

City of Portland, Maine
Remote Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
5:00 PM, Remote via ZOOM

AGENDA

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1. Introductions

2. American Rescue Plan – Second Tranche Process Updates

City Finance Director Brendan T. O'Connell and American Rescue Plan Program Coordinator Kaela Gonzalez will review the list of pre-applications received prior to the deadline on Friday, August 14th, 2022. City staff will also discuss next steps for applicants who are invited to complete full applications. These steps will be communicated via email to all applicants and published on the City's American Rescue Plan Act website:

<https://portland.civilspace.io/en/projects/american-rescue-plan-act>

City staff will also review in summary some of the feedback received from the public participatory process thus far and review key dates for City Council approval of second tranche funding recommendations.

3. Proposed Future Committee Meeting Dates

- a. Thursday, September 29th**
- b. Thursday, October 6th**

4. Adjournment

ARPA 2nd Tranche Pre-Applications Received (Project Summaries included beneath this table)

Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	ARPA Expenditure Category
Avesta Housing Development Corporation	Winchester Woods	\$5,000,000	2.15 - Long Term Housing Security - Affordable Housing
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine	Mentors for Children/Youth in Southern Maine	\$64,300	3.9 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Other (not an EC in the Final Rule, 3.9 is from Interim Rule)
Boundless Good Project	Family Advocacy Maine	\$100,000	2.13 Services to families involved in the child welfare system
Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine	BGCSM Safe Spaces	\$750,000	2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services
Center for Regional Prosperity (non-profit arm GPCOG)	Transitional Housing Campus: 200 Housing Units + Community Space	\$5,000,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Community Dental	Investment and Expansion in Portland Center to increase access to Oral Health Care	\$1,000,000	2.21 - Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Congress Square Redesign (COP Planning and Urban Development)	Congress Square Redesign	\$1,400,000	2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District	Portland Soil Lead Testing Project	\$210,441	2.20 - Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation
First Parish in Portland - Unitarian Universalist	First Parish Truth and Reconciliation History Project	\$100,000	1.9 - COVID Assistance to Non-Profits
Greater Portland Community Land	21 Randall Street Affordable Housing Project	\$250,000	2.15 - Long Term Housing Security - Affordable Housing

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Greater Portland Health - Portland Community Health Center	Riverside Homeless Health Center	\$500,000	2.21 - Medical Facilities for disproportionately Impacted Communities
Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center	Women Lead: An Enterprise Institute	\$619,000	2.30 - Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Small Businesses; Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning
Hope Acts	Housing Navigation and Case Management support for New Asylum Seekers	\$200,000	2.18 - Housing Support - Other Housing Assistance
Island Transportation System	Environmentally Sustainable Taxi Service on Peaks Island	\$69,177	2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine	Diaper Bank	\$870,000	2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance: Other
Ladder to the Moon Network	Our Future - Organizational Development	\$55,000	2.34: Assistance to Impacted non-Profit Organizations
Maine Health	Portland Comprehensive Addiction Medicine Program (CAMP)	\$1,000,000	1.13 Substance Use Services
Maine Language Connect	Increasing Economic Opportunity and EID for Immigrant Communities by Expanding Transportation Access	\$152,369	2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Maine Medical Center - Preble Street Learning Collaborative	Connections Clinic - Psychiatry Outreach Program	\$300,000	1.13 - Substance Use Services
Opportunity Alliance	EDI Focused Improved Service Delivery	\$50,000	3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Opportunity Alliance	Housing Individuals & Families	\$150,000	2.18 - Housing Support - Other Housing Assistance
Palaver Strings Inc	Palaver Music Center and Palaver Strings	\$50,000	2.14 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning

