

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, October 24, 2022**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 5:52 p.m., remotely via Zoom as well as on-site. The following members were present: Commissioner Markley, Chairman; Commissioners Bynum, Ramirez, Johnson, and Kane. The following officials were also in attendance: Misty Brown, Chief Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Miles, Interim Fleet Services Manager; Terrie Garrison, Health Department; Stephanie Stauffer, Program Coordinator, Community Development; Wes McCain, Public Health Department; SueZanne Bishop, Senior Attorney; Dr. Mildred Edwards, Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office; Ashley Hand, Director of Strategic Communication; and Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk.

Chairman Markley said before I call this meeting to order, I want to announce that some committee members, staff, and the public are attending remotely via Zoom as well as on-site.

All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise. During the meeting, please make sure you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is observing knows who is speaking. This is critical given the number of remote participants and it's current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

The public is allowed to participate by Zoom or submit comments by email prior to the meeting, and those comments will be included in the record of the meeting. The public may also indicate their intent to provide remote public comment by contacting the Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting. The public also will have an opportunity to provide brief comments either by telephone or via Zoom from the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building.

Chairman Markley called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Chairman Markley said there are no revisions to tonight's meeting.

Approval of standing committee minutes from August 22, 2022. **On motion of Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, the minutes were approved.** Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

Committee Agenda

Item No. 1 – 212022...RESOLUTION: ACCEPTING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) UNIVERSAL HOME VISITING EXPANSION FUNDS GRANT

Synopsis: The UGPHD has been awarded a \$75,000 grant through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, to expand Universal Home Visiting by adding 1 FTE Community Health Worker (CHW) to the MCH population, submitted by Terrie Garrison, Health Department.

Chairman Markley said Terrie Garrison is here to tell us more.

Terrie Garrison, Health Department, said we have been awarded an expansion grant through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, to expand a Universal Home Visitor Program to mothers and newborns for the first 12 months of life. These are community health workers that go and see the moms at the hospital and can go and see them in homes to get an idea of whether or not they need additional support and additional services; and also refer them then into our intensive care home visiting program as well, Healthy Families Wyandotte. So, it's kind of the first meeting of the moms to make sure if they have need for car seats, safety travel, safety beds, sleeping quarters that are safe, and be able to move them into the intensive home visiting if necessary or if they request or want.

Chairman Markley said great. Any questions, commissioners?

Commissioner Johnson asked, is there any match? **Ms. Garrison** said there is no match needed with this. It goes from October until June of 2023 with KDHE's agreement that they're going to try to expand it past that.

Chairman Markley asked, anyone else? Clerk, any comments from anyone, anywhere? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received. No hands raised.

Chairman Markley said I will accept a motion.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.**

Chairman Markley said we have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 2 – 212030...GRANT: ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) GRANT

Synopsis: Approval to accept a \$300,000 grant from the National Association for City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) for Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level (IOPSL), submitted by Juliann VanLiew, Director of Public Health Department. There is no match required for the grant. We are one of 12 municipalities being awarded this grant nationally. A brief overview of the grant and its purpose can be found [here](#). It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the October 27, 2022, full commission meeting.

Chairman Markley said what I really want to know is, do they really call it the Nacho Grant? **Ms. Garrison** said Nay’cho. **Chairman Markley** asked, are you going to tell us about this one as well?

Terrie Garrison, Health Dept., said yes, I am. This is a grant. It’s \$300K. There is no match to this grant. It is for implementing overdose prevention strategies at the local level. It is through the National Organization for City and County Health Officials or NACCHO. It is to provide assistance for counties that qualify as high-risk substance use prevention and recovery efforts. What our plan is, is to utilize these funds in three sectors.

One is to hire a certified peer support specialist. It's a state certification. In the Community Health Division, their primary role will be to connect community members with substance use services to aid in local recovery, also to create a Unified Government substance use recovery website that will be kind of like a one-stop shop for addiction prevention and recovery needs for Wyandotte County. Then implement a mass communication campaign for substance use disorders, education, and help access for community members.

We're partnering with local treatment organizations such as the Wyandotte Center for Behavioral Health as well as the Mirror and Heartland RADAC organizations. We're also partnering with our first responders, the KCKPD, community intervention officers, as well as the community paramedics with our EMS.

Chairman Markley asked, questions?

Commissioner Kane asked, do we put this on our Facebook or website and stuff like that because it this certainly something, I think, that should go on there. **Ms. Garrison** asked, as far as the award and the grant, or the services themselves? **Commissioner Kane** said both. **Ms. Garrison** said I believe it does go on the Health Department's website. **Commissioner Kane** said okay. Great.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.**

Chairman Markley said I have a motion and a second. Clerk, any comments from anyone, anywhere? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received, but we do have a request to fast-track.

Commissioner Bynum said just a quick comment to Commissioner Kane's question. Given the magnitude of the scope of this, I just wonder, for example, could we work with or are you already working with Ashley Hand or Krystal McFeders to augment whatever information we are sharing with the public? It's so critically important. I think that's good.

Commissioner Kane said I think it needs to go on our main Facebook. **Commissioner Bynum** said right, right, right. That's all I wanted to say. Just whatever we can do. **Commissioner Kane** said and to fast-track as well.

Action: **Commissioner Kane** said my motion is whatever we can do to fast track this. **Chairman Ramirez** said second.

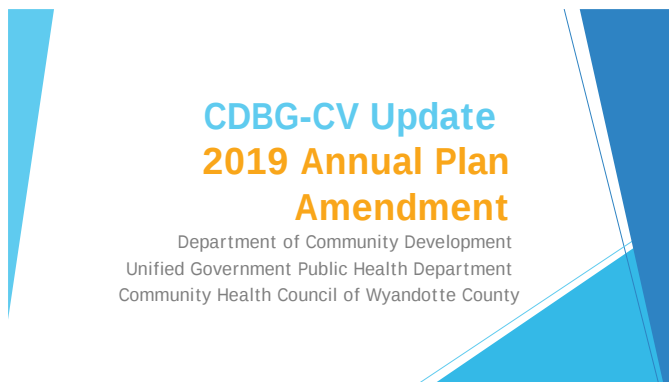
Chairman Markley said all right. Fast-track added. Any other comments? **Ms. Sparks** said no other comments. **Chairman Markley** said roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 3 – 212023...RESOLUTION: APPROVING 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT #3

Synopsis: An update of CDBG-CV funded activities and presentation of a 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment, submitted by Stephanie Stauffer, Community Development.

Chairman Markley said welcome, team.



Stephanie Stauffer, Program Coordinator, Community Development, said I have some folks here with me to present from the Public Health Department and from the KD Health Council of Wyandotte County and I will let them introduce themselves.

Brian Matlock, Community Health Worker Program Manager, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County; Wes McCain, Public Health Department.

- ▶ There were three rounds of funding for CDBG-CV and the UG received two allocations totaling **\$2,143,980**
- ▶ Funds can be used for eligible CDBG Activities but must also “prevent, prepare for, or respond to” the COVID 19 health crisis.
- ▶ The funds have a six-year performance period but 80% (\$1,715,184) of funds must be spent before August 2023
- ▶ Funds carried the extra rule that they must be allocated in a way to “prevent duplication of benefits”.

Original CDBG-CV Budget

WyCo Connect	\$1,200,000
Rent /Mortgage Assistance*	\$750,000
Food/Meal Programs*	\$100,000
UG Admin	\$93,980

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mortgage assistance, and then also food and meal programs. There were a lot of rent assistance programs that came out of the CARES Act and then ARPA. We even received in our department \$2.3M additional grant for ESG, which is homelessness, prevention services, and rapid housing services.

Now we think we have a really great opportunity to extend the WyCo Connect Program reallocating that funding that was put towards activities that we weren't able to carry on.

I'm going to turn it over to the experts, really, of the program, and they're going to share a little bit about WyCo Connect so far and what they've accomplished.



Brian Matlock, Community Health Worker Program Manager, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County, said basically, I'll be going over what has been accomplished so far with WyCo Connect and our Community Health Worker Program generally.

The Community Health Council was a partner with the UG Public Health Department from the beginning in addressing the pandemic and the WyCo Connect grew out of that partnership. Our CHW Program has rolled over 3,500 clients in case management services across Kansas City, KS, Bonner Springs, and Edwardsville. This has yielded almost 15,000 client interactions between our CHWs and those engaged with our services.



