. VanLiew said sure thing, but I don't know if we would like to swing to Commissioner Bynum first for a question related to one of the previous discussed items.

Commissioner Bynum said I am more than willing to hold my question until the end of the slides if we can just make a note that I have a question on slide 12, item 4.

Ms. VanLiew said lastly on this slide on No. 7, this is again a CHIP related request to support the Wyandotte County Economic Development Council who has been a phenomenal advocate for a number of public health related initiatives that impact the ability for our families to maintain employment during COVID and beyond, of course. So, WYEDC is leading a number of initiatives in partnership with dozens of partners who are at that CHIP table. A couple of the notable ones are a number of job training assistance programs that they have underway, a new business ESL program that's obviously geared to help our primary Spanish speakers get into the work place and

successfully obtain and maintain employment, and they are waiting to hear on a large grant for a Workplace Transportation Program which would be phenomenal for our county. We have a lot of folks from a survey that we conducted, from the eastern part of our county, we know that would be interested and eligible for jobs in the western part of our community if they could get there, but they can't. There's some really timely needs here to allow them to continue to support some really critical improvements in people's access to employment right now.

ARRA BUDGET WORKSHOP

DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, HOUSING SUPPORT & HEALTHY CHILDHOOD		COMMUNITY BENEFIT NAVIGATORS & VIOLENCE INTERVENTION		
Proposed \$470K		Proposed \$650K		
01 Educational Assistance	02 Housing Support	03 Healthy Childhood Environment	04 Community Benefit Navigators	05 Violence Intervention
Provide technical skills education to previously incarcerated offenders seeking to pursue new business and employment opportunities in partnership with Village Initiative. (\$850 K)	Support for a new CHIP Safe & Affordable Housing Lead Agency. Funds 1 FTE for 2 years. Two years of funding requested for agency to recruit, hire, deploy staff. (\$160 K)	After-school and summer camps/recreation centers' space footprint analysis in order to get State certification and bringing centers up to code & standards. (\$60 K)	Crisis Respite/Human Services Department minimum of 160 units per month crisis respite support for individuals with I/DD to provide mental health relief from natural caretakers. Serving 30 people per month (\$91 K) Provide contract staffing assistance in accessing or applying for utility bill assistance (\$80 K)	Data collection surrounding violence prevention in Wyandotte. In-school curriculum on sexual health and violence at home and in the community (\$90K). Continued training in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) (\$13K). Add violence prevention to ThrYve initiative, work with the families of high-risk youth through school or hospital programs for two years (\$200K). Support for MOCSA to serve as CHIP Violence Prevention lead agency, fund FTE for 2 years. (\$146K)

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I have just a couple on this slide and then I'll hand it back to Kathleen. No. 2 on Housing Support is again related to our Community Health Improvement Plan. This team is working really hard on a number of initiatives, but most timely, they're supporting and working closely with Crosslines in a new homeless initiative that the Unified Government is also a part of and at that table for one that really, again, needs that stable backbone funding to ensure that we can keep that work moving forward and allow the staff time for that work to take place, so housing support.

No. 5 on this slide is also from the Health Department. Last year in 2020 we saw the highest number of youth deaths in Wyandotte County in 10 years. It was nearly double the number of youth deaths we had in 2019, so we have a youth fatality crisis on our hands right now unfortunately. You will see a number of initiatives in there from the Health Department to try to stem this tide relating to education happening in schools, related to supporting a Violence Community Health Worker Initiative that we are working on in partnership with KU and the ThrYve youth violence reduction initiative with Dr. Jomella Watson-Thompson which provides folks who can intervene when other folks enter the hospital especially youth having been a victim of crime to ensure that we stop that cycle of perpetuation.

We are also leaning on this CHIP team and you see the support for MOCSA. They are our lead agency to provide a lot of support for our Youth Vitality Review Board which has convened a wide network of partners; law enforcement, schools and others to take a really close look at why and how our youth are dying in our community and offer up points of intervention and recommendations for how we can work to kind of build some of those bridges between silos and really again work on this youth violence issue. So, a number of issues around violence in our community right now, but especially among our youth and so that's why we feel like there are multiple strategies we need to be employing at once to work on that particular issue.

Ms. VonAchen said under Educational Assistance, Housing Support, and Healthy Childhood; the first item is Educational Assistance and we have one proposal here for \$250K and it's a new program to provide technical skills, education to previously incarcerated offenders seeking to pursue new business and employment opportunities or to become entrepreneurs. This would be in partnership with the Village Initiative. As you know, many of our residents were previously incarcerated and they have great difficulty in getting a job and so their best bet is to start their own business. This would help them to start on that path.

The Housing Support is to—I think Juliann talked about that one. The Healthy Childhood Environment, that's an initiative put forward by our Parks & Recreation Department. This is an area that the Treasury guidelines for ARPA supports in order to address the impacts on our children during the pandemic. This would provide afterschool and summer camps, recreation centers, space footprint analysis, in order to get state certification and bring the centers up to code and standards. Right now some of them are not up to standards and we need that \$60K in order to get that to happen so that we can open those up.

I think there was a couple items here under Community Benefit Navigators and that's a very important area because there are a variety of proposals and projects available in other areas of the ARPA funding from the federal government that are going to be providing assistance in a myriad of areas and yet our residents, some of which are supported by the Human Services Department, and others by the BPU are not able to get the assistance they need. For example, in providing—what we're thinking is providing some kind of contract staffing assistance to help residents with navigating through the process to get utility bill assistance. We're talking with BPU

about that and we're still working up the program idea, but generally, we're thinking a staff person to help in that effort would be helpful.

The top one is the Crisis Respite brought forward by the Human Services Department. It would be a minimum of 160 units per month of crisis respite support for individuals that right now care for developmental disabled patients and this would provide some sort of mental health relief for those caretakers and it would assist roughly 30 people per month, that \$91K.