Portland Downtown	Public Restrooms	\$1,000,000	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Portland Downtown	Drinking Water Stations/Access	\$250,000	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Portland Conservatory of Music	Music for the Future	\$50,000	2.34: Assistance to Impacted non-Profit Organizations
Portland Housing Development Corporation	331 Cumberland Avenue	\$900,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Portland Housing Development Corporation	Harbor Terrace	\$750,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Portland Maine Symphony Orchestra	Pandemic Recovery for the Portland Symphony Orchestra	\$200,000	2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organization
Portland Pilots - phase 2	Replace Lost revenue/Boat repairs	\$600,000	1.8 - COVID Assistance to Small Businesses
Portland Recovery Community Center	Recovery World Cafe	\$125,233	1.13 Substance Use Services
Quality Housing Coalition	Growing Project HOME	\$296,080	2.18 - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Rippleeffect Inc	Rippleeffect Outdoor Center	\$100,000	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Serenity Residential Care	Serenity Housing Project	\$254,300	2.2 - Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine	Expanding Access to Sexual Violence Services	\$337,574	1.11 - Public Health - Community Violence Interventions
Spurwink	Ashlea's Place: Housing First Mental Health Recovery Residence	\$750,300	1.12 - Mental Health
	Total	\$23,503,774	

**PROJECT SUMMARIES (COPIED AND PASTED FROM THE PRE-APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED BY EACH APPLYING ENTITY)**

**Avesta Housing Development Corporation - Winchester Woods Project - \$5,000,000
requested out of \$15,600,00 total project budget**

Avesta's Winchester Woods development represents a unique and exciting opportunity to convert 48 new apartments into affordable housing for asylum seeker households currently living in shelters and hotels. These new apartments would be available almost immediately, with units available in October 2022 and with all 48 ready for occupancy by January 2023. This development would drastically lessen the huge financial burden on both Portland and the State who are currently paying expensive nightly hotel rates upwards of \$240 per family per night and estimated to be in excess of \$8,000,000 over two years. Not only will this development provide for substantial savings over hotel rooms by cutting rental expenses, residents will enjoy substantially improved living conditions and stability. Separate bedrooms, kitchens, living areas, and laundry facilities will greatly improve the lives and dignity for these New Mainer households. The development includes four 12-unit buildings, each with six one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments and is located in the East Deering area of Portland, Maine and is adjacent to Presumpscot School with nearby ball fields. Nearly every essential service is within walking distance. Initially intended as a market rate development with much higher projected rents, Avesta is working with the current private developer to purchase the development at completion and make the units available to asylum seeker families. Long term, these apartments would remain affordable to families earning 80% or less of AMI. Avesta has secured a preliminary commitment from the State of Maine to pay for two years of rental assistance for all 48 apartments, so that the asylum seeker households who move in would not need to rely on municipal General Assistance. These households are ineligible for traditional section 8 vouchers and are unable to have personal income until they secure work permits. However, we expect that the two years of rental assistance would provide them with sufficient time to file their asylum claims and gain work authorization, after which they would be able to join Maine's workforce and pay the rent on their own. Because this development is already under construction, traditional affordable housing finance options such as tax credits or Federal HOME block grant funds are not feasible. Instead, Avesta is seeking to finance the development with public purpose loans from MaineHousing and from subsidy providers including the City of Portland, Cumberland County, and MaineHousing. We cannot over-emphasize the urgency and need for housing solutions for asylum-seeking families arriving in Portland. Arguably, there is no humanity or financial challenge for the city of Portland more daunting than the unhoused crisis associated with the recent influx of asylum seekers. Currently, hundreds of asylum seeker households (comprised of more than 1,000 individuals) are staying in temporary shelters and hotels in the Portland area. Because of the pandemic, traditional shelters have had to reduce capacity, and other non-immigrant homeless individuals and families have exceeded the system's capacity. Most of the recent influx of asylum seekers are staying in hotels in greater Portland with the

majority in two South Portland hotels. In the introduction to Portland's FY 23 budget, the Acting City Manager stated "The second, and larger, budget challenge we face is quite unique to Portland... the State of Maine and the City of Portland continue to attract record numbers of asylum-seeking families from the southern U.S. border... we are in a dire situation ... our shelters are beyond their capacity, and it is increasingly harder to find enough hotels to provide overflow...." In short, Winchester Woods represents a fast, humane, and cost-saving housing solution for the asylum seeker households who are currently living in hotels and shelters. All, while providing for substantial long-term savings to the city over the existing program. This project also meets several of the Council's 2022 Goals. In fact this project directly responds to four of Portland's five goals. It will: reduce homelessness; it will improve equity, inclusion and diversity; it will provide safe and affordable housing; and it will demonstrate fiscal responsibility. This development implements most all practitioners' understanding, recognition, and agreement that affordable homes are the most important solution to unhoused vulnerable populations.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine - Mentors for Youth/Children in Southern Maine - \$64,300 requested out of \$184,300 total project budget

