

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Pursuant to Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Resolution #21-050, this Committee will meet remotely, and the public can participate by joining via:

<https://washtenawcounty.zoom.us/j/81799637267?pwd=ZkF4aTduTHd2YVp0SnRoR1B0ZkhkQT09>
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A link to Urban County Executive Committee roster with members' contact information is available [here](#).

- I. Roll Call** - Each member state name and physical location (I.e. City or Township)¹
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff**
- IV. Minutes**
 - A.** 7-7-21 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (ACTION)
- V. General Administration**
 - A.** COVID-19 Written Update from County Health Officer Jimena Loveluck (Tara Cohen, OCED)
 - B.** COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program Updates (Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED)
 - 1) Status of program and application rates
 - 2) CDC Eviction Moratorium in place through October 3rd
 - C.** Public Hearing – Draft 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (Tara Cohen, OCED)
 - D.** Update: Urban County 2021 CDBG Allocation / Donation Acknowledgment Letters (Tara Cohen, OCED)
 - E.** Washtenaw Rescue Plan Update (Commissioner Shink)
 - F.** General Updates
 - 1) Member Announcements
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wed., October 6, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote via Zoom

¹[MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#) guideline also applies under the BOC Local State of Emergency: *For each member of the public body attending the meeting remotely, a public announcement at the outset of the meeting by that member, to be included in the meeting minutes, that the member is in fact attending the meeting remotely. If the member is attending the meeting remotely for a purpose other than for military duty, the member's announcement must further identify specifically the member's physical location by stating the county, city, township, or village and state from which he or she is attending the meeting remotely.*

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Members in Attendance:

Treasurer Brenda McKinney (Superior Township); Supervisor Brenda Stumbo (Ypsilanti Township); Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Trustee Linda Adams (Augusta Township); Mayor Lois Richardson (City of Ypsilanti); Michelle Aniol (Community Development Manager, City of Dexter); Michael Radzik (Office of Community Standards Director, Ypsilanti Township); Mike Greene (Assistant City Manager, City of Saline); Trustee Sandie Schulze (Sylvan Township); Supervisor Will Hathaway (Scio Township).

Members Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Supervisor Laurie Fromhart (Bridgewater Township); Supervisor Diane Ratkovich (Dexter Township); Supervisor Duane Luick (Lima Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township); Supervisor Ken Dignan (Northfield Township); Supervisor Gary Whittaker (Salem Township); Supervisor Jim Marion (Saline Township); Supervisor John Kingsley (Webster Township); Supervisor Charles Tellas (York Township).

Facilitator: Commissioner Sue Shink

OCED Staff Present: Heidi Johnson; Morghan Williams Boydston; Sharde Crutchfield; Tara Cohen.

Guests: Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity); Jimena Loveluck (Washtenaw County Health Department).

Meeting called to order: 2:03 PM

I. Roll Call

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Chair Shink took roll call during which each member stated their name and physical location (i.e. City or Township, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan).

Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township
Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township
Aniol: Participating remotely from City of Dexter
West: Participating remotely from City of Westland
O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township
Schulze: Participating remotely from Sylvan Township
Greene: Participating remotely from City of Saline
Radzik: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township

Three additional members joined the meeting after the initial roll call:

Richardson: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti
McKinney: Participating remotely from Superior Township
Stumbo: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township

II. Public Comment

- Chris Brown introduced himself from Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley; he provided a comprehensive overview of Habitat’s outcomes for Fiscal year 2020-21 which just came to a close – some highlights mentioned were: 11 new units created, 430 households served, 924 refrigerators fixed, 83 aging-in-place projects.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

- a. Extension of CDC Eviction Moratorium to July 31 – Cohen noted that CDC extended the eviction moratorium for one final time, now set to end at the end of this month (July).
- b. MDHHS State Emergency Relief to Low-income Residents needing home repairs due to flooding – Cohen referenced the press release included in the meeting packet, noting that she also emailed the same information to everyone recently. She explained that applicants must apply through the [Michigan Bridges](#) website, which is a site for public assistance programs and other state/local resources.