ARPA BUDGET WORKSHOP					
ARPA GRANT SUPPORT			ARPA GRANT SUPPORT / ONLINE PROCESSES + TECH		
Proposed \$422K			Proposed \$1.93M		
01UG Staff Time Overseeing ARPA	02Grant Discovery Writing Consultant	03Grant Management Software	01Online Processes	02Municipal Court Software	
Calculated based on ARPA guidance of 200 hours for both city and county at fully blended rate of \$48.80 per hour. (\$97 K)	Hire consultant to assist staff to pursue effectively and efficiently strategic federal, state and other grants; Collaborate with State agencies on ARPA allocation to maximize the amount of ARPA funding the Unified Government receives; Strategize with Unified Government staff on narrative and budget outlines for proposed projects to ensure compelling and data-supported submissions. (\$325 K)	Systems to establish standardized grants management processes to get funding out the door while ensuring compliance. Would include integrated platform that creates a standard, unified process and portal to deliver and track and report on funding across entire UG organization. (\$70 K)	Implementation of online processes across many UG departments, including online technology / customer facing self-services and Motor vehicle title & registration kiosks. (\$1 M)	Adopt a court management software program that can integrate multiple functions, including e-filing and body-worn cameras. Current software system will soon no longer be supported. (\$929 K)	
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I'm going to go ahead and talk about—this is all mine. This slide not only talks about the ARPA Grant Support, but also some online processes and technology investments that we are proposing. As Juliann spoke about earlier, you know, managing all of these funds is going to take a lot of administrative support and assistance, but what we're asking for here is actually, most importantly, the Grant Discovery & Writing Consultant because ARPA—the amount that you're looking at right now is a little bit Direct Aid amount that we are receiving directly from the federal government. There's a whole myriad, as I pointed out previously, a whole myriad of other programs that we need to maximize and take advantage of and we need some help doing that. We need someone to help identify all the opportunities, collect all the data, do outreach with our community, and then write the grant. We're hoping that with hiring a grant consultant and writing consultant, we'll be able to achieve that.

There is also—what would also be wonderful is if we had a Grant Management Software system that would not only be helpful in this process, but into the future and being able to consolidate all the documentation in one place and keep track of all the reporting that takes place after we have the grants awarded.

Over here on the Technology Investments side, we are requesting \$1M in implementation of online processes and that is split 50/50 between the city and the county. I would be happy to have our Chief Knowledge Officer talk about that in more detail or if you have any questions, he would be happy to talk about that.

The second item is the replacement of the Municipal Court system software. It would assist in replacing a legacy system that is not expected to be supported any longer. That would cost \$929K and I bet the Judge would like to talk about that a little bit more.

Brandelyn Nichols-Brajkovic, Municipal Court Administrative Judge, said the Municipal Court Software Program we have—a couple of things came to light during COVID. One is the e-ticketing was discontinued back in like, I believe, 2014-2015, all dates are gone. What that means is we hand enter and key in every single police ticket that is issued. We are up over 40,000 citations a year with just the police. That does not include our parking tickets, so that is a heavy lift for us. We have reached out with our current software provider with e-ticketing coming and they have let us know they are not interested in working with us to make that e-ticketing work.

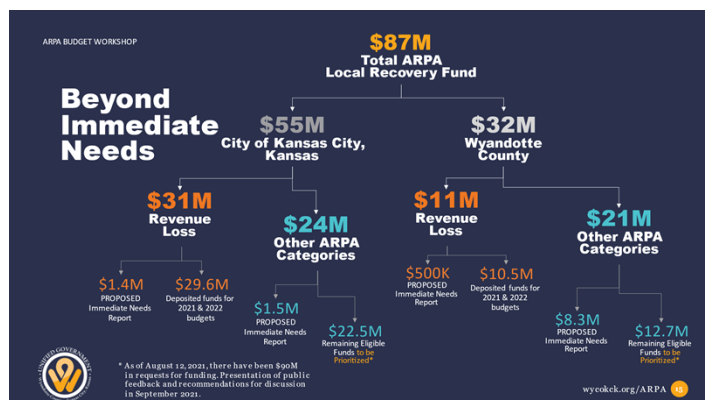
Body-worn camera also, as that came on, like many times, we think about that as the Police Department, but you know where all of those body-worn camera video footage is going to go is going to go right into Municipal Court. So, if we don't have the technology to play that, then it becomes kind of useless. More importantly, one of the largest costs, on-going costs for the Police Department and body-worn camera's, is going to be the storage and so our legacy system, again, is not interested in working with us to create some sort of communication channel to let the Police Department know when we can release that body-worn camera footage. The new system would allow us to, once we know we're done with body-worn camera video, automatically notify the Police Department so that they could go ahead and know that they do not need to store that.

Additionally, this software, a lot of people don't think about all the different things, but our software has to be an accounting software. It has to have a bank teller, it has to have an audit, it has to be able to make sure we're doing best practices, then it must report to Accounting in a way that Accounting needs it to report. We also connect with the Criminal Justice Databases and are required to be as secure as any Criminal Justice Database. It goes on and on and on what we need to do.

The thing that we are excited about—the silver lining in this situation, none of us were looking for a new software program. The silver lining in this particular situation is that Overland Park, Olathe, Lenexa, and Wichita are all live or will be live in the next year with this same software program. So, what that means is that you’re seeing maybe a little bit more of a price tag than you’re thinking, but what that means is I don’t think in looking at it, I don’t think there’s going to be any add-ons because I think Overland Park and Wichita are the closest to what we do and their models have everything that we need.

The only thing that I think that we would be interested in adding is, after listening to this presentation, I spoke with Dominic via text, and I think we could actually add a qualified census tract in there where we could maybe even do reporting through a qualified census tract to kind of continue to build the relationship that I think Juliann and I are excited to build through Municipal Court.

I know we’re not just here on Municipal Court, but that is kind of the elevator speech. If you have any questions, please make sure and ask them. I’m happy to answer, but I know you have a lot of things to get done in the next hour and 12 minutes.



Ms. VonAchen said so overall as I mentioned, on the Kansas City, Kansas side, we’re getting \$55M over the two-year period and then on the county side \$32M. Now, 55% is split up by \$31M in revenue loss over the two-year period and the remaining is for Other ARPA Categories. The revenue loss amount we’re going to talk about here in a minute.