One of the benefits of the WyCo Connect Program is that it serves to expand the capacity of services available in our county. Recent studies show that community health workers improve access to services, improve health outcomes, and lower costs. As a result, community health workers have gained significant investment during the pandemic.

Community Health Council's Community Health Worker Program, of which WyCo Connect makes up 42%, is the largest CHW Program in the region with the highest rate of retention. Our program has been recognized as a regional gold standard and is used as model for CHW program and community initiatives across our county and state.

We are considered a modeled training site for the Kansas and Missouri sites to offer the Community Health Worker Training Course multiple times a year along with various other health, mental health and case management training. We're helping to increase the number and quality of community health workers in agencies and clinics for our county and region.

Additionally, through WyCo Connect, we've directly provided community health workers to safety net clinics, non-profits, and public agencies in 14 locations across Kansas City, Wyandotte, Bonner Springs, and Edwardsville, especially east of 635 where some of the highest financial impact of the pandemic as well as the lowest vaccination rates are. At eight hours a week, this is estimated around 5,000 hours of work embedded in local institutions having hit every zip code where there are inhabitants in Wyandotte.

These community health workers are an essential part of coordination of care in our county. When someone shows up to a free clinic, they might also need help applying for SNAP benefits, or if they show up at a food pantry, they may need help with rent or utility assistance.

COVID response

Primary response for the county

- Food
- Coordination of support programs
- PPE Delivery
- Community outreach
- Testing
- Vaccination

COVID now

- Canvassing—5000+ doors knocked
- Increased WYCO Vaccine rate from 30% to 65%
- Place based community events
- CHW support at partner events
- Food and PPE support
- Hosting testing and vaccine events
- Coordinate TAP rides

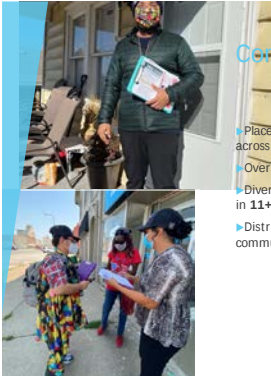


Again, this program came out of the COVID response and from being an early and active partner. That includes staffing of vaccine sites, education about the disease, and about vaccinations, promotion and advertising of vaccinations and testing events, connecting community members with resources.

We're currently both a host site and community partner for neighborhood-based clinical locations and have set up mobile vaccine sites at businesses, churches, organizations, and pop-up events in the areas with the highest financial hardship and the lowest vaccination rates in our county.

For many, the financial hardships of COVID have been at the forefront of the pandemic. We've delivered over 5,000 food boxes, provided over 6,000 hours of interpreting, knocked over 50,000 doors since 2020, distributed over 700 tests to people, and coordinated over 4,000 free rides just this year through our transportation program to places like doctor appointments and vaccine sites.

Community outreach

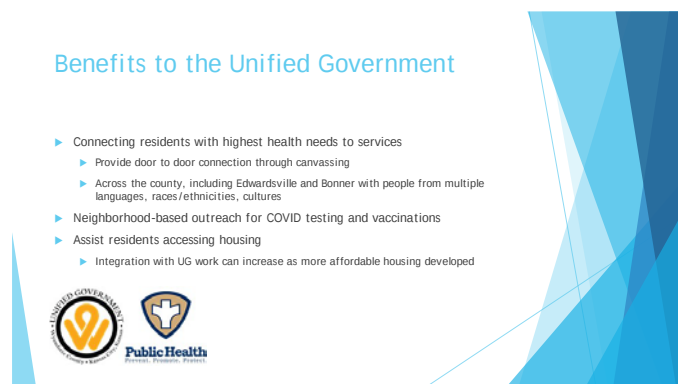


- ▶ Place-based event outreach & Canvassing across KCKS, Bonner Springs & Edwardsville
- ▶ Over 7,000 WyCo doors knocked
- ▶ Diverse staff engages our diverse community in 11+ languages
- ▶ Distribute Health & Vaccine Info + connect to community resources

One of the strengths of this community-based approach is we have extensive presence in and trust among the community. We hire community health workers from diverse, cultural, and language groups who are peer educators and advocates. They spend most of their time out

knocking doors at events and communities or at host site locations embedded in the communities. They are able to build the trust and assist many community members who otherwise might fall through the cracks. This makes WyCo Connect a useful and flexible program moving forward. An example would be a housing program. The community health workers help people of various languages and backgrounds get connected with the resources in the first place. Then, CHWs are an incredible retention approach. If folks have trouble paying, property managers don't always deal with this well, but the community health workers help them to be successful and to get connected to resources to ensure that these resources get to the people who need them most.

I'll give it to Wes to talk about the Health Department's experience in this partnership.



Wes McCain, Public Health Department, said the Health Department is also a founder of the WyCo Connect Program. We specifically came in—the funds that come from CDBG are dedicated to Kansas City, KS, but we wanted to make sure that the CHWs reached everyone in the county so we added some funding in to provide CHWs for Bonner and Edwardsville and some other items that were not covered in the program too.

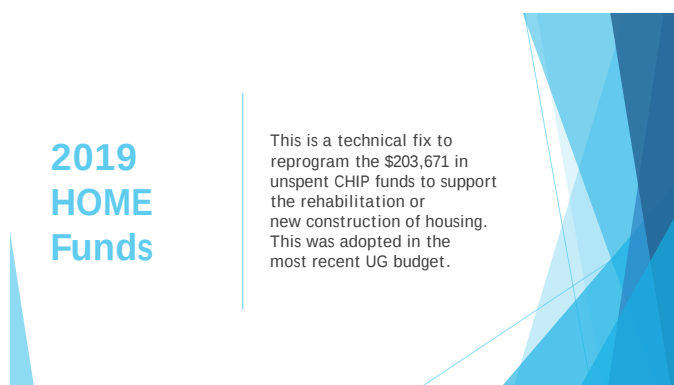
The great thing about CHWs is if you think about everybody in Wyandotte County split up into this nine-part quadrant, kind of like a tic-tac-toe board, and you've got health access on one side and people's health problems or health challenges on the other side, there's this group of people in the very bottom left corner which have the highest health burden. They have the most health problems and they have the hardest time getting to those services to reach them. CHWs, because Wyandotte County has relatively more people in the quadrant than other counties and higher health burdens, it's really important to provide CHWs to access health care, access housing, access

government services, so they're very effective at that and they're a big part of our health improvement strategy.

Like Brian said, when we transitioned from mass vaccination sites to more neighborhood-based models, we needed a different kind of workforce to help do that. The CHWs were really helpful in providing that.

The final thing I'll say is just to tease, Brian mentioned housing, but the conversation about housing and affordable housing is heating up in the Unified Government, I've noticed. I really do think it's important to invest in workers and workforce like CHWs which can connect people to that housing because you can build the buildings, but it's really important to—we have a lot of different kinds of people in the county, speak a lot of different languages, all sorts of income levels, races and ethnicities, and backgrounds, so having people from those communities help people transition into those housing places is really important and they do that. Looking at their reports, I get their reports every quarter and I see the different types of services that their staff provides, and the housing services and utility services are two of the biggest ones. I'm very happy about that.

This amendment to the plan comes with the recommendation of the Public Health Department.



Ms. Stauffer said while I have the plan open and I'm editing it, I need to make one more adjustment to our HOME funds. We've closed the CHIP Homeowners Assistance Program. That's already been approved in the UG budget in the last budget cycle, you remember. We just need to move that funding from 2019 into the Affordable Housing Development bucket, so that's the other fix that we're doing while I have the plan open I'm making the amendment.

Requested Action



Approve the Substantial Amendment to move to Full Commission for consideration and a Public Hearing on 11/17/2022.



Includes an extension of WyCo Connect through December 2023 and a formalization of the approved HOME dollars for housing development.

There is a resolution that would allow the Mayor to sign the documents so I can submit them to HUD for the amendment. We also need to have a public hearing. We would like to have that on November 17th, if we could. That includes both the WyCo Connect Program extension and the change to the HOME Program.



This is just a picture of the CHC team. I think it's really important to see that these folks are the ones that are really out there making the work happen, so I wanted to take this moment just to shout them out while we're here

Commissioner Bynum said I just have a couple of questions. I want to make sure I understand what we're doing. So, on the second slide, and this might just be me making editorial comments, I don't know. I'm good at that. The original CDBG-CV budget. You have the asterisks that say, due to the requirements to prevent duplication of benefits, these activities were ineligible and it's marking the \$750K in rent/mortgage and then food and meal. I don't want to dwell there too long. Just refresh my memory. We're talking about CDBG COVID money and the feds are telling us we can't use those dollars for those things.