IV. Minutes

- a. 6-3-21 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (**ACTION**)

Moved by Hathaway. Support by Schulze.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

Radzik: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

Schulze: Yes

West: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Greene: Yes

Ayes – 8; Nays – 0; **Motion carried.**

V. General Administration

- a. County Health Officer's COVID-19 Update (Jimena Loveluck, WCHD)

Jimena Loveluck presented slides on COVID 19 and the County's status of vaccination distribution, positivity rates, case trends, and more. Please see slides [here in the updated July 7th meeting packet](#) (slides start on page 9).

- b. Presentation: OCED Weatherization Program (Heidi Johnson, OCED)

OCED's Weatherization & Housing Rehab Specialist Heidi Johnson presented slides on the Weatherization Assistance Program. The presentation included program overview, eligibility, and contact information to begin the application process. Slides can be found on page 9 [here in the updated July 7th meeting packet](#).

- c. COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program Updates (Morghen Williams Boydston, OCED)
 - 1) Status of program, application rates
 - 2) CERA Application User Guide

OCED Human Services Manager Morghan Williams Boydston presented on the recently launched [COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#), known as CERA, which provides assistance for rent, utilities, and internet for qualifying individuals and families. Boydston noted that 1180 applications have been received to date, and just over 300 payments had been issued. She explained the complicated workflow for processing CERA applications, and made note of the new [CERA User Guide](#) that was recently released by OCED in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to assist applicants through a lengthy

online application process. Slides can be found on page 29 [here in the updated July 7th meeting packet](#).

d. UCEC Designee Forms (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen reminded committee members that the Fiscal Year 21-22 UCEC Designee forms were due July 2nd. For those who have not contacted her by July 16 - either with a new designee form, or a note stating no change to designees on file – she will assume no change when updating the Committee roster.

e. General Updates

1) Member Announcements - Adams mentioned an elderly resident in Augusta was inquiring about transportation services to get to and from medical appointments. Williams Boydston mentioned The Ride and Barrier Busters as two possible resources, noting that in both cases the person seeking service would be required to make the request at least 48 hours in advance.

2) Reminder: No meeting in August

VI. **Public Comment** - None

VII. **Adjournment**

Hathaway moved to adjourn. Support from Adams.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 3:06 PM

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AGENDA SUMMARY

COVID-19 Update (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Due to schedule conflicts, Washtenaw County's Health Officer Jimena Loveluck provided a written update on the state of COVID-19 in Washtenaw County for this month's UCEC meeting. Tara Cohen will share highlights; the full update can be found in your packet.

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program Updates (Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED)

OCED Human Services Manager Morghan Williams Boydston will follow up on her July presentation with current updates on the [COVID Emergency Rental Assistance \(CERA\) Program](#), a program that provides assistance for rent, utilities, and internet for qualifying individuals and families.

Public Hearing: Input on Draft 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (Tara Cohen)

The 2020-2021 CAPER provides information and accomplishment data related to Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs for the time period July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. This is Washtenaw County's third annual performance report for the 2018 – 2022 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

A three-page overview of the CAPER highlights is available on [this page](#) of the OCED website (click the CAPERS tab) and is included in your meeting packet. The full draft report can be accessed [here](#).

In addition to the 30-day comment period noticed on August 19th, this hearing is being held to obtain citizen input on the Draft 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report.

This hearing invites participation and/or written comments from any person having an interest, or their duly appointed representative, in the following Urban County jurisdictions: City of Ann Arbor, City of Dexter, City of Saline, City of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Bridgewater Township, Dexter Township, Lima Township, Manchester Township, Northfield Township, Pittsfield Township, Salem Township, Saline Township, Scio Township, Superior Township, Sylvan Township, Webster Township, York Township, and Ypsilanti Township.