What you have just been presented is how it splits up. Of the \$31M—some of the proposals here were coming from revenue loss, \$1.4M, and that leaves \$29.6M left in revenue loss

which is being deposited into the respected funds where the revenue loss was incurred and it will be part of the 2021-2022 Budget that is being presented on August 19th.

Under this blue series of figures, \$24M is what we're talking about on the city side for Other ARPA Categories and those categories are basically the non-revenue loss categories which include public health, disproportionately impacted communities, negative impact, economic impact, and infrastructure. Of that \$24M, \$1.5M is proposed in this Immediate Needs Report and \$22.5M still remains to be discussed or prioritized and we expect that will take place beginning in September.

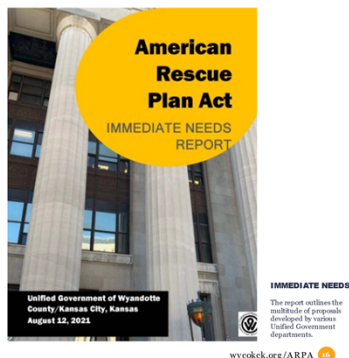
On the county side, it's very similar although a great deal more of the funds is being spent on the county side for this Immediate Needs Report. The county received \$32M of it. Their revenue loss was only \$11M mainly because the county functions are supported by property tax and the property tax was not as impacted by the COVID crisis as on the city side. So, \$11M in loss, that leaves \$21M left in Other ARPA Categories and those Other ARPA Categories are, again, public health, disproportionately impacted communities, negative economic impact, and infrastructure. Of the \$11M that we recorded as revenue loss, \$500K is being proposed in this Immediate Needs Report and, specifically, it's the portion on the city side that is supporting the online processes and technology investments that Alan proposed. So, that leaves \$10.5M that were deposited amongst all the various county funds in the 2021-2022 Budget that is being brought forward to you next Thursday as part of the County Administrator's proposed budget.

Over here on the blue, \$21M in county funds is now available in these Other ARPA Categories and this Immediate Needs Report totals \$8.3M in county functions and that leaves \$12.7M left to address other county needs during the month of September.

ARPA BUDGET WORKSHOP

Immediate Needs Next Steps

- Commissioners to review the report and please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.
- Community input will be ongoing over the next few weeks (see upcoming agenda item for details).
- Commissioners to adopt a resolution authorizing the ARPA Immediate Needs grant expenditures at the August 26 regular Commission meeting.



August 12, 2021

The next steps for immediate needs, we are asking for you to review this report and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions and now would be the time. We're taking notes and writing it down.

The community input will be an ongoing effort over the next few weeks and we'll see an upcoming agenda item for those details. Once we finalize what the immediate needs are, we're going to put those into a resolution and ask for your approval of that resolution on the August 26th regular Commission meeting.

At this time, I would like to ask for any comments or questions from the Commission on this report.

Commissioner Bynum said my questions are on slide 12 and 15, just for prep notice. On slide 12, under item 4, and it dovetails into item 1 a little bit. I'm thinking back to our CARES Act SPARK Committee days and I don't know if anyone has that total allocation we made handy to our Human Services and community non-profits through that allocation, but it would be helpful to know it as I ask these questions.

In item 1, it looks like we're recommending \$200K to Dotte Mobile Grocer for food and then in addition \$108K for hygiene/personal, \$108K for direct financial crisis support stipend. You'll have to tell me again what that is. In #4, \$500K to receive applications for assistance for the remaining non-profits in the community that are doing things for COVID mitigation and relief. In my mind, that's ten grand to 50 agencies and I just don't think it's nearly enough especially in comparison to the allocation we made last fall. Back to #1, are we saying then that none of the \$500K in applications should be for food because we're covering that in #1? So, that's my slide 12 questions.

Ms. VonAchen said there was never any intent to necessarily limit food assistance in any way. That's a proposal that specifically deals with what is detailed right here. I did want to mention that the CARES Act is a little different than ARPA because the money that we will be providing through this application process to non-profits has to very specifically meet the needs—or the eligible uses specified in the legislation. There's not a lot of wiggle room there, so all these non-profits, whoever is awarded the funds, will be treated as subrecipients and they will have to be reimbursed for costs and we will have to make sure that they actually meet the eligibility.

During the CARES Act, I think it was a little bit more flexible so there were checks cut for vague and, you know, general needs, but these have to be very specific to the same requirements that we all have to address, so I'm just saying that.

The \$500K—I don't remember off-hand how much was allocated for this purpose during the CARES Act, during the peak of the pandemic. The \$500K you're seeing here is just a general ballpark number. It's not based on any kind of specific rationale and should the Commission wish to increase it, that would be your call. I'm happy to—just to propose.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said, Commissioner, remember this is just an immediate to come out of the box with to put some money out there and play in these categories, so as Kathleen said, in the next month, couple of months, if you determine this is an area we should put \$5M in on the need and stuff, you know, that's your call to determine that. We were just trying to come out with numbers to be able to provide the opportunity to our community to get some programs or continue a few programs in certain areas. In some cases, just for a short period and assess where we are with those and sometimes by putting those requests out, you get a feel for what the need is and it's kind of like you said, if we put it out and we have 50 come back in with great programs, then we can only have \$50K to do something, then we would come back and say, okay commissioners, you might want to think about this a little bit more and see which way to go.

Ms. VonAchen said that's exactly right. I should have mentioned that too. It's just a beginning and, by the way, my staff is ready to get this geared up and ready to go the minute it gets approved.

Commissioner Bynum said just to clarify, I'm hearing two things. Number 1, that you're open to recommendations from us about the dollar amounts associated with the variety of categories, but secondarily, I heard that you would like us to ratify something August 26th. So, when we ratify something on August 26th, are we putting—are you asking us to put dollar amounts with it or does it remain flexible at that point? **Ms. VonAchen** said no, we would rather you would nail down the dollar amount and make it—have it come to a consensus decision on the dollar amounts tonight. That's what I would prefer.