Ms. Stauffer said right because the Kansas Housing Resource Center launched some pretty robust rental assistance programs that were available to Wyandotte County residents. Also, through CARES Act allocations and ARPA grants that went out to non-profits, there was additional rental assistance that was out there. We didn't want to launch another program. Our money also is really restrictive. There would have been a lot of rules. People would have had to provide a lot of documentation and a lot of income qualification work. So, there would have been a lot of barriers. We couldn't have launched a program that would have been as good as anything that came out of KHRC.

Commissioner Bynum said so, that's where the editorial comments come in. It's not anything any of us can do anything about. We know that this, I mean, particularly rent, mortgage, and food were like the most pressing issues that COVID brought to this community beyond illness. I can't wrap my head around somebody saying, but don't help people with that with this money, regardless of the other pots of money that we use funds out of to do that. It wasn't nearly enough and it's still not enough today. So, anyway, that's the editorial comment.

Commissioner Bynum said so toward the end, like the second to the last slide, I just want to make sure that and, Wesley, maybe you can help—so this dollar amount...**Ms. Stauffer** said it's really unrelated to anything that CDBG-CV...**Commissioner Bynum** said totally...**Ms. Stauffer** said yeah, sorry. It's just a weird fix. **Commissioner Bynum** said so now we're going to make the CHCs do housing. **Ms. Stauffer** said no. **Commissioner Bynum** said this is separate. It's just internal. **Ms. Stauffer** said right. It's already been approved in the UG budget. It's just me going back and fixing the plan for HUD. **Commissioner Bynum** said gotcha.

Commissioner Bynum said and then the other dollars are the rest of the funds, if you will, and that we are going to support our COVID activities. Am I capturing this? **Ms. Stauffer** said yes. That's exactly right. **Mr. Matlock** said yes, that's right. It will support the CHW Program. There's an end term on the funding. Is it August of 2023? **Ms. Stauffer** said most of it will have to be spent by August. There will be a little bit. The contract will be extended through December. **Mr. Matlock** said okay, until December; but yes, it will go to support the WyCo

Connect Program at the Health Council. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay, excellent. Thank you very much. That's it.

Commissioner Ramirez said I guess this question is more for Legal. Is this one entire full resolution or are these two separate?

Dee Bishop, Senior Attorney, said what I have in front of me and what I think is in the packet is one resolution to take care of these changes. **Commissioner Ramirez** said okay. I was just curious. Thank you.

Commissioner Townsend said I think maybe the question was just answered, but as I see the slide that talks about the original budget and the fact that the rent/mortgage assistance, the food/meal programs that Commissioner Bynum acknowledged, we cannot use them because of their redundancy, I guess, best way to put it. So, that \$850K is going where to do what now? Is that supporting the WyCo Connect Program? **Ms. Stauffer** said yes, that's correct. **Commissioner Townsend** said okay. Well, that was it. I think they had just answered that question. That was the one that I had.

Chairman Markley asked, any other questions, commissioners? Clerk, any comments from anyone, anywhere? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received; no hands raised.

Chairman Markley said I see a hand in the back. Come up to the podium. Give us your name and city of residence. You have up to three minutes.

Brennan Crawford, Kansas City, KS, said I just want to make a very quick comment amplifying the benefits that Wesley and Brian noted about the Community Health Worker Program. We have had a community health worker embedded with our property management with our HOME Repair, and with our housing counseling team for the last, I don't know, probably six months, something like that. It is a tremendous benefit to us, as a housing developer, as a property manager, as a landlord that is accountable to the community. Our housing counseling team takes great advantage of the community health worker because there are intersecting issues of like all kinds of social determinants that come up during housing

counseling interactions that HUD certified housing counselors are not equipped to deal with. So, I cannot say enough good things about this program. Keep funding it. That's all.

Chairman Markley said thank you very much. All right. Team, I'll accept a motion. No, wait. I have another hand. Come on up. Name and city of residence, and you have three minutes.

Audience Attendee said I know there are some organizations that applied for funds from ARPA. **Chairman Markley** said I think that's the next item. **Audience Attendee** said okay, okay, okay. **Chairman Markley** said this is for the CDBG plan. **Audience Attendee** asked, the what now? **Chairman Markley** said this is for the Community Development Block Grant item. **Audience Attendee** said okay. I have a question about that too. **Chairman Markley** said okay. Go ahead.

Audience Attendee said I remember when the Community Block Grant started and the purpose of it was for the disinvested areas of the community. Since it started and where it is now, it's like everybody's eating out of it but actually it's not going to the people that actually can use that in the inner-city, even in Argentine, Rosedale, east of 635. Those are the people that the Community Block Grant when it first got started. So, I'd like to know the purpose of it now. It's changed so much. I think it needs to go back to the way it originally started where people actually that need it can get that money for their neighborhoods.

Chairman Markley said okay. Does that complete your comment? **Audience Attendee** asked, is there an answer to that? **Chairman Markley** said I think it was addressed during the presentation that most of the people served by this program are east of 635 and, certainly, if you guys would like to make additional comments; but you're time is running, so I want to make sure your comments are done and we can answer the questions after. **Audience Attendee** said okay. That was my question.

Mr. McCain said I'd be happy to address that a little bit. I'm with the Public Health Department so I don't manage the CDBG dollars. One of the reasons why these dollars might seem a little different from the normal pots is this was a COVID allocation that came out specifically for COVID. It was a one-time pot of funding that they merely tacked on top of what you normally provide that was supposed to focus specifically on COVID, on people

impacted by COVID. So, I think these funds were meant to be used a little bit differently than the normal CDBG dollars. That might be one of the reasons why it does seem different than the normal funding.

Audience Attendee said I understand what you're saying, but I know COVID came. I know there's money for COVID, but still people out there need their homes fixed. They need things for their neighborhoods. So, nothing has changed from where it actually started. The funds are still there.

Chairman Markley said I think what they're saying is that these funds aren't allowed to be used for the same purposes as the other funds. **Audience Attendee** said okay. I'm just talking about the CDBG originally. **Chairman Markley** said yes. I got you. Thanks.

Chairman Markley asked, any other comments? If not, I'll accept a motion.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.**

Chairman Markley said I have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

Chairman Markley said thank you guys very much.

Item No. 4 – 212026...APPROVAL: ARPA SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

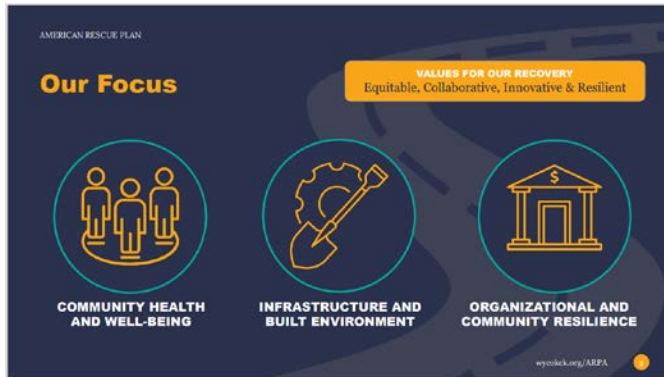
Synopsis: Request approval of project recommendations from the ARPA Subcommittee, submitted by Ashley Hand, Director of Strategic Communication.

Chairman Markley said it looks like Commissioner Davis and Ashley Hand have been promoted. You guys might have noticed, we have some extra commissioners tonight. Commissioner Townsend and Commissioner Davis, along with Commissioner McKiernan, who wasn't able to be here tonight, make up the remainder of the ARPA subcommittee, so they are

here tonight to see this through. We're excited to have gotten to this point with a little presentation to kind of walk through how we got here tonight.



Ashley Hand, Director of Strategic Communication, said I have been among the team here at the Unified Government supporting the ARPA Subcommittee over the last about 10 months, as they have worked through some of the prioritization of the federal funds received last year. We spent some time last October kicking this off in a discussion with our full Commission about what the vision for our recovery should look like. We really felt that in addition to complementing the existing priorities that the Commission has defined, really, we wanted to focus on ensuring that we're investing in our community today in ways that helps us address some of the critical issues that were either exacerbated by the pandemic or certainly highlighted in terms of this incredible impact this has had.