Urban County 2021 CDBG Allocation and Donation Acknowledgment Letters

By the time of this meeting, each member community should have received an email that included a letter with information about their 2021 CDBG allocation. For communities that programmed their allocations in the 2021 Action Plan, the letter references your specific project(s). For all other communities, the letter notifies them of their final 2021 CDBG allocation under the approved formula and reminds them that their funds are being directed into the Single Family Rehab Program (which serves the entire Urban County). The practice of sending out allocation letters to member communities upon executing the grant agreement with HUD began two years ago, and last year we expanded the practice to include donation acknowledgment letters for those communities who did not apply for a local CDBG project.

Additional Information

If you have any questions on any of the information included in this summary, or would like additional information, please contact Tara Cohen at (734) 544-3056 or cohent@washtenaw.org.



COVID-19 Update for Urban County Executive Group August 31, 2021

COVID-19 Activity

Activity has steadily increased. Cases and test positivity have been trending up for weeks, and we are currently seeing around 50 cases per day. Test positivity is up over 4%. Hospitalizations remain steady and continue to occur mostly among unvaccinated individuals. Our local risk calculation has increased to "D" on state [MI Safe Start Map](#), and "high" on the CDC tracking site. More information about the Delta variant can be found [here](#).

Additional Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine for Immunocompromised

The [CDC recommends](#) that immunocompromised people who got either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines get an additional vaccine dose (examples include people who have received solid organ transplants or are receiving cancer treatments). We are giving these additional doses at our ongoing vaccine clinic at the Health Department (555 Towner in Ypsilanti). COVID vaccination is now widely available, and other [providers](#) are also offering these additional doses.

We strongly encourage patients to talk with their primary care doctor (or treatment team who cares for their immunosuppressive condition) to determine the degree of immune compromise and, importantly, determine appropriate timing of an additional vaccine dose.

Booster Doses

People who are not immunocompromised do not need an additional vaccine dose right now. No other ["booster" doses](#) are authorized or recommended for the general public at this time.

The federal government has set of goal of starting to offer booster doses this fall. The expected timing for a booster is 8 months after a second dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna). This timeline is still subject to FDA authorization and final recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which was meeting early this week.

Boosters for people receiving the Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine are also expected. The timing is less clear because the use of J & J started later than Pfizer and Moderna. More time and data are needed.

Additional Vaccine Planning for Booster Doses

Availability of COVID vaccine is very different now than when people first started receiving it. Early on, we were limited by insufficient vaccine supplies as well as state-set priorities. Now COVID vaccination is widely available in [many, many locations](#) and the supply is plentiful.

This means, we do not know if the same or similar level of effort will be needed from the Health Department with boosters. But we are preparing for the possibility of re-opening short-term mass vaccination clinics in the fall. No dates are scheduled, and there is no pre-registration process. We are closely coordinating with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHSS) and

our health systems, since the initial priority is likely to be residents and staff of long-term care facilities and nursing homes, healthcare workers, and individuals 65 years of age and older.

While we are not currently using large, mass vaccination sites, we continue to offer pop-up sites that are planned with community partners and driven by census tract data to prioritize those areas with lower vaccination rates. These pop-ups are supported by a team of community health workers and vaccine ambassadors who are conducting outreach with our new mobile health RV. We anticipate continuing to use community and pop-up clinics to help ensure equitable access to booster doses, along with assistance from MDHHS and their vaccine vendors.

At the same time, we provide walk-in vaccination clinics Tuesday through Friday at the Health Department where Spanish and Arabic languages are available and continue home visits as needed. Starting on September 7th, the Health Department will have an evening clinic from 5-7 pm every Tuesday. Free transportation remains available as well. Importantly, the number of vaccinations given through these strategies can be increased – with or without the use of mass vaccination clinics.

A total of 71% of Washtenaw County residents 16 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 66.7% are fully vaccinated. More vaccination data can be found [here](#).

Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations

With increased cases, our work investigating, contact tracing, and providing updated guidance has increased again.

We have guidance on “[What to do if you’re sick or exposed to COVID-19](#)” available on the website in English and Spanish and shared through multiple channels and partners.

We also continue work with local schools and [businesses](#). We encourage our local business to join the [#COVIDSafeZone](#) efforts to promote vaccination and other prevention protocols. As our local schools and districts return to start the new school year, we have published [recommendations](#) and an [overview](#) for doing so as safely as possible.