Commissioner Bynum said my second question on slide 15 goes straight to this topic that I'm bringing you and that is slide 15. It has a * that says, as of August 12 we have had \$90M

requests for funding, so could you speak more to that. Where did these requests come from? **Ms. VonAchen** said the \$90M in requests include—by the way it includes the \$11M that you’re looking at here tonight. It includes conversations with all the UG Department Director staff members that had proposals for services. It includes conversations with non-profits or other ideas, a myriad of venues. A lot of it is funding to—I’ve got to tell you a lot of it is funding to address facility—public facility needs as well as stormwater needs, and broadband needs, you know, just a lot of things. So, that’s how much it is so far. **Commissioner Bynum** said so it came from everywhere. **Ms. VonAchen** said everywhere, yes. **Commissioner Bynum** said including internally. I can leave this and let the next person speak, but Alan Howze can probably look back and tell us the allocation that our SPARK Committee made to the non-profits back in last fall of ‘20 and give that to us at some point as we keep talking here.

Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrator, said I just shared that with Kathleen as well, the email. It looks like the 501c3s were about \$3.6M, so just under 10% of the total CARES Act allocation was 501c3s.

Wesley McKain, COVID Vaccination Resources Manager, said, Kathleen, I just wanted to put my finger on one thing because I’m not sure what Doug said was received as I understood it by the commissioner. Commissioner Bynum, I believe what Doug said before was that what’s going to be proposed for adoption on August 26th is the immediate needs that we just went through which is that \$11M request that we just went through. What I believe he was talking about within deploying the \$500K that you had talked about was that if you look on this slide, the funds for both city and county that say \$22.5M and some \$12.7M, those are ones which I believe, if I was understanding Doug correctly, would be ones that are eligible for the Commission to prioritize at a later date. So, if the \$500K, which is deployed immediately, what the learning that could come from that, what he’s saying then at a later date over the next month, then you all could look and say okay, maybe we could allow more of this money to meet needs that were unearthed through that \$500K. **Commissioner Bynum** said thank you. That’s very helpful.

Mayor Alvey said, Kathleen and Juliann, if I could ask a question. So, you’re presenting to us the immediate needs, how much of these proposals actually would require ongoing funding past the

one or two years beyond the immediate need and for them actually to be effective and achieve the outcomes we're looking for? **Ms. VonAchen** said I'm going to have Juliann talk about that because she has the majority of them. The areas that I spoke of were all pretty much one time. They're all one time.

Ms. VanLiew said great question, Mayor. There are a few of these projects that, of course, we'll need to raise funds to keep going. Most notably, the ones related to our Community Health Improvement Plan and in any given year when we're not frantically writing for COVID grants, we're writing for CHIP grants, so we generally have a lot more bandwidth to bring in money to sustain that work than we have in the past year. Every grant we wrote this past year was on COVID. The majority of the other positions, I would say, 80 to 90% and I'm happy after this meeting to go back and take a look, would be built as time limited positions and so they would provide immediate needs and support. So many of them are social service based. It's built to get boots on the ground to provide access to, you know, the many resources that are on the table that can be accessed by our residents today, so they won't be set up and built for long-term positions except for those few Community Health Improvement Plan related positions.

Mayor Alvey said, again, the funding for the Grant Coordinator and the Discovery would be very important in order to help build that capacity to move forward. **Ms. VonAchen** said that's right. **Mayor Alvey** said so, again, the way you conceive of these funds, these immediate needs are to really plug the gaps. The specific demand challenges being brought to us by COVID allows us to resolve those so actually in a way to stop the bleeding on a lot of things and try to heal some things that have been caused by COVID. But the long-term strategy still is to—we're just trying to get past this really rough spot and then position ourselves in the future after these funds run out. **Ms. VonAchen** said correct.

Commissioner Ramirez said I have several questions and then a couple comments. Juliann, my first question—couple questions relate to the mobile care clinic you mentioned. Do we currently have one all ready? **Ms. VanLiew** said we do not. In my 3.5 years here, we've never been able to pull that much capital together for something like that. We just haven't been able to write a grant or anything for it. I believe it's part of our long-term solution to what Health Department

services need to look like in the next 5 to 10 years honestly. But, no, we don't have one today. We have a couple of vans that we operate out of.

Commissioner Ramirez said when we have this going, up and running, would like communities and churches and organizations be able to request this mobile care clinic to come to them directly for services? **Ms. VanLiew** said that is our goal, yes. I would love to be on-site at schools doing pediatric immunizations, I would love to run community-based influenza vaccine clinics, I would love to do mammography screenings out in the community; there are so many things we could do to bring care to people if we had a mobile facility like this. **Commissioner Ramirez** said great. I think that's a great idea and I think it's a good—especially a good immediate need. COVID took front and center of everything in our community, but we still have those underlying health issues within our county that exacerbates COVID and so if we don't take care of that, then—it's very important. I think that's a really good thing that we look into.

The next question is about the Dotte Mobile Grocer. What type of food—because some of the community members who are watching may not know that's available. Can you speak on that a little bit, what they provide, what type foods are included and how does that work? **Ms. VanLiew** said Wes may want to chime-in here too, but one of the really amazing things about Dotte Mobile Grocer and what makes it so important to the future of food security and nutrition in our community, is their ability to have a refrigerated truck that can actually hold produce, so we're talking fresh fruits and vegetables that you cannot buy at your local 7-11 on the corner. That's really the value add of Dotte Mobile Grocer specifically. Food pantries do an incredible job, it's generally dry goods. It's cans of beans, it's things that have a really long shelf life. What Dotte Mobile Grocer has done is take this into another realm of nutrition where it gives people access to actual fruits and vegetables that can really change the way people eat if they have that dropped on their doorstep. Wes, is there anything that you would add?

Mr. McKain said just that I've been really impressed with the community. They have a Community Council that several staff from the Health Department have been on, but a number of people from across different agencies and neighborhoods have been a part of that informed, the choice of foods that are going to be in this. I know they looked at our WIC. I mean they did things like they looked at all the things that are purchased through WIC and which things are the most popular to form the kind of things that would be on there. I know there has been a community

involved process. I can check—I'm not sure exactly what's going to be in each of the boxes that they're going to give out, but I can certainly check, Commissioner, with the folks who run it to get info on that and then if there are any opportunities to tailor that depending on need or desire of different people in the community.