We then carried through that conversation and really tried to focus in on kind of what were the core areas for addressing this pandemic recovery. Three categories that the commissioners came up with were essentially community health and well-being, recognizing that our COVID recovery is ongoing. The pandemic is still here and certainly last year some immediate needs funding was issued from the American Rescue Plan as approved by the Commission last August as a way to address those ongoing community health needs.

Second to that focus was our infrastructure and built environment. We know that streets are a priority among our community, but through our community engagement, we heard loud and clear the importance of affordable housing. As Mr. McCain mentioned earlier, housing is increasingly a core area of our focus in terms of our economic development strategy, so something that's very important.

Then, finally, the third category is really looking at our organization and our community and the importance of being able to respond in the future. So, what are we doing today to ensure that we are prepared for the future and more resilient, being able to respond to circumstances as they come up and be able to continue operations and continue the support of our community.



We kind of went through an exercise with the subcommittee, once that was formed, and convened last December, looking into more specific kinds of targets for those goals. I think a couple of things that really surfaced was this comprehensive strategy to housing. We know that this is important to the health and vibrancy of our neighborhoods, but it's also really important to our overall economic success as we've heard throughout the budget process this year. Then the second kind of major priority that came out of those goals was looking at our fiscal sustainability.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ARPA Local Recovery Funds

JURISDICTION	ARPA Funds
City of Bonner Springs, KS*	\$1.25M
City of Edwardsville, KS*	\$0.68M
City of Kansas City, KS	\$55.49M
City of Lake Quivira, KS	\$0.14M
Donnelly College	\$1.1M
Kansas City, KS Community College	\$11.8M
Wyandotte County	\$24.1M

SCHOOL JURISDICTION	ESSER III Funds
Bonner Springs – USD #204	\$2.88M
KCK Public Schools – USD #500	\$82.44M
Piper – USD #203	\$0.94M
Turner – USD #202	\$9.46M

JURISDICTION	ARPA Funds
Johnson County, KS	\$117.01M
Jackson County, MO	\$136.25M
Lawrence	\$19.30M
Leavenworth	\$8.25M
Lenexa	\$5.13M
Manhattan	\$12.76M
Olathe	\$14.90M
Overland Park	\$18.28M
Shawnee	\$7.26M
Topeka	\$45.68M
Wichita	\$72.42M

*Under CARES Act, when the Unified Government had funds to allocate to Bonner and Edwardsville, ARPA funds have been allocated directly to each city by the State of Kansas.

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We wanted just to kind of remind you—I know this has been an ongoing process, so we just wanted to take a step back and remind you that this is part of our larger program. There are local recovery funds that have gone to other jurisdictions within Wyandotte County, so unlike the CARES Act, which was kind of all given to the Unified Government to then sub-allocate to Bonner Springs and Edwardsville. In this case, the ARPA funds were directly allocated by the State of Kansas to the various jurisdictions within Wyandotte County.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ARPA ALLOCATIONS TO DATE

Board of Commission Actions Date	KCK	WYCO	TOTAL
US Treasury ARPA Allocation	\$ 55,383,872	\$ 32,132,644	\$ 87,516,516
Immediate Needs 08.26.2021	(1,586,634)	(8,258,342)	(9,844,976)
Housing Assistance 08.26.2021	—	(1,850,000)	(1,850,000)
Revenue Replacement 08.26.2021	(31,083,244)	(11,020,975)	(42,104,219)
Employee Vaccine Incentive 09.30.2021	(660,000)	(340,000)	(1,000,000)
Additional Public Health Needs 02.10.2022	—	(3,435,934)	(3,435,934)
ARPA Capital Needs 05.26.2022	(17,474,528)	(6,378,308)	(23,852,836)
Municipal Court Fees shift 05.26.2022	(50,000)	50,000	0
Revenue Replacement Calculation Adjustment 06.02.2022	9,295,368	1,654,673	10,949,821
Kansas Avenue Bridge Emergency Repairs (from Revenue Replacement)	(1,500,000)	—	(1,500,000)
Subtotal -ARPA Allocation Remaining	\$ 17,292,834	\$2,613,358	\$ 19,906,372
Revenue Replacement Left in City General Fund Dedicated for Grant Matching	3,500,000	—	3,500,000
TOTAL ARPA AVAILABLE	\$ 20,792,834	\$ 2,613,358	\$ 23,406,372

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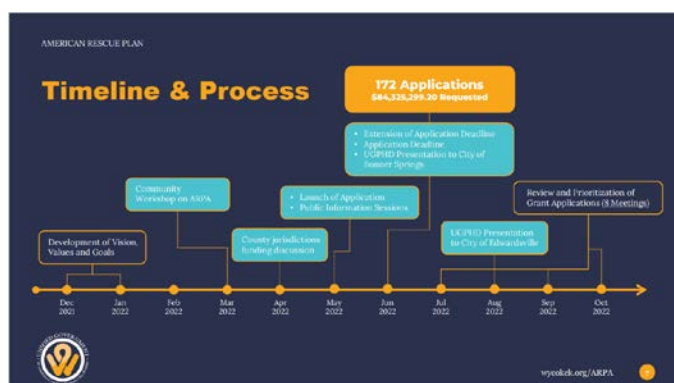
This will kind of take you a step back through time just to kind of refresh your memory on how some of these funds have been spent. You had adopted some immediate needs funding requests

that came through last August including additional housing assistance. We, based on the calculation of revenue replacement, the commissioners voted to set-aside those funds which went back into our General Fund, some of which are being used and some of which will be mentioned in a little bit in terms of being set-aside for grant matching.

There was an employee incentive for vaccinations back last fall when really we were concerned about going back into the winter, and this is well before we had Omicron on our horizon, but we had just come through Delta and certainly having the opportunity to ensure continuity of operations by encouraging staff to go out and get the vaccine. That was quite successful.

We've continued with addressing some of the public health needs and then in May of this year, the Commission approved some additional capital needs. These were projects that had gone through considerable vetting throughout various processes whether it's a CMIP, the Capital Maintenance Improvement Plan process, or other discussions with the Commission. Those monies were advanced then.

I think it's really important to note that in the final budget before the 2023 and the 2022 amended, there was an additional allocation from ARPA made for emergency repairs to the Kansas Avenue Bridge, which we know is very important to the economic vitality and our connectivity to the rest of the metro. That was something very important. That gives us kind of a pool of money remaining for what has become the discussion for tonight.



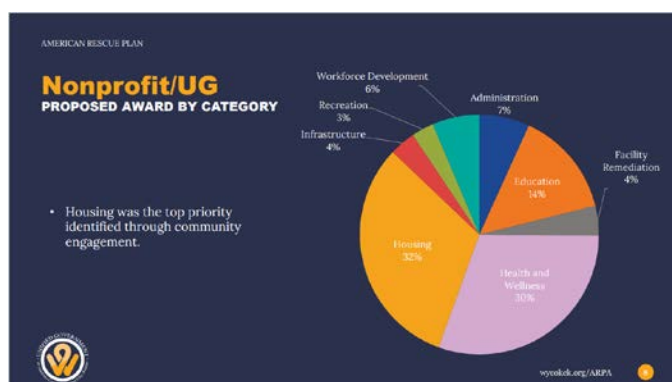
So, just quickly pointing out the kind of timeline of this process. You know I mentioned this development of the goals. I apologize for the quality of resolution on this graphic. Then we had a very deliberative process with multiple meetings held by the subcommittee through the months of December, January, and February. Then it culminated in a community engagement

effort in March where we worked with the community, both virtually and in person, to ask about their pandemic recovery and the impacts the pandemic has had on their neighbors as well as their individual households to really start to understand how we could best use these funds.

We then opened up the conversation and engaged with some of our sister cities in Wyandotte County, speaking to Edwardsville and Bonner Springs. But then we opened a public application which was open to non-profits working in Wyandotte County as well as Unified Government departments that had proposals to bring forward.

We hosted several information sessions to help people understand, and if you can believe it, we received 172 applications requesting more than \$84M. There was no question that there was a need and a lot of really creative ideas for how these monies could be spent.

It took the team on the subcommittee of the commissioners, a series of eight different meetings to not only work through the prioritization strategy, but also to kind of cut the list down to projects that were not only fundable by the requirements of ARPA, but also available to be support initiatives and sustainable initiatives that would continue to grow. One of the things that the subcommittee had initially stated was that it was very important that these dollars, along with what the Commission had asked for, were seeds of investment to help extend and expand the impact of ARPA investment as much as possible.



