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# 2022 ARPA Project Spending for Human Services

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# American Rescue Plan Act Background

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 and provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments for COVID-19 pandemic relief.

- Dane County was allocated \$106.2M in funding under the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Assistance Fund.
- The Human Services current 2022 budget allocation for ARPA funding represents \$22.8M supporting eight active ARPA projects and certain project staffing costs.
- Since ARPA funds represent non-recurring federal relief funds, their use has been designated for short-term relief projects.
- Many of the projects represent multi-year efforts. Per U.S. Treasury Final Rule, funding must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024.
- There are approximately 100 service providers engaged in service delivery for the eight active ARPA projects this year.

# 2022 Human Services ARPA Project Inventory

## 2022 ARPA Funded Covid Relief Programs

<u>Housing Programs</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected Spend Period</u>	<u>Service Provider</u>
1) Non-Congregate Hotel Shelter Program	\$ 8,773,835	Mid - 2022	Equitable Social Solutions
2) Hotels-to-Housing & Housing Navigation Program	\$ 8,231,536	Thru - 9/2024	Multiple
3) Homeless Outreach	\$ 300,000	Thru 2022	RFP in Progress
4) Eviction Prevention Legal Asst	\$ 250,000	Thru 2022	Tennant Res. Ctr.
5) Shelter & Diversion Services	\$ 169,000	Mid-2022	Salvation Army
6) ARP - HS Personnel (Administration)	\$ 437,000	Thru 2022	4.0 Project FTEs
<b>Housing Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 18,161,371</b>		
<u>Mental Health Programs</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected Spend Period</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
7) K-12 Grants for Emotional Wellness & Mental Health	\$ 1,132,244	Thru 2022	Multiple
8) School Based Mental Health - Bridge Srvcs Program	\$ 500,000	Thru 2024	RFP in Progress
<b>Mental Health Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,632,244</b>		
<u>Not-for-Profit Support</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected Spend Period</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
9) Not-for-Profit Grant Program	\$ 3,012,575	Q1 - 2023	Multiple
<b>Not-for-Profit Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,012,575</b>		
<b>Total 2022 HS ARPA Spending Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 22,806,190</b>		

# Human Services ARPA Project Reference

- 1) Non-Congregate Hotel Shelter Program** - Beginning in March of 2020, the Division of Housing Access and Affordability (HAA) initiated non-congregate hotel shelter operations and assisted with other congregate shelter expansions to create critical social distancing in the community's homeless shelter system, partnering with numerous hotels to provide rooms that have housed nearly 300 individuals and families. This effort continues in 2022 through mid-year.
- 2) Hotels to Housing and Housing Navigation Program** - Beginning in May of 2021, HAA launched a rehousing initiative to transition households experiencing homelessness into permanent housing through concerted case management services and rental subsidies. The effort focuses on households that have been housed in local hotels through the Hotel Shelter Program. The program is scheduled to run through the end of 2024.
- 3) Homeless Outreach** - The Dane County 2022 Operating Budget authorized \$300,000 in funds to support outreach services for people experiencing homelessness who are living unsheltered, including those who are living in communities in Dane County outside of the City of Madison. The current funding allocation for this purpose is intended to be made annually through 2024 and is administered by the HAA Division.
- 4) Eviction Prevention Legal Assistance** - The Dane County 2022 Operating Budget authorized \$250,000 in funds to support legal services for Dane County residents facing eviction or home foreclosure to help maintain housing and prevent homelessness. A contract with the Tenant Resource Center is pending County Board authorization for this purpose. The current funding allocation level will be made annually through 2024 and administered by the HAA Division.

## Human Services ARPA Project Reference – Cont.

- 5) **Shelter & Diversion Services** – The Dane County 2022 Operating Budget authorized \$169,000 in ARPA funds to support Salvation Army contracting for the partial year continuation (up to 6 months) of shelter and diversion services to support people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. The contract is administered by the HAA Division.
- 6) **K-12 Grants for Emotional Wellness and Mental Health** - Beginning in June of 2021, the Division of Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) launched a \$1.3M local school district grant program to augment local school district resources available to address mental health challenges experienced by students as a result of the COVID pandemic.
- 7) **School Based Behavioral Health Bridge Services Program** - The Dane County 2022 Operating Budget authorized \$500,000 in annual school based mental health funding to address the urgent national youth mental health crisis. The creation of the School Based Behavioral Health – Bridge Services for K12 Students program is currently under development by the PEI Division with a request for proposal scheduled to be released 5/25/2022.
- 8) **Not-for-Profit Grant Program** - Beginning July of 2021, the PEI Division initiated a \$5M grant program which awarded one-time grants to Dane County not-for-profit agencies to bolster their efforts to meet client service and community needs impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Quarterly payments to grant recipients are available through March of 2023.