Commissioner Ramirez said that's the amazing thing that we have and so being able to provide more funding to that to provide more food to our community, it's very important. It's amazing. Thank you for explaining that to those who are watching that don't know what the Dotte Mobile Grocer is. Now you have more information about it and you know that it's out in the community.

Under that same column, Commissioner Bynum asked the question, but I don't—forgive me if it was answered, but I don't remember if it was. What exactly is that Human Services stipend that is mentioned within that Direct Assistance category? **Ms. VonAchen** said I think we should have Phyllis Wallace talk about that.

Phyllis Wallace, Human Services Department, said the stipend—what you don't get—there are more areas to that than just the stipend, but it would help some of our families who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Family members, it would help them kind of jumpstart and get back to some normalcy. There are a lot of them who have let us know that they are experiencing a number of financial difficulties or barriers. So, the stipend would be one way to assist them. In that category, we would be also utilizing those funds for say mortgage, rent, car repairs, maybe a monthly bus pass, and any additional financial crisis that they may have a need for. It really is a gift. Our most vulnerable population in the sense of some normalcy to allow them to get back and just jumpstart their life from the last 17 months. We've all experienced it and you can imagine that the folks with developmental disability have even more—that have been impacted, so that's where we're at.

Commissioner Ramirez said okay, wow. I did not know that. That's amazing that we have that and it goes to show that we have a lot of these programs and we need to do a better job of making sure the community knows about it. And now, we have the amazing Ashley Hand, who does a very good job of making sure our communications get out that we can start getting all these programs that we have out into the community so they know what's happening. That stipend is an amazing thing that we have and so if we can have the community know it more, it could be

more used and maybe later down the years we can provide more funding to it if it's something that is actually needed.

All of these are great. I'm very excited and happy that we have these. The few comments that I have and then I'll pass it on and stop talking. The legal assistance, a great idea. I know that was something that I briefly talked to Chief Counsel Brown about was, you know, now that the eviction moratorium was extended, but at the time it was seen it was going to expire and I was afraid for our people and there was going to be a flood of evictions. It's important that we continue to protect the most vulnerable in our community, so I think that legal assistance is going to go a long way and I hope that even after COVID we continue that because it is a service that is very desperately needed especially within the areas who have the highest disparities.

Then, all together, I'm very, very, very happy that we are coming back to CHIP, but we're using CHIP to help fight and mitigate the causes of COVID and I think that's an amazing thing to bring CHIP into, so I'm very happy that we're doing that.

My last thing, this goes to Emerick and Angel, thank you for all you're doing for Parks and Recreation especially when it comes to licensing and certification of afterschool and summer camp programs. I know all that. I know the hard work and the vigorous work it takes, so I thank you very much for all that you do. It's going to be an amazing amenity for our community once we are certified and licensed and have everything up to the standards and codes and as always I am here. I would love to help you in any way, shape or form with that. As you know, Parks & Rec has always had a special place in my heart, so thank you for all that you do and as always, Juliann and Health Department, thank you for all that you've done and continue to do. It's amazing and we have a long journey but we still see a light at the tunnel.

Commissioner Townsend said I approach this a little bit differently. I went through not only the presentation made tonight, but the other one, the Immediate Needs Report itself, because of how it's segregated by type and the detail it had on these particular sections. So, I will be referring to questions that I had for that report and somehow I guess the presenters can make that work. If not, I'll follow it up.

I want to start off with where Commissioner Ramirez left off with the negative impact and the household assistance. This would be page—or slide 15 if we were showing the American Rescue Plan Act Immediate Needs Report. That's not what we put up right now, but it's helped

me focus. We were talking about the stipend, the Direct Financial Crisis Support Stipend, \$108K. Does the stipend vary from circumstance to circumstance or is there a specific amount that each family would get and is there a limitation on how much? Where I'm coming from is, as I looked at this report, just generally speaking, I see we have a lot of staffing requests which may be needed to run these programs, but I am very concerned and want to focus on those people who are in need getting the assistance. So, that is the framework in which I'm looking at this.

So, with this stipend if you can help me with that? **Ms. VonAchen** said I wanted to just point out that the stipend you're referring to is specifically for intellectually and developmentally disabled residents. That's why it's under the purview of the Department of Human Services. It isn't for the broader public. **Commissioner Townsend** said okay, well again, I'm looking at what would be slide 15 of the actual Immediate Needs Report. That's not what you put up tonight. Maybe that was a different stipend, but this is Human Services for \$108K? **Ms. VonAchen** said yes, that's exactly right. As I mentioned, it's specifically for the clientele that the Department of Human Services addresses and it's for intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals.

Commissioner Bynum said I think Commissioner Ramirez and now Commissioner Townsend are referencing item 1 on slide 12 which is different, the one I asked about. **Ms. VonAchen** said the \$108K is what I was talking about on page 15 of the report and I think that's what Commissioner—is that what you're referencing? **Mayor Alvey** asked, Commissioner Townsend, is that what you were referencing? **Commissioner Townsend** said I'm looking through this. It's on the page 15 of the Immediate Needs Report. Well, I'm glad this question was asked because that's something totally different than what I thought it was. So, let me ask this question. Do we have any stipend available to members of the community who are just having a hard time for whatever that is, food insecurity, utilities, transportation, from what bucket that we talked about tonight would something like that come, if we have one at all because I thought that's what this was?

Ms. VanLiew said we do not have a bucket for that in the proposal this evening. We did have something similar to that in our CARES funding and what we did through that, if you recall, is we funneled a decent sum of money to United Way who then turnaround and provided grants to, I believe, 12 organizations in Wyandotte County to facilitate providing those stipends or immediate

needs whether it's car repair, rent, directly to our residents. I have taken the liberty of speaking with Todd Jordan at United Way to see if they would be interested in a similar set up with ARPA and if Commission was interested and he said they would be very interested. So, if there is an interest providing direct stipends or meeting those immediate needs kind of with a pot of money that can be used for pretty much anything, I would suggest that we use the same methodology and partners that we did last time because it was rolled out very successfully and United Way did a great job of assuring that money was held accountable and using organizations in Wyandotte County that are trusted by our residents.