Video Updates in English and Spanish

If you have not seen our most-recent video update, it covers local trends, vaccines, school guidance, and more. It is available in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#). The [video transcript](#) is also available.

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT YEAR IN REVIEW

The following overview highlights a series of initiatives that were executed between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021:

Housing and Homelessness

55

homeowners served through the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

1

household became homeowners through the Acquisitions, Development Resale program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

1,584

individuals provided homelessness prevention services, including shelter, rapid re-housing, rental assistance through emergency solution grant.

62,620

bed-nights were provided at homeless shelter facilities (78% capacity utilization) through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).



Community Services

238

individuals from 78 low to moderate income households were served by Peace Neighborhood Center through after-school programming, family case management, and family enrichment programming.

119

youth from low income households received educational after-school and/or educational summer day camp programming from Community Action Network.



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Questions?

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Community Infrastructure

23

curb cuts at 5 intersections were corrected to meet ADA compliance, and a demolition of a dangerous residential structure was carried out, resulting in improved accessibility for pedestrians as well as the reduction of blight in the City of Ypsilanti.



2

Playground projects were constructed:

- Superior Township's Fireman's Park playground was expanded this year, which is expected to benefit approximately 1384 low- and moderate-income residents living in the area.
- A new playground was constructed in Parkridge Park in the City of Ypsilanti. This project was developed through a community engagement process with neighborhood residents that identified the playground as a priority investment and culminated in residents of all ages voting for their favorite playground design.

1,900

linear feet of a 5-ft wide sidewalk was built along the north side of Washtenaw Avenue from Golfside Road to Whittier Road in Ypsilanti Township, representing critical progress on Reimagine Washtenaw, a placemaking initiative for Washtenaw Avenue. This project benefits approximately 5,215 low- and moderate-income residents.

2

Two community center improvement projects were accomplished:

- A floor replacement project at Ypsilanti Township Community Center and
- Construction of an overflow parking lot at Northfield Township Community Center.



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Community Infrastructure (Continued)

32

new units of affordable housing were provided in the City of Ann Arbor through Ann Arbor Housing Commission's Swift Lane project.



Below are several projects that are still in progress or will be completed in the coming year:

- Construction is complete, however final project closeout is still underway for the following projects:
 - A new mid-block crossing with Rapid Flashing Beacon system on Packard Road in Pittsfield Township, a new bus shelter and pedestrian improvements at Schooner Cove in Ypsilanti Township, and a tennis court re-surfacing project at Superior Township's Community Park.
 - In Ann Arbor, a number of projects for rehab and/or new construction of affordable rental units are expected to wrap up in the 2021 Program Year, including Avalon Housing's rehab of 2 duplexes on Glendale Avenue, and new construction of 72 units at Hickory Way project on Maple Road. Collectively, these affordable housing projects represent 74 new units of high-quality affordable rental housing.
 - On the horizon for the 2021 Program Year are additional ADA curb cut improvements in the City of Ypsilanti; green infrastructure in Pittsfield Township; exterior rehab of an Adult Foster Care Facility in Scio Township; accessibility improvements at Superior Township's Community Park, and more.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY RESCUE PLAN

The Commissioners and Washtenaw County staff have developed a list of potential programs, projects, and initiatives for their proposed Washtenaw County Rescue Plan. This plan will leverage multiple funding sources, most notably the American Rescue Plan Act, to ensure a more complete response to the impacts COVID-19 has had on our community. These potential programs, projects, and initiatives have been categorized into 7 priority categories. This document notes how expensive a project could be, how quickly these projects could be acted on, and whether they qualify for American Rescue Plan funding.

The proposals do not show specific costs at this time because many of the programs and projects are scalable and can be adjusted based on public engagement and commissioner consideration. Some projects indicate a range of costs to reflect this.

Connecting Washtenaw County

Broadband Infrastructure

Many households in Washtenaw County do not currently have access to high speed internet. By working with local jurisdictions and internet providers, we would be able to connect every household to broadband.