BBBSSM has one program -creating one-to-one mentor relationships between children/youth and students/adults. Personnel costs are 71% of our operating budget with 65% of staff dedicated to the oversight of our matches. These staff are integral to our ability to provide professional, experienced, one-to-one match support and guidance to our Bigs, Littles and Littles' families. This support ensures that 1) every child matched is in a safe and nurturing environment with their Big and all Child Safety and Wellness guidelines are met, and 2) each relationship is moving towards meeting the Youth Outcome Development Goals established in the beginning of the match. Beyond these expenses the cost to complete mandatory background checks on each potential Big are significant, yet vital, to ensure the safety and well-being of our Littles.

As reported in the Chronicle of Evidence-Based Mentors, we know that, although the full effects of COVID-19 on a child's well-being are not yet known, evidence of its negative effects on children from preschool age to late adolescence is already apparent. Children's behavioral health has worsened during the pandemic, particularly in families that experienced a childcare disruption. Adolescents are increasingly stressed by the pandemic. The more stress they feel, the more depressive symptoms they report. COVID-19-related job loss is associated with parents' psychological maltreatment of preschool and elementary school-aged children.

BBBSSM seeks to expand its capacity to bring mentorship services to children/youth. This support reduces parent/guardians' stress and enhances their capacity to support their children's development.

Boundless Good Project - Family Advocacy Maine - \$100,000 requested to fund entire project

Boundless Good Project was incorporated as a 501(c)3 in November 2021 to protect children from exploitation and trafficking by advocating for their frontline defense against predators: the family. Due to the multifaceted impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maine families are struggling at unprecedented rates that continue to rise. In congruence, our communities are

experiencing a parallel rise in child welfare cases, often removing children from the home and sometimes alienating them from their biological families permanently.

Boundless Good Project believes in strengthening Maine families rather than a foster-care system that is statistically failing our youth. Kids that age out of foster-care share a 75% higher rate of ending up homeless, unemployed, convicted of a crime, and without a high school diploma compared to those that are raised at home with both parents. To provide support and strengthen Maine families, Boundless Good Project is developing a Family Advocacy program that aims to fulfill the following:

HELP FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER

1. Assign trained family advocates to assist parents through the court process with an emphasis on tools such as Kinship Navigation in accordance with the Family First Act
2. Assist impacted families with locating trustworthy representation and covering legal fees
3. Sustain healthier homes by providing aid and connection to intervention programs such as parenting classes, behavioral management courses, and/or addiction recovery centers.

EMPOWER MAINE FAMILIES WITH COMMUNITY & RESOURCES

1. Develop mini-ads introducing our program and services to geo-target across social media platforms
2. Grow the Family Forward Maine Facebook group as a networking center for virtual skill shares, training, and community building
3. Cultivate and host a resource rolodex to connect Maine families to the best practitioners, lawyers, therapists, physicians, groups, and courses for their situation.

Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine - BGCSM Safe Spaces - \$750,000 requested to fund entire project

For over a century, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine (BGCSM) has grown to meet the need in our community by developing programming that is uniquely tailored to help prospective and existing Club members excel in all areas of their lives. We have over 2,000 registered members, and we serve approximately 500 youth between the ages of 6 and 18 each day across our 9 locations. Our three largest Clubs are located in the cities of Portland, South Portland, and Auburn. Through an ongoing partnership with Portland Housing Authority, we also operate two public housing sites within the communities of Sagamore Village and Riverton Park. We recently established another satellite site at the Brick Hill Community Center in South Portland, in addition to two 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Biddeford and King Middle Schools. This summer, we also opened a new Teen Center at the Lewiston Armory.

It is BGCSM's goal to ensure that every child who enters our door leaves with a plan for their future upon graduating high school, and we have several program offerings to help our Club members develop new skills, interests, and aspirations at any age. BGCSM's programs fall under four core pillars: The Arts, Leadership, Health & Wellness, and Academics. Whether it is academic help, learning to swim, or a much-needed healthy meal, young people can go to their Clubhouse for the support they need to grow into responsible adults.