Commissioner Townsend said okay. Let me ask that question—thank you for that clarification and I do remember United Way as being the disperser for those. So, this would definitely go on my want to see list that we have this money—this huge pot of money available to just meet the basic needs of our citizens. I know sometimes we get, it seems carried away, with the personnel and I know you have to have personnel to execute the plans, but that's the eye in which I'm looking through this, how much of this money is actually going to funnel down to people who need a roof over their head, food, whatever their immediate needs are, lights on, the BPU bills unpaid. I'm glad this question came up and that's what I would like to see.

The other question I want to ask generally because I could go through these, and I know there are other people behind me who want to ask questions, so generally, how were the numbers—how did we come to these numbers for any of these categories in terms of these programs? Let me take one. Legal Assistance; this would be slide 15 on the other Immediate Needs Report. So, we've got \$868K legal assistance would be \$310K of that for two full-time attorneys from Kansas Legal Services helping with evictions, landlord disputes which we need, counseling for dispute resolution. Who are those attorney's going to be employed by? **Ms. VanLiew** said, Judge, fill free to jump in here. They'll still be employed by Kansas Legal Services, but we would be in a contractual agreement with them to provide those services for us. I can only speak for the Health Department items, but when we estimated costs if there was any partner involved or any partner who had received, you know, a subcontractor award through ARPA funding, we went directly to that partner to ask what would it cost you to do this, what does the staff time plus benefits cost, what would you need for a small amount of overhead, etc. So, all these estimates for Health Department personnel came from the organizations that we would contract with or if they're going

to be Health Department staff, obviously, we know the cost of that salary and benefit. Judge, is there anything you would add?

Judge Nichols-Brajkovic said Patrick, I'm doing that for you so you can tell me if I can stop that. Yes, we reached out to Kansas Legal Services much like Juliann did. A couple reasons why Kansas Legal Services, I particularly reached out to them, I am an alum but on top of that they are used to grant positions so they know that when the money ends there is no obligation. They know how to manage that. There are people already in place for that. Second, there have been many times in Municipal Court that I wished we could bridge that gap over to Kansas Legal Services, housing court, you know codes that comes in when somebody's grandma dies but the aunt gets the house because they're the one that took care of it, but nobody did the probate. So, kind of the goal is to 1) we know they have the expertise in the disparately impacted communities. 2) we know they know how to do the poverty work, get the reporting. 3) we know that they know how to end at a grant and there is no guarantee and 4) we're hoping to build—at least Legal Aid and I think Juliann, when we talked about it, any dollar that we build now, we're hoping to educate and communicate and build bridges so maybe it's a dollar investment now that we see \$1.75 worth of output for.

Commissioner Townsend said, Judge, thank you for that. One last question with regard to this, so this again, is staffing only. There's no money built in this in the event that the tenant, resident, has to come up with some fee or—and I'm talking for their landlord, this is only staff costs, is that right? **Judge Nichols-Brajkovic** said that is a Health Department question, but I will tell you from a staff with somebody who put this proposal together, this is just the request for the things that we need to get going. Like for example, Municipal Court is on a 8 to 10 week cycle, so if you approve our immediate needs funding, I think we have some additional funding that we'll present with the bigger budget, but if you approve our immediate needs funding, if everybody can move the second I need them to move, that means it will hit Municipal Court and we'll see the reopening November 1st or mid-November. So, on some of your questions—that's a question for Juliann, but again, as somebody who prepared this, this is the stuff that we need to even start talking about the greater amount of money that's left. This is just what staff needs to open back up and provide the services to our people.

Commissioner Townsend said I was particularly talking about the negative economic impact with the 868 for the legal assistance. That's just for staffing for the Kansas Legal Attorney that we'll be using, right? **Ms. VanLiew** said correct, but there's some slush funds, so to speak, tied to that project that would allow for offsetting those fees that those residents would have. At this point, I would fully support adding in funds for that.

Commissioner Townsend said I know there are others who want to speak, so I'm going to hold these other questions. If I don't get a chance to ask them again tonight, I'll send an email, but thank you very much so far for all you're doing in putting this together.

Commissioner Philbrook said I'm glad I waited until now because I did enjoy some of the other questions, not so much the answers. So, first off, the money that was asked about for the Mobile Grocer, and so I have no problem with the Mobile Grocer. I was part of moving them forward in the community when they wanted funding to do this work although I will say I've not heard anything about what they've been able to accomplish since that started years ago. I'm like okay, I'm not sure how they managed to get into this conversation so quickly when there were so many other people who wanted to be part of this conversation that we're having tonight.

The part about the Direct Assistance, household assistance, I'm happy that we have people that are in this category that we're addressing this for, but the fact that we have not addressed the immediate need, and this is an immediate need, because we already have at least 50 families that have hit the brick just in the last couple of weeks that are homeless and a lot more on that list. The money, where is it going to come from? I call that immediate need and we have over 2,000 kiddos that are in schools in Wyandotte County that do not have homes and we're trying to help them and not all of that is being funded.

Somebody talked about the eviction moratorium and that's kind of a wishful thinking because we have people—people who did not get their lease extended because the folks who got the money through CARE chose not to extend. A lot of them chose not to extend that fund—their lease, therefore, the moment they got a chance they evicted them. So, there are a ton of people being evicted that, you know, that they jumped through the hoops and our community partners helped them get money, but they're still getting evicted right and left. So, don't be living in a bubble and think that we're not going to have tent city here in Wyandotte County because we are

going to and it's going to get much worse if we don't address a lot of this stuff upfront and help prevent it.

I know that Crosslines has a plan in place with other community partners to help prevent this homeless issue and I understand that we can take some of the additional monies that are sitting there for the future and I don't have a problem with that except I know that we as the Unified Government want to make sure that we are solvent and being able to do business, but I would suggest that maybe we don't put as much funding into things that are not an immediate necessity like being able to have a place to live, have food, clothing; all that sort of thing. Ignoring that for some of the other issues, I can't tell you how upset I am.