So, what has happened is, in addition to hearing from the community about where their priorities are, we certainly saw quite a bit from all the different people who spent the time to submit their applications of those 172 applications. But as the commissioners were able to weed down this list from 172 to about 29 projects, this is essentially how that funding would look if you were to advance this and we were to go out and award these monies today. About 32% would go towards housing-related initiatives, 30% would go towards health and wellness,

which includes things like various services for youth, as well as seniors and things like that. We'll go through that in a little bit more.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

**Nonprofit/UG
PROPOSED AWARDS**

- Proposing 29 awards for a total of \$13.9M.
- ~\$3.1M in ARPA funds remain for future allocation.

Organization	Program	Category	Amount Requested	Proposed Award
Argentine Settlement Corporation	Affordable Community Housing	Housing	\$97,500.00	\$10,000.00
Rescue of Life	Recovery Response - Impact RCX Capacity-Building	Housing	\$2,601,752.88	\$1,225,438.22
The Village Institute	The Village Institute Inc. Mission of Hope	Housing	\$350,000.00	\$325,000.00
Unified Government of WYCO	ARPA Coordinator	Administration	\$540,753.18	\$240,386.38
The Salvation Army Kansas City Region	Harbor Of Hope	Housing	\$357,142.00	\$336,071.00
Unified Government of WYCO	ARPA Consultants	Administration	\$1,047,063.00	\$725,000.00
Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas Inc.	Shelter House Homeless Transition Program	Housing	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
Local Workforce Innovation Area III, Inc.	Small Upstart - A Short-Term Skills Training and Support Project	Workforce Development	\$2,365,138.00	\$1,000,000.00
El Centro Inc.	Economic Empowerment	Housing	1,438,561.00	\$500,000.00
Mission Affiliates	Citizenship Class	Education	\$35,635.14	\$35,635.00
Parkwood Recreation	Parkwood Pool Improvements	Recreation	\$252,000.00	\$252,000.00
Friends of Yates	Della G.B./Joyce H. Williams Center	Housing	\$430,898.00	\$200,448.00
Our Spur R2	Youth House	Housing	\$1,151,084.00	\$1,000,000.00
Unified Government of WYCO/CKC Transit	Bus Shelter Improvements	Facility Renovation	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Parks and Recreation	Marion Park & Quindaro Tennis Courts	Infrastructure	\$140,000.00	\$100,000.00
Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation	Critical Housing, Health and Human Services in Northeast Wyandotte County, Kansas	Housing	\$1,570,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Kansas City Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry	Emergency Needs for Homeless and At-Risk Households	Health and Wellness	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00
WYCO - Project Edge	Project Edge - Early Childhood Education	Education	\$3,475,274.81	\$1,500,000.00
Young Women on the Move	FEARLESS! WYCO Resource Center For Thriving Youth and Families	Recreation	\$287,800.00	\$68,990.00
				\$13,450,091.47

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This is a terrible resolution. We'll get this better for the next time, and we'll make sure the public copy is available.

As a result of this hard work by the committee, they have come up with this list of 29 awards for a total award of about \$13.9M. This is where you can start to see the housing projects, the work to improve recreation opportunities whether it's Parkwood Pool improvements or the Quindaro tennis courts, as well as early child education, and addressing needs for homeless and at-risk households. There's a lot of really interesting and great projects here, but this did not exhaust the entire pool of money that is remaining; that is unallocated. There's about \$3.1M remaining in ARPA funds for future allocation. The committee has expressed a great desire to continue to look at housing and so that will be a continued conversation following this kind of round of allocations as appropriate.

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Cross-Links Community Outreach	Cross-Links Community Market	Food Insecurity	\$324,800.00	\$250,000.00
Cross-Links Community Outreach	Housing Stabilization	Housing	\$385,800.00	\$387,500.00
The Toolbox Small Business Resource Center	ECR Construction Incubator	Workforce Development	\$24,720.00	\$22,360.00
The Family Community	Start Young Program	Childcare	\$4,647,465.00	\$2,090,000.00
Kansas City, Kansas Police Department	Real Time Crime Center	Facility	\$157,553.09	\$157,133.09
UD Knowledge Department	Park Facilities Increased Public Safety	Infrastructure	\$6,100.00	\$8,800.00
WyCo Sheriff	Air Quality Filtration Equipment	Health and Wellness	\$40,500.00	\$40,500.00
Community Housing of Wyandotte County	Affordable Apartments at Boulevard Lofts and Gardens	Facility Renovation	\$500,000.00	\$460,000.00
Volunteer Ministers of Wyandotte Co. Inc.	Mitigation of Invasives	Mental Health	\$445,900.00	\$645,000.00
Unified Government of WYCO/CKC Transit	Northeast Microtransit Pilot	Infrastructure	\$336,854.78	\$388,417.00
				\$4,238,240.07

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This is just the second set because it's too long to fit on one slide. Here we have additional projects addressing everything from food insecurity, childcare again. We had heard quite a bit from the community about how hard it was to do things without access to childcare as well as mental health and addressing some of the facility issues that we see whether it's adding to our Real-Time Crime Center or helping ensure affordability at the Boulevard Lofts and Garden Project.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROPOSED AWARDS (requested funds) Housing					
Argentine Retirement Corporation	Avenue of Life	The Village Initiative	The Salvation Army Kansas City Kansas	Mr. Conrad Redevelopment Corporation	
\$322,807.50	\$1,352,789.18	\$408,001.00	\$272,142.00	\$286,250.00	
Affordable Community Housing	Recovery Response - Impact KCC Capacity-Building	The Village Initiative Inc. Houses of Hope	Harbor Of Hope	Critical Housing, Health, and Human Services in Northeast Wyandotte County, Kansas	
Supporting landlord properties, consolidating them with existing partners, and selling them as affordable units, then converting the funds into the next property.	Avenue of Life Navigators provide intensive case management services, support, and education for families as they work toward a long-term housing solution and family economic self-sufficiency. Navigators take a long-term approach, walking side-by-side with their families until the youngest child graduates high school and parents gain re-entry to education.	Construction and development of transitional housing facilities to house 30 individual men and women, assist with community reintegration, job and entrepreneurial support (this is an expansion from the earlier ARPA program award from the LLC).	The Harbor of Hope will provide safe and structured transitional housing for those exiting prison and treatment centers.	MCC works to assist a wide range of housing, health, and human service needs in northeast KCK. We respectfully request funding to assist in the following areas: housing, food, clothing, and utility assistance, health (physical & mental) and nutrition.	
El Centro Inc.	Friends of Yates	Our Spot KC	Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas Inc.	Cross-Links Community Outreach	Community Housing of WCCs
\$546,670.58	\$395,224.75	\$129,084.00	\$41,000.00	\$382,500.00	\$450,000.
Economic Empowerment	Delta Gail/Archie H. Williams Center	Youth House	Shalom House Homeless Transition Program	Housing Stabilization	Affordable Apartments at Boulevard Lofts and Garden
We want to prevent eviction and utility disconnection in addition to preventing additional debt that will only cause even financial stress in a household and our residents experience the housing emergency shelter. Housing assistance and the utility support services to assist survivors in getting self-sufficiency, economic prosperity and stable housing.	Under this proposed project, FCY will continue to serve to assist the homeless health and safety needs of our residents. Community-based organizations will be responsible for providing emergency shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities. This program is for the homeless, independent operation of our transitional housing facility (the "Youth House") which serves LGBTQ+ youth ages 18-24.	Our House is Our Spot KC's flagship housing program, providing emergency shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities in Kansas City. LGBTQ+ community in need. This program is for the homeless, independent operation of our transitional housing facility (the "Youth House") which serves LGBTQ+ youth ages 18-24.	In December, the Shalom House Transitional Program serving men experiencing homelessness will expand to the Sanctuary of Hope facility on Ridge Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. The program will be expanded and expanded in their next year after we could offer before the new facility meet with the capacity of 50 residential participants, up from 30 at our former site. After our facility, we will provide a safe, secure, and supportive environment for our residents, financial education, support group, and community engagement activities planned and the proven benefits of a beautiful natural setting.	The Housing Stabilization program of Cross-Links Community Outreach help prevent individuals from entering homelessness during the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Service providing immediate relief for the homeless by providing financial assets, case management, and other services that help stabilize their lives, increase their self-sufficiency, and support their natural support systems to ensure their own best interests.	CYMC respectfully requests \$500,000 to offset increased costs in connection with the Boulevard Lofts and Garden, a general housing and support program for the homeless, located at 1010 West 10th St., Kansas City, Kansas.