BGCSM's mission is rooted in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. Since our founding, these values have been at the core of how our organization operates. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams, regardless of age, race, socio-economic status, or any other factors contributing to inequality. Over 60% of registered BGCSM Club

members identify as BIPOC, many of whom are recent immigrants to Maine, and 80% qualify for free or reduced lunch at school based on income level. When children like the ones we serve face economic disadvantages, food insecurity, language barriers, racial injustices, and time out of school, like the time during COVID-19, their academic performance and health suffer.

According to the Afterschool Alliance there are nearly 40,000 children in Maine who are alone and unsupervised after school, half of which fall within BGCSM's catchment area. Even more concerning, the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Maine area has skyrocketed to 4,411 according to MaineHousing's most recent point-in-time survey. The need is so great in the greater Portland area that hundreds of these individuals are currently being housed in temporary accommodations at the Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Quality Inn and Howard Johnson in South Portland. Many of those living in hotels are asylum-seeking families with young children. This area of South Portland is one of the most economically challenged neighborhoods in Greater Portland, creating high-risk situations for many of the youth residing there. According to local news reports, there were a combined average of 171 monthly emergency calls in 2021 from the hotels mentioned above.

Earlier this year, BGCSM was awarded a grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation to help transport the young refugees, asylum-seekers, and immigrants being temporarily housed in these hotels to and from our Clubs. Most of these youth go back and forth between crowded hotel rooms and their school with no access to social or extracurricular activities in between. By establishing a direct line to BGCSM, these children now have the opportunity to make friends, develop new skills and interests, and learn about their new country all within a safe, welcoming, and friendly environment. While this program has been successful thus far, BGCSM is committed to pursuing additional revenue streams to maximize our impact in the greater Portland community and to connect as many of these vulnerable youth to our Clubs as we possibly can.

Further, while pandemic conditions seem to be improving in Maine, the learning gap still remains for many students who experienced disruptions in their education over the past two years. According to the US Department of Education, the pandemic has diminished academic growth in math and reading. COVID-19 has also exacerbated disparities in educational access and opportunity for underserved students. Unfortunately, this is not the extent of COVID-19's impact on vulnerable youth and families in our area. Issues that parents and guardians face such as unemployment, lack of affordable housing, inflation, and food insecurity often trickle down and manifest as increased stress for children. This is especially true for New Mainer families, many of which have endured significant trauma in their home country and/or during their journey to Maine. Staff with the Maine Department of Education (DOE) say that the impact of the pandemic has been so profound on young Mainers that they are exhibiting mental health symptoms similar to those of survivors of large-scale disasters. The DOE also conducted a survey earlier this year which found that 90% of Maine school mental health workers have witnessed a substantial increase in instances of depression and anxiety among students.

It is therefore vital that organizations like BGCSM rise to meet this crucial need for enhanced socioemotional support among local youth. Our organization is committed to building great futures for our Club members in all areas of their lives. Power Hour, BGCSM's homework help and tutoring program, has helped Club members achieve an 11% increase in GPA and a 66% reduction in absenteeism. We also operate a learning loss prevention program in the

summer months called Brain Gain. 97% of our most recent Brain Gain participants either increased or maintained their reading level. BGCSM's 2022 National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI) survey data indicate that members who visit our Clubs once a week or more experience positive outcomes in multiple areas of their lives: 77% experience improved relationships with adults, 71% experience improved perceptions of opportunities and expectations, 71% report not having skipped school in the past 4 weeks, and 80% report feeling on-track to attend college one day.

ARPA funding through the City of Portland will help BGCSM take these positive outcomes one step further. We propose implementing a three-pronged approach designed to give the kids in our community the academic, emotional, and social support they need to thrive:

1. Expanding our reach: Like every other organization in our community, COVID-19 has been an ongoing challenge for BGCSM. When the pandemic began in March 2020, it caused significant disruptions in the lives of our members, making their connection to the Clubs more important than ever. Prior to the pandemic, BGCSM saw over 450 members each day across our five Clubs and had more than 2,500 registered members. Last year, we were limited to serving 320 elementary school students per week due to social distancing requirements. As a result, many of our older members were disconnected from the Clubs for an extended period of time. Over the course of the 2021-2022 school year, BGCSM focused our efforts on re-engaging middle and high school members to ensure that they had access to their local Clubs. While our average daily attendance has increased significantly over the past year, there is still much work to be done.