I am deeply disappointed in our approach. We say we've had community conversations. I will tell you that the community that I have talked to feel totally left out of this conversation and that is a bunch of people and I can write a big, long list if you want to hear about it. But the point being is, when we have been hearing from the community the last couple of meetings we've had and they said we haven't been invited to conversations, you know, I have not used the comment about good ole boy system before, but I'm getting really hacked off. This has totally got me going and I'm so disappointed in our approach this time and we throw a lot of nice words out here about we're going to help deal with diversity issues and disparities among folks that are disproportionately impacted and I don't see it. I do see it in this and I am just—I am heartbroken with what we are throwing out here and then you are expecting the commissioners to genuflect over what you have given us. I'm just—I have a long list of other things I want to talk about, but I will not do it right now because I feel like there's really no point.

Commissioner Kane said I know we have some immediate needs but is there ARPA money set-aside for Public Safety, police, sheriff and fire and when are we going to talk about that? **Mr. Bach** said I think that would be one where if we wanted to do something in those areas, we can talk about that in the future. I don't know that there's any immediate needs—are you talking about funding of services within there or toward premium pay? **Commissioner Kane** said the premium pay, the personal protection equipment, the places that they live in. You know, I think that you should get the staff members and the union folks together for all those three groups and say what do you guys think you need and use some of that money there. You know they are exposed more than any of our other employees, so I think we need to help them out. **Mr. Bach** said I think that's

a good area for us to dig into and figure out—I don't know that we are looking at something that's right on the immediate cuffs of, you know, we have to have something to go into that category in the next few weeks. I would agree it's part of that category that should be considered.

Commissioner Kane said I'm not saying immediate. I just don't want them to be forgotten. A couple of weeks is fine. I just think we need to sit down with all three groups, both sides, and say what do you think you need and is there enough money to do some of that work.

Mr. McKain said I would like to respond to a little bit to Commissioner Philbrook's comments. The commissioner helped a lot with putting together the budget, at least the Public Health Department items, and I agree with you that the budget that we put together does not address all of the immediate needs that the county has right now. A lot of what we put together are immediate needs for the Health Department for the COVID response that we have to do and then there are some human infrastructure components like that we mentioned with getting housing navigators in place to be able to access additional resources that are outside of what we have in the immediate needs—the CHIP funding to be able to leverage other projects and resources that are available. I think maybe the one thing that I would mention would be that as a part of the total amount of funding that's available to the Commission through ARPA, I think maybe the immediate needs versus the amount of funding available might have—maybe the language has probably set up what we're putting in front of you and maybe a little bit for like a misinterpretation because above this \$11M there's more than \$30M which is available for the Commission that remains unprioritized.

Coming into this and preparing the budget requests, you know, we did not get to mandate nor I think did we feel like we had kind of the mandate to be able to speak to that larger budget which I think itself would, depending on what the Commission and how the Commission wants to use it, go a lot more towards not just the human infrastructure and the immediate Health Department response, but some of those items you mentioned which are funding a large—there's a lot of different options for the Commission.

I wanted to communicate that in presenting it. I don't believe in looking at the immediate needs budget that's it's comprehensive of all of the immediate needs. It's a real—it's focused really primarily on the Public Health Department response and then a couple of real key sort of leveraging, you know, staff and personnel decisions including navigation assistance, legal assistance, and there's a lot more things including food assistance, rent assistance, lots of things

our residents are going to be facing and are facing right now and there are resources available in the local pot that we've been given that we're talking about tonight. Additionally, through other ARPA funds which is part of what Kathleen has put together in that sort of grant searching I suppose component of the things. I don't know if that satisfies the things you were talking about but at least I think—I hope that kind of clears up maybe kind of what we're trying to do tonight.

Commissioner Philbrook said, Wes, I would like to talk back to you a little bit directly about that if you don't mind and that is that the monies that I have seen reflected in the immediate response category that we're talking about are a drop in the bucket of what we need for the next two months to keep people housed and healthy. I really wish that you would have an in-depth conversation with the group that did the CARES Act funding work because a lot of that is still in place and they already have the (inaudible) together to disperse those funds and have the people that are trained who work in this community. All the people still exist and still in the process. My comment is no, I don't expect you to put in the overall housing yet, but I expect us to actually stop the bleeding and the amount that we have thrown at this is not just a lot of bleeding, so I'm looking at that a little bit more directly. We need to really come up with a little bit different funding, more funding, put into that for now in the short term and then deal with the long-term in the next round. We have to deal with the short term now. We can't put it off. That's all Wes.

Ms. VonAchen said we just wanted to point out one thing. When the CARES Act funding was adopted by Congress there was no other legislation. That was all the money and it was all allocated and it had very little limits on it. Now, we have another—this is just the amount they gave to local governments to fight the COVID within their community. There is another \$250B that is outside of this amount which we can apply for. Much of it is specifically for housing assistance and other areas. There's all this pot of money out there which we want to go after and maximize absolutely. So, the plan is to try and be strategic to get all the funding that we can have made available to us.

Commissioner Philbrook said Kathleen, I don't agree with you on what you're saying as far as the limitations on what we had—what kind of hoops we had to jump through. I think Crystal Sprague did an excellent job and the people she worked with in the community came back with the reports that they were supposed to and they were very detailed and so I don't know that I agree with you on that. Now, you may be right, but from what I understand and the people that

had to do it, I am sorry that we don't have Crystal Sprague working with us on this because she has been around the pike on this kind of work before and she knows how to put it together.

I'm not telling you that you don't know what you're doing as an Administrator of Finance, okay, I'm saying that we need the community trust in this and Crystal has that. I know, Doug, I'm just creating all kinds of problems, but when it comes to taking care of the community and the folks that can't speak up for themselves, I'm going to be there and that's just the way it is.

I'm really asking that you reconsider the amount of money that you're putting at homeless and the diversity folks that are living in extreme poverty that cannot take care of themselves right now. If we do not do this now, what are we telling our community? What are we telling our community, because look, I live in a nice place, I'm clothed and I have food, but I'm not these other people. Most of us sitting here are all in good shape. So, I would, please, have a consideration for folks who are not in the same place we are because putting off one day can make the difference between life and death and that's a reality.