This is more for your reference. I'm not going to spend too much time on it. This is in the packet. These are kind of the descriptions of the applications as given to us, so each of these applicants that have been shortlisted and recommended for funding. This is what they asked for and kind of their summary.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROPOSED AWARDS (requested funds)		
Administration		Recreation
Unified Government	Unified Government	Young Women on the Move
\$1,047,000.00	\$240,773.18	\$518,900.00
ARPA Consultants	ARPA Coordinator	FLOURENCE YWCA Resource Center for Thriving Youth and Families
Due to COVID-19, Wyandotte needs continued assistance with recovery. The pandemic has created challenges in recovering and has contributed to support Wyandotte with financial recovery from COVID. By providing recovery and grant efforts, Wyandotte can assist the other counties. Under 72 administrative expenses - direct and indirect administration support.	Unified Government is looking for a solution oriented, dynamic, collaborative, and passionate professional to come work as an ARPA Coordinator. The coordinator will serve as staff liaison for a continuous sub-committee while providing project management and strategic leadership to the staff. The coordinator will work with all staff, grant consultants, community non-profit and philanthropic organizations in support of the LLC addressing an equitable and fresh recovery from the economic challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic by meeting the objectives of the LLC Board of Commissioners using the ARPA funding education and expenditure process.	ARPA funding from the Unified Government will allow us to expand programming to greater numbers of youth, parents, other adults in the community, and existing and new partners. New Programs Proposed (ARPA Funding Request): Community Center, Cultural Center, Adult Space Recovery House & Family Center.

You can just kind of go through these. It gives you a kind of sense of what each of them is looking to fund.

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PROPOSED AWARDS
(requested funds)

Facilities Remediation

Unified Government	RCBP
\$80,000.00	\$67,333.09

Bus Shelter Improvement

This project will improve and upgrade the 15 bus shelters between the 27th Street Transit Center and the 7th and 15th Street Transit Center. All bus shelters will be made fully enclosed and heated. This improving the sheltering experience and creating a safer place for citizens to wait for their preferred mode of transit. Additionally, we will be installing solar panels to power the dedicated shelter lighting systems.

Infrastructure

Unified Government	Unified Government	Unified Government	Unified Government
\$102,500.00	\$100,000.00	\$38,417.00	\$9,100.08

Thurward Pool Improvements

Improvements to the fencing around the perimeter of the pool to enhance safety protocols for the facility.

Klarnen Park & Quilicura Tennis Courts

This project will consist of total improvements to Klarnen Park Tennis Courts to include resurfacing, painting, or resurfacing of the court, new nets, and making repairs to the fencing around the perimeter.

Northeast Microtransit Pilot

The Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS Transportation Department (TCIT) is asking for the expenses of its existing microtransit program by implementing a one-year pilot project that will serve the currently underserved northwestern part of our community. The pilot project is to be funded and operate Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and will allow for a vital connection to be made to the 10th and Main Street Transit Center, allowing residents access to additional regional routes.

Parks Facilities Increased Public Safety

The Parks Project would install cameras on the perimeter of community centers and at strategic locations to particularly reduce crime, assist in solving crime and improve the Sheriff's response time to parks incidents.

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I encourage you to ask questions.

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PROPOSED AWARDS
(requested funds)

Workforce Development

Local Workforce Investment Area III, Inc.	RCB Construction Incubator
\$1,382,569.00	\$22,360.00

Skill Up WyCo - A Short-Term Skills Training and Support Project

Provide training and skill development and wrap around supports to ill-informed adults in IT, healthcare, manufacturing, transportation and logistics, construction, and other skilled trades.

The RCB Construction Incubator and accelerator program is set up to be an accessible resource for MBE and WBE trade contractors who are looking to grow their businesses by developing a strong incubator and building the capacity to deliver on larger projects. During the 6-week program incubator participants will be engaging with our other technicians, strategic partners, who are committed to inclusivity, developing the MBE trade contractor community for greater success.

Education

Mission Adelante	KJMC - Project Eagle
\$35,476.25	\$2,674,327.56

Citizenship Class

Our goals for this citizenship program are to reach out to all immigrants with this program offering, and ultimately present solutions to join the citizenship exam.

Project Eagle - Early Childhood Education

Project Eagle proposes to serve preschool aged children in Wyandotte County, Kansas that are attending full day, full year programming. Project Eagle has 16 classrooms, but due to increased funding during the pandemic, one of our preschool classrooms has been closed leaving 15 seats unfilled and unutilized for children in need in the county. In order to most effectively address the enrollment needs of these vulnerable families, Project Eagle plans to serve an additional 17 preschoolers to ensure these services with programming using the inclusive model.

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We do have Erica Hupka from iParametrics online who has been our incredible grant support on this and has done—spent a lot of time talking to these applicants to vet these projects to understand the scalability.

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PROPOSED AWARDS
(requested funds)

Health & Wellness

Kansas City Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry	Cross-Lines Community Outreach	The Family Conservancy	WyCo Sheriff	Hillcrest Ministries of Mid-America, Inc.
\$100,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$40,500.00	\$645,000.00

Emergency Needs for Homeless and At-Risk Households

The Emergency Needs for Homeless and At-Risk Households project is comprised of three primary program components to address housing instability, food insecurity, and personal well-being. Client services, case management, and financial opportunity and financial literacy will allow KJMC to continue to meet the growing needs of those in poverty in Wyandotte County, providing increased services and assistance to homeless and at-risk households.

Cross-Lines Community Market

Cross-Lines requests \$250,000 in public funding to support the expansion of the Community Market program which serves residents of Wyandotte County who are food insecure. Funds will allow Cross-Lines to expand capacity and increase the amount of healthy food distributed to the community to meet the current increased demands for food access during the pandemic that is not compensated by increasing inflation.

Start Young Program

The overall goal of The Family Conservancy (FCV) is to create a systemic approach to early childhood education that will improve the access and quality of child care in Wyandotte County and beyond. FCV provides child-care resources for families with the ability to enroll their child in a quality early education setting that increases the child's chances of entering kindergarten prepared to succeed.

Air Quality Filtration Equipment

We are requesting funding to support the purchase of 30 commercial air filtration units for the detention centers and law-enforcement work spaces. Total cost will be \$40,500.00.

Mitigation of Homelessness

Hillcrest respectfully requests funding to support an incremental effort to improve the physical and mental health of vulnerable households in Wyandotte County through increased access to transitional housing programs and services.

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So, if we weren't able to fund something a 100%, for example, would this project still continue and would it be scalable?



That's all I've got. Chairman Markley, I will turn this back over to you, but Erica and I are happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Markley said I did neglect to mention that I did chair that subcommittee. It has been a heavy lift. As you can see, we had 172 applications. The committee was amazing. I think I assigned them more homework than your average fifth-grade student during the course of our committee time together because there's no way for us to go through, in a committee meeting, one-by-one, line-by-line, all 172 applications. I asked them to go home; read the applications. We used a rating system based on our Commission goals to rate those applications, and we came back together and sifted through the ratings to decide which ones sort of had the highest score among us as a group.

I appreciate the whole committee's dedication to that effort. As you can imagine, reading 172 applications alone was a time-consuming process for each of those committee members. Their dedication is much appreciated by me and hopefully by the rest of the Commission here as well.

Chairman Markley asked, questions from commissioners? We may have some public comments. Anyone here in the room who's interested in speaking on any of these items? Go ahead and come to the podium same run-through as last time, your name and city of residence, and then you have three minutes.

Audience Attendee said I notice there's a lot of organizations that receive money, and I think that's good, but I think there are some organizations that didn't receive that maybe should have received for instance, the Vernon Center out in Quindaro. It's been there for years. Used to be a

school, and they're still in there. There's a lot of work that needs to be done in that center. I mean, I'm sure some of you probably know about the Vernon Center. I think they should have been considered. I see where a lot of money has gone to different organizations, a lot of housing, and it's good. I think that probably should all come together. If it all came together, it really could have probably built a facility for the housing for people that were homeless because there's a lot of money.