BGCSM's strategic plan is to ensure that the 20,000 unaccompanied youth in Southern Maine not only have a place to go after school, but a place where they look forward to spending their time. BGCSM anticipates that this need will only continue to grow in the future, and we intend to grow as an organization to meet it. At present, we serve between 280 and 345 kids each day across our Portland, Riverton, King Middle School, and Sagamore Village sites. Initial planning is underway to more than double the number of youth we serve each day from 500 to 1,000. ARPA funding via the City of Portland would help us expand our reach to connect more youth, especially those who need us most, with comprehensive programming designed to address their social, emotional, and academic needs.

2. Addressing behavioral health needs: In addition to facilitating access to our core curriculum of Academics, the Arts, Health & Wellness, and Leadership programming, BGCSM Safe Spaces will offer comprehensive wraparound behavioral health services to the numerous kids in our community who are struggling with anxiety, depression, and/or other social-emotional issues. This part of the program will be led by a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) who will provide confidential counseling services on-site to Club members at our Portland, Riverton, and Sagamore Village sites. Club members will also have the option to meet with the LCSW via telehealth depending on their comfort level. The LCSW will help connect children and their families to other social service providers (e.g. Preble Street Resource Center, the Opportunity Alliance, the Maine Access Immigrant Network, local shelters and/or affordable housing, etc.) and facilitate referrals to local mental health professionals for those requiring a higher level of care. Additionally, the LCSW will be responsible for embedding trauma-informed practices into BGCSM's organizational structure through workshops, training, and personalized coaching with program staff.

3. Focusing on post-high school preparation and planning: This fall, BGCSM will be launching our new Bridge to Success program. Bridge to Success is a barrier-free solution intended to engage older teens and prepare them for apprenticeships, trades, and/or college. We seek to establish a transformational program that will effectively scale our historic work with juniors and seniors by actively supporting them through the transition between high school and their next step in life. The Bridge to Success framework will span four years per cohort, beginning in members' junior year of high school.

Over the course of the first four years, BGCSM expects to serve more than 200 juniors, seniors, and post-graduates via Bridge to Success. It is our aim to be the catalyst for positive and meaningful change in the lives of program participants, resulting in improvements in GPA, high school graduation rates, college and career preparation, and school/Club attendance. Our first step in this process is to establish a dedicated program space for Bridge to Success, which will initially be housed in our Portland Clubhouse. While the Portland Clubhouse is our largest in size, it is also our oldest by several decades and in need of significant updates. The Bridge to Success program space will require a series of new additions, including but not limited to: furniture, office equipment, technology, fresh paint and décor, and environmental controls. Our goal is to cultivate a space that inspires our Club members to reflect on what their futures hold. The Bridge to Success space will be modeled after a modern, open-concept workspace to encourage collaboration, creativity, and enthusiasm among participants.

Center for Regional Prosperity (non-profit arm GPCOG) - Transitional Housing Campus: 200 Housing Units + Community Space - \$5,000,000 requested out of \$25,000,000 total project budget

This project will result in the creation of 200 units of transitional housing for families. The housing will be developed in conjunction with community space where residents can gather to access necessary services. Exterior space for recreation (walking trails, playground) will also be created in this phase of the development. There is an expectation that future phases of the project could include the development of commercial space for essential services (i.e., market, drug store, light retail), professional services (i.e., medical, dental, legal), and educational/workforce development opportunities, making this a true transitional housing campus.

Phase I is the sole focus of this project, and the budget includes all costs associated with the development of 200 family housing units with full kitchens; community space for meetings, interviews, and gatherings; and exterior play/recreation space.

The project fits squarely within the ARPA Expenditure Category 2.15: Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing, as it will create 200 units of transitional housing that can supplant the hotel rooms currently being used as transitional housing in our region. These 200 units will provide a secure and stable landing place for families, including the many asylum seeker families arriving in our region over the last four years. The units will have full kitchens where families can prepare their own culturally appropriate meals, and with a critical mass of families centrally located, services will be easier to deliver and access in the on-site community space.

While these units will be set-up as transitional housing to be used by families on a temporary basis (average 6-12 months), they will create stability within the system and greatly reduce the costs incurred via General Assistance or Emergency Rental Assistance.