\$\$\$\$ | Qualifies for ARP | Ready to Go

Broadband Relief Fund

While some households have access to Broadband infrastructure, they still struggle to afford the plans necessary for their family to go to school, work remotely, search for jobs, and connect with families and friends. This fund would help households not need to make the decision between paying for rent and paying for internet if they are struggling to make ends meet.

\$\$ | Qualifies for ARP | Ready to Go

Expanding Public Wifi

Another possible way to expand internet access is through expanding public wifi. This would provide internet access, centered in public spaces (e.g., parks, downtown streets) free of charge. These networks could be privately or publicly owned.

\$\$\$\$ | Does Not Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

\$ - Less than \$100,000

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\$\$\$ - \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000

\$\$\$\$ - More than \$5,000,000

Encouraging Generational Success



Addressing Childcare Access

This item could vary based on recommendations from the community. It could include short term investments to address needs right now, as well as longer term investments to make a lasting impact on access to quality childcare in Washtenaw County

\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ | Qualifies for ARP | More planning needed

Expanding Early Childhood Education

Local investments can ensure local, community based providers are able to take advantage of expanded funding at the state and federal level. These funds would help provide technical assistance to community organizations to help them obtain classroom space, attract quality teachers, and more.

\$\$\$ | Qualifies for ARP | Ready to Go

Investing in High-Impact Tutoring

By working with community stakeholders, an investment in this area would expand current efforts to offer high quality tutoring and support for students in Washtenaw County.

\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

Universal Childhood Savings Accounts

By giving every student who goes to school in Washtenaw County a savings account, we are creating a pathway to higher education. Whether it's community college, a job training program, or a 4-year college, this program will help orient students towards success and provide the initial investment to help them attain their goals.

\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ | ARP Eligibility To Be Determined | Ready to Go

Launching a Financial Empowerment Center

Financial empowerment centers offer free, one-on-one financial counseling to residents. In addition to helping households make ends meet, this program would include special funding to provide direct cash assistance to program participants to help them reduce debt, build savings, and invest in their future.

\$\$ | ARP Eligibility To Be Determined | Ready to Go

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Addressing Housing Affordability and Homelessness



Rental Assistance Program

While this \$20 million program is already being implemented by Washtenaw County's Office of Community and Economic Development to provide households rental, utility, and internet assistance, the level of need is great and could be expanded using American Rescue Plan funds if needed.

\$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Already being implemented

Increasing BIPOC Home Ownership Rates

Leveraging these dollars to address systemic inequity is critical. Renters, who are disproportionately people of color due to racist programs, policies, and practices were hit particularly hard by the pandemic. Residential counseling, down payment assistance, and other recommendations made by a community collaborative focused on this issues would be an important first step towards addressing this disparity.

\$-\$-\$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Ready to Go

Securing Permanent Affordable Housing Units

Washtenaw County is already receiving non-flexible funds to secure and preserve affordable housing units that can be used as part of our homelessness response system. American Rescue Plan funds could be used to expand this work to increase the affordable housing stock across the county.

\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

\$ - Less than \$100,000

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Creating a More Sustainable Community



Climate Action Planning

To make substantial, coordinated efforts to combat climate change, the County needs to invest in a comprehensive plan to help identify and prioritize potential projects.

\$\$ | Does not Qualify for ARP | Already being implemented

Expanding Solar Infrastructure Across the County

While climate action planning will determine a lot of the climate mitigation work that the county will pursue in the coming years, there are certain priorities that can begin moving forward now. One such is looking at different ways to invest in innovate solar infrastructure solutions.

\$\$-\$\$\$\$ | Does not Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

Investing in Storm Water & Sewage Infrastructure

Ensuring we have proper drainage infrastructure helps prevent flooding of homes, streets, and public infrastructure. One example of this identified by the Water Resource Commissioner and the Washtenaw County Roads Commission is repairing culverts. By repairing culverts, we can prevent road closures in Western Washtenaw County that can result in long detours.