Also, the Boulevard Lofts. Where are the Boulevard Lofts at? **Commissioner Bynum** said 8th Washington Boulevard. **Audience Attendee** asked the ones on 8th Street? Okay, they needed that because it's sitting there and it's an eyesore, and that's great.

Also, the coordinator and the consultant who are they? **Chairman Markley** said iParametrics, who was mentioned a moment ago, is our consultant and then Gwen Thomas has been coordinating for us here internally. **Audience Attendee** said couldn't hear the last part.

Chairman Markley said Gwen Thomas has been assigned our coordinator here internally, and those class—I don't know if Erica or Ashley knows off the top of their heads. You should probably continue your comments because again, I don't want your clock... **Audience Attendee** asked, Gwen Thomas? **Chairman Markley** said yes.

Chairman Markley said when your comments are done, we'll circle back and see if someone can tell the percentage that that is, and the percentage that's allowed for administrative costs. But your time is running, so let's just make your comments first.

Audience Attendee said I was wondering who those people were, the coordinator and the consultant, I was wondering who they are. I know you gave me their names, but I wonder who they are.

So, I bought up the Vernon Center because I think they should be given some money. I think you need to—they've been there a while and they've been asking. I think a lot of people got a lot of money. They probably got more, and they probably need it. I mean, could have kind of way, you could have kind of helped, you know, some get this much take it off there, you know, where you're helping everybody in a big way. The Vernon Center, I think, really should have got some funds.

Chairman Markley said I appreciate your comments. Erica, I don't know if you're on and if you know off the top of your head, because it's a good question for the administrative portion. What is the allowable percentage and what percentage are we putting toward the administration of the grant dollars?

Erica Hupka, iParametrics, said I'm also here in KCK. ARPA is very document-heavy, it requires a lot of proof of expenditures and a lot of paperwork-handling. They have allowed up to 10% of all ARPA funds to be put towards administration. Fortunately for us, we are very arduous in what we do and very efficient in what we do. The Unified Government is only putting forward about 1% of what's allowable towards this. Though that number seems rather large, it's actually a fraction of what is actually recommended to spend from ARPA funds on these types of things because of the amount of documentation of proof required.

Chairman Markley asked, any questions? Any other comments from anyone here in the room?

Commissioner Bynum said I wanted to ask Erica to give us some sense of the many, many rules that we had to follow around allocating the funds because there were many of them and they changed during the process, which was interesting and fun. I'm specifically thinking of Vernon School, and I don't know, that's why I want Erica to help us. It's possible, through the application process, that we began learning that certain applications did not meet the qualifications. I do not know if Vernon School was in that mix, but we had to actually rule out some applicants and then we had to reach out to others because they were partially fundable, like a part of what they wanted to do qualified.

So, Erica, I just wonder if you could spend just a minute or two helping everybody. This was not a simple process, and I just think it might be beneficial to just have a little bit of an overview around what some of the rules were that we were dealing in.

Ms. Hupka said absolutely. To your point, this was a plane that was being built as we were trying to fly it, as we were trying to make the best choices that we could for our community. The regulations changed it seemed like about every two weeks there for a little while we were undergoing this process. I commend everybody for being as flexible as they

were in the changes that we had to adjust to, as we went through this. However, the ARPA final rule gives us a framework that we had to judge all applicants against. So, if it didn't meet the qualifications of the framework, then we weren't able to pass that applicant through as presented for their grant project, unfortunately.

There were a lot of really wonderful projects that just did not stand up to the very detailed and specific framework that ARPA had set up at the time that we set up this grant portal. If it didn't meet either what's called an enumerated expense, those enumerated pieces are ones that are very specifically tied to the pandemic, such as mitigation against COVID or protective measures against COVID, or funding of programs to help prevent future pandemics and things like that. There are those types of things that are very specifically spelled out.

Then there are other opportunities that we're allowed to fund that have to meet certain types of guidelines, most particularly, it is that it has to serve either historically, a disadvantaged community, or a disproportionately impacted community. There are specific qualifiers that we had to run that against, and it's not the same as what you would find for a typical grant to run up against.

So, it's not the same metric that we were using for other federal grants, say Department of Justice or the HUD. These different federal entities have different metrics, and this is no different where it's a different metric than everybody else. So, we had to run it against those same established metrics that they provided for us and unfortunately, that also disqualified several of the applications as presented.

We offered a phone line and an email contact throughout the entirety of the process to make sure that applicants had that available to them should they care to ask questions, or if they struggled at all with submitting their application. That was really our best opportunity to provide assistance with wording projects to make sure that they would meet the guidance. For those that did not present their projects in a way that was definable within that framework, we had to rule them out right off the top.

Chairman Markley said thank you very much.

Commissioner Townsend said I was going to wait—again, there may be other persons in the audience who wanted to comment, and my comments may apply to them as well. If there's anyone else that you're seeing there in the room who wants to talk, I'll defer my time, and have

you come back to me. **Chairman Markley** said we didn't have any more hands, so I'd say go right ahead.

Commissioner Townsend said no more, okay. Well, Commissioner Bynum and Ms. Hupka, who with Ms. Thomas, I think, did a herculean job on going through the details of what qualifies for ARPA, steering us in in the right direction, because with these federal programs, you must, the applicants must dot every I and cross every T. That is part of the qualification requirements not just this process, but any of the federal grants that we are obligated to make sure in fairness to all who apply, that we apply the rules uniformly to everyone. To the best of our ability, that was done.

There were many of us, I mean, if you polled each one of us on the committee, there may have been projects that each of us favored that did not get enough support from others and it didn't make it. But every one of those applications was gone through. I don't know what the number is of the 172 that did not make it because of the way it was written, it did not qualify under the terms that we were given set out by the federal government. Unfortunately, Vernon Center was one of them. But that was given close scrutiny because if you go back to one of our meetings, I think it was in early September, I asked on the record, specifically, about the Vernon Center and unfortunately, it did not qualify.

I've spoken with the director shortly thereafter and looking in the future to give them some help or assistance in trying to get people who can assist them in the future on making sure that whatever they're looking at, they can get assistance as much as possible outside. Not only Vernon Center, but there were others that for whatever reason did not make the list. I want to make sure that people know that they were given close scrutiny for the purpose of making sure they were not overlooked but just did not qualify on these particular circumstances.

Commissioner Johnson said I appreciate the work that you and the entire committee, everyone that put in time on this committee did. I am glad I was not part of that process because I have enough homework assignments, so I appreciate the fact that you all have come with a very comprehensive list. Also, I'm appreciative of Commissioner Townsend for speaking to Vernon Center and the things that might have eliminated them from this time.

I have just a couple of comments and then a couple of questions. I'm appreciative of the fact that there are several organizations that serve not only the Northeast, but specific to District 4 and around there. When I look at the Village initiative and I look at Mission Adelante, Friends of Yates, Mount Carmel, the list goes on and on; Young Women on the Move, I appreciate the fact, Hillcrest Ministries, that there was given some real thought as to getting those funds into the area of town that really needs it, specifically east of I-635.

I was looking at the Shalom House, which is an issue, I mean, or a situation that we've had to have some conversations about the homeless shelter there, so appreciative of that. Also, I'm glad to see that money went into Parks and Recs, and now we're going to get some funds coming to both the Klamm Park tennis courts and I believe they call it the Quindaro tennis courts, but I think that the Parkwood tennis courts as well as some other areas in the Fourth District.

Commissioner Johnson said the question that I have is, there shows that there is another \$3M to be allocated, what is the process for those that are watching, might be able to be educated on that as well?

Chairman Markley said that's a great question, and the answer is we're not sure yet. We have a Housing and Homelessness Mayoral Committee that's been meeting. We have a Church's United Group that's been meeting suggesting a housing and trust, and then the Mayor's been meeting with the group separately about homelessness, specifically.

I think we're trying to figure out—we set those funds aside because we feel like there's definitely, within the committee and within the Commission, an intention to use some money on one of those three projects, or a combination of the three projects, or something related to housing. We want to have that money available for such a project, but we are not at a point today where we can say what that project looks like.

The committee next meets on October 31st and we're going to have some discussion about how to move that forward. If we decide that none of those projects that are in discussion are shovel-ready enough to move forward, we may go back to the list of applicants and see who kind of ranked next in the list and kind of move on down. That's still a possibility, but the short answer is we're just not sure yet. We just knew there was definitely an appetite for making sure

there was a possibility of funding one of those many housing initiatives that's sort of floating around in the periphery right now.