Furthermore, they will allow families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity to regroup in a secure situation and obtain the skills and tools they need to obtain and maintain permanent housing. Once built, these units will serve the region for decades to come, adding 200 new units into our overall housing stock and creating a deliberate and intentional system for welcoming new arrivals to Maine and integrating them into our communities and our workforce.

These 200 transitional housing units will also address all of the Council Project Priorities identified in this process.

They will reduce homelessness, assist people experiencing homelessness, and increase access to safe and affordable housing (Priorities #1 & #2). With monthly rents far lower than hotel room costs (\$1200-\$1500/month for a transitional housing unit versus \$7200/month for a hotel room) and full kitchens that will allow residents to prepare their own meals, the strain on municipalities' General Assistance budgets and the State's Emergency Rental Assistance budgets will be decreased, thus making far more efficient and effective use of limited taxpayer dollars (Priority #3).

Asylum seeker families who are currently staying in hotels in our region will be the first users of these transitional housing units. Indeed, this project came about as a result of researching housing solutions for asylum seekers. By creating a transitional housing campus with community space where services such as translation/interpretation, cultural brokerage, English language learning, and more can be offered, this project will help to improve equity, inclusion, and diversity in the region (Priority #4).

Community Dental - Investment and Expansion in Portland Center to increase access to Oral Health Care - \$1,000,000 requested out of \$1,772,000 total project budget

Community Dental, established in 1918 and headquartered in Portland, provides dental care to underserved populations at six locations in Maine. The Portland Center is one of the few dental centers in Cumberland County that accept MaineCare without any cap on the number of patients. Our center also offers a sliding fee scale based on income for patients who do not qualify for MaineCare. In 2021, the center served 2,959 MaineCare and 810 sliding scale patients, representing 75% of our total patients that year. We accept MaineCare reimbursement rates and offer a sliding fee scale at a financial loss, so we depend on external funding.

This project request can be broken down into two interlocked parts: Investment to preserve Access: Since the start of the pandemic, we have operated at significant losses due to limits on capacity, increased expenses and higher than expected turnover and vacancies in our workforce. At the end of 2021 we planned for a return to normal operations in 2022. These plans were upended by an additional COVID-19 variant (Omicron) in the first quarter of the year, resulting once again in significantly decreased patient revenues and an unanticipated operating gap. We also have deferred spending on capital maintenance and equipment upgrades. The center now needs to address deferred capital investment to keep pace with the provision of high-quality patient care. Infrequently available or routinely broken equipment decreases the quality of care and leaves the center less able to serve our current patient population.

Expansion of Medical Facilities to increase capacity: The recent historic expansion of MaineCare to include comprehensive oral health care to adults is great news for the greater Portland community, as preventive care is an essential component of overall good health. The Portland Center is at full capacity and unable to increase the overall number of patients we

serve. Fortunately, the center was planned with room for additional growth. Given the recent changes to MaineCare and the increased demand for services in the Portland area, this is clearly the right time to expand. Building out the additional 1,800-sf of clinical space could increase our patient capacity by up to 25%, which would be a significant increase in access for Greater Portland.

The largest burden of oral diseases occurs among children living in poverty, racial and ethnic minorities, frail elderly, and other socially marginalized groups, such as immigrant populations. This request directly addresses the City Council's emphasis on improving equity - specifically equity in oral health care as it relates to the ARPA expenditure category of availability of medical facilities for disproportionately impacted communities.

Congress Square Redesign (COP Planning and Urban Development) - Congress Square Redesign - \$1,400,000 requested out of \$3,200,000 total project budget

The ARPA funds would be allocated for the completion of Phase B of the Congress Square Redesign, the construction of Congress Square Park and PMA Plaza. Importantly, the funds would be granted to the City and if funded, this is anticipated to be the final funding request for the Redesign made to the City. We deeply appreciate the City's commitment to the Redesign, and are grateful for the ongoing collaboration with the Planning and Urban Development Department.

The Redesign fits within the ARPA expenditure category 2.22, Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety. With the Redesign, inviting pathways, seat walls and benches, shade trees, dense plantings, improved lighting, a natural playscape, and a splash pad will provide a welcome year-round urban respite for local residents and visitors alike. The updated traffic flow and crosswalk width and placement will ease congestion and significantly improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. The improved performance area will facilitate educational, cultural, and community programming.