\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Ready to Go

Expanding Energy Efficiency Program

The Washtenaw County Home Improvement programs offer free home repair services that increase the comfort of families, while decreasing their energy bills. Expanding this work can help more households, employ more local contractors, and help substantially reduce unnecessary energy usage by replacing old furnaces with high efficiency units, improving home insulation, and potentially adding solar panels to eligible homes.

\$\$-\$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Ready to Go

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Supporting A Strong Local Economy



Small Business Relief Funds

The COVID-19 Pandemic had a huge impact in small business. This small business relief fund is meant to support business through grant programs to small businesses to help them recover from lost revenues over the past year, rehire staff, and more. This would operate similarly to the small business support program administered by OCED, United Way of Washtenaw County, and the Song Foundation last year.

\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Already being implemented

Support for Farmers and Agriculture Based Businesses

Michigan State University Extension is already doing important work in Washtenaw County to help connect farmers to local markets to sell their produce and more. By expanding this work through additional funding, we can begin to work with groups like the Washtenaw Conservation District to explore new ways to invest in farming and agriculture in our County.

\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

Supporting Entrepreneurs, Particularly BIPOC Entrepreneurs

While there are many potentially forms this may take, there is interest in creating entrepreneurship assistance fund that will directly invest in business and invest in business technical assistance providers who have an express commitment to equity and anti-racism, and experience working with diverse communities, preferably providers of color.

\$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

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Investing in Our Health & Wellbeing



Mobile Support Services Initiative

This initiative would retrofit buses to be community service hubs that move throughout our county. This would be an expansive partnership with community service agencies to make sure the vehicle is able to connect individuals using it to all of the services they need to be successful.

\$\$-\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

Medical Mobile Clinic

The Health Department recently got a new medical mobile clinic. By providing additional funding, this would allow us to maximize its use by having it out in the community on a regular basis. In addition to hosting and attending special events, it could also have a recurring schedule in the parts of our county without access to a medical clinic.

\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Ready to Go

Community Healthcare Workers

By expanding funding to hire additional community health workers, the Health Department can expand their work to address health disparities and the social determinants of health. These workers would help with public health promotion, attend and put on special events, and help connect individuals with important programming and resources.

\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

Public Health Data Analysts

Being able to track data, evaluate programs, and conduct community surveys is a critical components of public health response. By hiring data analysts, we can make sure our systems are truly having their intended impacts, while also tracking data to discover and address emerging needs early rather than later.

\$\$ - \$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

Emerging Needs Microgrants for Non Profits

To be able to address emerging needs related to the lasting impacts of COVID-19 on our community in the coming years, these funds could be used to quickly provide support to specific service providers in need of investment.

\$ - \$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Ready to go

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Practicing Good Government



County Master Plan

The goal of a master plan would be to take stock of the current county environment, conduct a needs assessment, develop a shared vision, create a plan to implement activities and achieve project goals.

\$\$ | Does Not Qualify for ARP | Will be implemented soon

Accounting for Lost Revenues

Washtenaw County and other local governments are facing budget shortfalls due to lost revenue as a result of COVID-19. The American Rescue Plan allows for governments to use funding to replace lost revenue. This will allow Washtenaw County government to continue to provide valuable public services despite decreased revenues.

\$\$\$\$ | Qualify for ARP | Assessed and revisited annually

Investing in County Government Infrastructure

The American Rescue Plan allows for governments to use funding increase capacity to successfully implement economic relief and health programming, including investing in technology infrastructure. By modernizing systems, we would be able to improve security and stability for employees and the public interacting with our technology.

\$\$\$ | Qualifies for ARP | More planning needed

Supporting Washtenaw County Employees

Washtenaw County employees have been on the front line of this pandemic, and have provided the social safety net for our community for generations. The Board values county employees and wants to make sure we are creating a workplace that helps us attract and retain the best employees to serve the community. To do so the Board plans to provide initial funding necessary for a paid leave program for Washtenaw County employees and to partially fund recommendations from a compensation study to ensure the civil servants of Washtenaw County Government are paid their fair share.

\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ | Does Not Qualify for ARP | More planning needed

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