Commissioner Johnson said well, I appreciate that and maybe Vernon Center, somehow we can speak to that then. I don't know, I'll leave that to you all's discretion and capable hands.

Commissioner Johnson said the other thing that I just wanted clarification on was there's a micro something, microtransit. I just had it under my fingernails here. Can you speak to what that is, the microtransit piece?

Commissioner Bynum said microtransit, in a very simplified form, might consist of, Commissioner, if the fixed route stops at 7th & Minnesota, but the person actually needs to get to 7th & somewhere else, the microtransit would fill the gap. Does that make sense? This is primarily designed around Workforce. So, microtransit is being developed across the metropolitan area, not only by KCATA, but also by their regional partners like Johnson County is developing a very robust micro-transit and it's all about Workforce. It's all about filling the gap where the fixed route bus service stops, but yet there is a gap remaining to get someone where they need to be, if that's helpful.

Commissioner Johnson said yeah, it is. This is specific to Northeast it looks like. **Commissioner Bynum** said correct. **Commissioner Johnson** said okay.

Commissioner Johnson said we also have Parkwood on the list there, so I appreciate that. **Commissioner Bynum** said I was going to clarify for you that Klamm, Quindaro, and Parkwood are three distinct things within the funding rubric. **Commissioner Johnson** said gotcha. Thank you. That really helps me to understand those. Again, hats off to you all for a job well done.

Commissioner Kane asked, can we pull it back up where it said Bonner and Edwardsville got some monies? While we're doing that, just remind us and remind the community who sat on that committee? **Chairman Markley** said I chaired the committee. Commissioner Bynum was on the committee. Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Townsend, and Commissioner Brian

McKiernan; so, five of us. **Commissioner Kane** said and that's great. Thanks for not asking and don't ever ask.

I think we—have you got that yet? I think what we have to remember is we have 172 requests. You were under restrictions that you had to follow these particular guidelines and, as I understand it, they changed as they were going through. As always, there's more requests than there is money. It's unfortunate that we didn't get as many as we wanted, but we sure got a heck of a lot. I think it went to the right places.

Edwardsville got \$0.68M and then Bonner got \$1.2M, is that correct? [Response inaudible.] Okay, which is great, but there was a question that I received in an email saying that they didn't get any monies, and in fact, they did get some monies. They have to go through the same process that y'all went through, right?

Chairman Markley said they have to meet the same eligibility requirements. I don't think either city opened up their money for application in quite the same way that we did. **Commissioner Kane** said okay, but they still have to follow the same restrictions and the whole shooting match.

You guys did a great job. We're never going to satisfy everybody, but I think that you did a fantastic job. Can I make a motion now, or no? **Chairman Markley** said I would be happy if you would.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.**

Chairman Markley said okay, I do think, though, I might have seen Commissioner Townsend's hand up before we brought up the presentation again, so I'll loop back and see if Commissioner Townsend has comments before we vote.

Commissioner Townsend said well, I do. I want to thank Commissioner Kane for his. I certainly don't want to take any momentum from that. But very quickly, Ms. Hupka was kind enough to go back and loop me in to show that there were, I think, 36 applications in total that did not meet the requirements. If they did not meet the requirements, we're not going back and looking at those applications again. If this committee moves forward, somebody's got to move

forward for the remaining funds. We already have applications, so, you've either met the requirements at this point or not.

And, again, I have to agree and commend Commissioner Kane, who's been around a long time and seen a lot of these processes before, none of us have seen like what COVID has brought. But if you've got 172 applications that total \$84M, as he made mention of the obvious, everybody is not going to get money. We couldn't even give a million dollars to everybody, but the committee tried to and did follow the requirements as they were given to be fair to everyone. So, go ahead, Commissioner Kane. I like what you were saying.

Chairman Markley said all right. We have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

Chairman Markley said, just again, thank you very much to this committee, but also to the whole ARPA team for that heavy lift. We're glad to have finally gotten this far.

Item No. 5 – 212027...AMENDMENTS: ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Synopsis: An ordinance relating to amendments to the Teen Advisory Council of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Unified Government, submitted by Misty Brown, Chief Legal Counsel.

Chairman Markley said Misty Brown is here to present.

Misty Brown, Chief Counsel, said I am here to walk through the proposed revisions to the ordinance pertaining to the Teen Advisory Council. Before I do that, I would like to introduce Dr. Edwards, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, as discuss the why this ordinance is in front of you tonight.

Dr. Mildred Edwards, Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office, said many of you know that this summer we had an opportunity to host 17 youth here at the UG for a six-week summer

internship. At that time, those students were exposed to not only the number of departments here within the Unified Government, but Wyandotte County as a whole. We learned from that experience that we do have students who are interested in developing their leadership capacity and we want to play a part in helping them to gain exposure not only with public service careers and working in government, but also shoring up our talent pipeline for the future. In addition to that, providing leadership opportunities from the talent that we have here within our organization as we did in short order over that six-week program.

So, we have an ordinance already on the books that we wanted to update, to revise, and to bring this back to life, to provide this as an ongoing academic year program. We worked with Legal to submit some recommendations for your approval this evening. Thank you.

Ms. Brown said so, commissioners, with that, I could walk through the changes of the ordinance if you would like me to, or I could not, understanding the time.

Commissioner Bynum said just a question. Oh, before I ask my question, Dr. Edwards, just as my dad would say when he was trying to be cool and hip with the kids, he would say neato. So, neato.

Just a question, Section 2-482 and it looks like you're eliminating b, c, d, but b kind of is specifying specific organizations and I know some of those don't exist anymore. So, did you have—is there a place where you are, I don't know, identifying other organizations or other groups that you're gonna—I mean, that seemed to be identifying the makeup of the group.

Dr. Edwards said yes. We did not only in looking at those organizations that were no longer in existence, did create a change to the ordinance that would reflect similarly an adult task force that would be comprised of members throughout the community appointed by our County Administrator. I'll let our Chief Counsel speak to that.

Ms. Brown said because some of those organizations didn't exist, they were struck from there. So, this task force would be 10 people who either work or volunteer in the management and operation of private, not-for-profit, or charitable organizations providing services to youth within the county. Members of the Commission or the Mayor could appoint members to be on this task force and then it's ultimately approved by the Mayor as it was before. Then these 10 members, their job is to screen the applications that come in and the criteria for those

applications are set out more clearly in this ordinance to ensure that there's a diverse population throughout the county that each, ideally, there would be at least two applicants from each high school within the county and that, hopefully, each commission district would be represented.

Commissioner Ramirez said first off, I think it's needed. I think everyone on the Commission would agree our councils, commissions, and boards that we have need some cleanup and to look at through, so I'm very happy, especially with this one. I'm all for youth development. I work in education so this is something that is near and dear to my heart.

For clarification, and I think I'm reading this or understanding this correctly. The task force is different from the actual youth council. The task force is kind of like "overseer" would you say or they just screen applicants?

Ms. Brown said I believe they are to screen the applicants that are coming in and then the County Administrator and the Mayor are more overseeing the task force which, I mean, I'm sorry, not the task force, the council. It's more of an educational component now. To be the voice of the youth, and to like what Dr. Edwards said, teach them about government.

The terms of it goes from September 1 to May each year and then the council's to come and report to the governing body. I think it's envisioned to have an educational component the first year and if they reapply and are reappointed for their senior year, then to maybe take on some special projects. I don't want to misspeak, so Dr. Edwards.

Dr. Edwards said no. I think you've covered it. You've covered it well. One of the things that we also can consider and to make sure that we're incorporating that advisory council in that first year of leadership development and exposure, we not only do they want to make sure that they work for the Unfired Government, but they look at other opportunities to lead within Wyandotte County as a whole. That second year, if you would look at Section 2-485, those responsibilities are denoted there. That's when we would pick up that research, discussion, and/or community-based impact that they would not only design but implement in that second year after that first year of exposure and leadership development.

Commissioner Ramirez said okay. Thank you. I completely 100% support this. It's something that we need in our community so I make a motion to approve.

Action: Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.

Chairman Markley asked, any other questions? Madam Clerk, any comments from anyone, anywhere? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received or hands raised. **Chairman Markley** said roll call on the motion, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

Chairman Markley said that was our final item for the evening.

Public Agenda

No items

Adjourn

Chairman Markley said I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn.

Chairman Markley said I have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum, Markley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08p.m.

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