Mr. Bach said, Commissioner, I think one thing we can do and I think this speaks to your comments and Commissioner Townsend. We brought this for you several weeks ago to get an idea of different areas we were looking at and to provide you with some additional detail and then coming back tonight to talk through areas that we see that—that I guess we've been given that we think, boy, this could go for funding now. Your input is just what we're looking for. If we think we need to put a like amount, like we went to Human Services, and say, okay, we need to do something right now to help in that immediate area, put funding toward a United Way type agency that could help administer needs for basic needs assistance to our residents which would include things like for those where they're homeless. You know our number that went into the Human Service category was \$100K, I don't know that we know the number. We know the number to work on a homelessness project is going to be in the millions, but we're just talking about some services to try to get us through, you know, the next several weeks and going like that. Maybe that's a number to put there and if that's where the Commission wants to recommend that we build something like that into it, then what we'd bring back on the 26th could certainly do that.

Commissioner Philbrook said, so Doug, can I recommend that you talk with Todd with United Way, with his partners, you know, like the Crossline folks and Avenue of Life because those three that did the brunt work to take care of the community and those are the ones that knows

the numbers and have an idea of what kind of money we need for at least the next couple of months to keep people out of the streets. Would that be a possibility? **Mr. Bach** said yes, it certainly is. I mean I think we have at least one of those members watching the meeting tonight, so we can start to make that additional communication. **Commissioner Philbrook** said thank you because I don't want to try to throw a number at it, Doug, because I don't know. Those people know. This is the kind of work they do, so thank you. **Mr. Bach** said certainly, and I guess if that's the direction the majority of the Commission thinks that's something we should be adding to this, then we will put it in there and put it up there for your consideration here in two weeks.

Commissioner Ramirez said I support some of what Commissioner Philbrook has said. I also believe we should put more into what we have. I would like to remind Commission and staff that this Immediate Needs Report is not the end all. It's not the cure to our problems. All of these socioeconomic issues are deeply rooted in our community and in our country. All of these issues surpass us as a governing body, surpasses as a staff. This is only a first step to get to where we need to be and so, yes, I support that we need to be doing more and I want us to do more, so I do support putting more human services and more funding towards that and the homeless into the Immediate Needs Report. I do support that, but I just want to remind that we're not going to fix it here and now with the money, but yes, this is a gift from God that we've been given to all of this money we've been given that we can provide to our community, but it's a first step. It's first of many steps.

Again, these are deeply rooted issues in our community that won't change unless we have a fundamental change in our society and it will surpass us as a Commission and staff. So, I would just like to remind everyone of that.

Mayor Alvey said we have just a few minutes before we need to end the meeting so we can get ready for the next. Doug, would you just again, reiterate what the process is moving forward?

Mr. Bach said, Mayor, what we're going to do is come back and we will move forward with packages of items that were presented tonight, but I think we will also reach out to a couple of our service agencies and talk to them about providing the funding for basic needs. It can be there for people for potential, I guess, as it comes to where we cover for rental assistance or for those going

into homeless categories that we can provide assistance for now and try to get a number to build into this immediate needs budget. This would be one that would come back to you.

I would also note that within the package tonight, we didn't get to it in the presentation, but we did spend quite a bit of time on it in the last presentation and that just comes to the Revenue Loss Category. I think revenue loss is a pretty easy category to understand. It's equated simply by looking at how much money we lost last year in the city, how much money we lost in the county. Kathleen talked about that a little bit when we started the meeting tonight. We will also bring that forward to you on the 26th and that just allows us to use this ARPA funding and put it over into that category. That just moves it into our General Fund budgets. It doesn't designate we're going to spend it on anything; however, when you go through and do your budget consideration, you'll see that money in there and we talked about that when we went into detail on our on three's about anticipated amounts that are coming to that. Those will be the immediate next steps, Mayor.

I think the other ones that I would ask the commissioners to look at that's in the PowerPoint that you have, and we will come back and discuss this in greater detail, but that was the additional ways to get in and engage the community. Walking through that process, what additional steps we want to go through to get more community input in it as you start to consider the other eligible categories of funding for ARPA.

Again, we're not under a tight timeline to make our additional decisions for ARPA. We felt like we needed to get out there for where we are from the immediate needs. We know we need to get there from what we're doing with our budget and fill some holes on that side of it, but the rest of that revenue are ones we can get additional input on. We'll get additional from our internal departments and just work with everyone in that regard, but we would like to spend a little bit more time on that piece that we didn't get to with the Commission as far as what we're doing for that community interaction piece at a future date, Mayor.

Commissioner Townsend said just two quick, one a suggestion with regard to places that the administration might go again to reach out and see what the needs are again which is basic needs for the community in terms of rent, utilities, that type of thing. I know that the Mayor's Office has a list of the clergy's and that might be another collection of organizations that might be consulted in terms of needs, the basic needs that we were talking about. So, that might be another group.

The other thing is, past this Immediate Needs Report, with the other money to be allocated and reaching the community, if we are not under an immediate timeframe in the next month, are there any plans to have a public meeting just on this issue, again, to give the community an opportunity to voice preferences for the other ARPA money, not immediate needs?

Commissioner Philbrook said I have the same question around communications and bringing the public in. I would like to see what that looks like because sometimes I think we say we're doing stuff and we think we're really doing it, but it's not the—we're not accomplishing what we're trying to do and that is getting the public input. That, itself, is creating a major problem with our community and so I would really like our public to send in comments to whoever you would like them to send to, Mayor, and you can tell us that, about how they would like to be involved, you know, in this conversation, how to contact them because if we don't get that from them, then, you know, so it needs to be sent to somebody. How about Ashley?

Mayor Alvey said I'm going to recommend that we follow with the process that the Charter lays out. This is a representative body and so I would recommend that people in the community reach out to their commissioner to bring forward what they think ought to be done and it's the commissioners responsibility and the Mayor's responsibility to bring that forward.

MAYOR ALVEY ADJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 6:53 p.m.

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