Congress Square sits in Portland's most densely populated and diverse neighborhood. This access to high quality public green space is more important than ever given the rapid pace of housing development. Within the next two years, this already dense urban neighborhood will see the addition of roughly 870 new dwelling units within a 0.5 mile walk of Congress Square. Many families rely on the Square as their primary open space. The redesign will strengthen the community by promoting movement, activity, and social interaction in a welcoming and vibrant public green space.

Local businesses and organizations will also benefit from the Redesign, including the hundreds of small businesses, makers, artists, and performers that already leverage the Congress Square space in partnership with FoCSP. Even though the Square has seen a renaissance in the last few years under the care of FoCSP, it is currently physically inaccessible to too many people. It is challenging, and dangerous, for those with mobility issues and there are walled off sections which block important viewpoints and create unnecessary barriers. The Redesign will eliminate the physical barriers that make the Square challenging to access for too many of our neighbors, and will add permanent infrastructure that makes the space dynamic and inviting year-round. Portland residents, local workers, and visitors of all ages and abilities will benefit from improved access to the area, new amenities targeted to their needs, and enhanced ongoing public

programming. The Square will be a vibrant and inclusive place to gather for generations to come.

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District - Portland Soil Lead Testing Project - \$210,441 requested to fund entire project

The COVID pandemic exposed the fact that our food systems are not as resilient as we would all like them to be. Consequently, people have planted new gardens in areas that had not previously been cultivated, according to a study by the University of Maine. The same study also showed that food insecurity reached record highs during the worse stages of the pandemic and remains elevated. Increasing local food production is a goal not only for addressing food insecurity, additionally Maine's 2020 "Maine Won't Wait" climate change plan, as well as in Portland's "One Climate Future" plan both identify increased local food production as an opportunity for improving climate resiliency.

CCSWCD has worked on projects since 2016 to promote community agriculture in Portland. One aspect of this work has been to raise awareness of soil lead contamination and provide free testing for residents using their land for food production (or who is interested in doing so). CCSWCD's two EPA-funded soil lead grant projects, along with other recent testing projects, have shown very high levels of soil lead exist within the City. With many more people now bringing land into cultivation, it is vitally important that work continues to raise awareness of the dangers of soil lead and provide testing for home and community gardeners.

Funding for the EPA project ends in 2023, and this project picks up where it leaves off by providing outreach and testing for 4 years, from 2023-2026. The goal of this project is to continue to raise awareness about the dangers of soil lead contamination for City residents and to provide free testing to any residents who are cultivating food or interested in doing so. By providing reliable information, residents will be able to make informed decisions about whether and how to cultivate food at their homes. The aim is not to discourage food production, but rather ensure that it be done in a safe manner that does not create pathways for lead exposure, particularly for those most at risk such as households with children under age 6.

Soil lead contamination can vary widely even across short distances on the same property. Unfortunately, existing assessment methods involve prohibitive costs of \$15 per sample, precluding field assessments to determine safe gardening locations on a site vs. high-lead hot spots. For that reason, this proposal envisions the purchase of equipment that will provide instant lead results in the field. This information will then be provided to residents to identify areas of their yard with the lowest amount of lead contamination for planting food crops. Up to 240 site assessments will be completed per year through this project.

For any property with elevated lead levels, residents will receive detailed recommendations for remediation to reduce lead impacts. This will include referrals to opportunities for low or no-cost remediation options. For example, the project will tie into new funding available through USDA-NRCS Urban Agriculture programs for conservation practices, such as construction of raised garden beds.

First Parish in Portland: Unitarian Universalist - First Parish Truth and Reconciliation History Project - \$100,000 requested out of TBD total project budget

As First Parish in Portland U.U. approaches its 350th anniversary of literally being at the center of Portland's social, economic and religious development, we seek to deeply influence the equity, inclusion and diversity of Portland's businesses and institutions.

The mission of First Parish is to Nurture the spirit. Build community and help heal the world. To fulfill that mission we have committed to self-evaluation as to how we have historically been complicit in creating and sustaining systems of oppression. We began this work by researching, then publicizing our first Truth Statement which owned and exposed our congregation's source of original funding obtained from "scalping bounties" and participation in the campaign of ethnic cleansing to clear the land of the indigenous Wabanaki. The Minister of First Parish, Rev. Thomas Smith, also owned three enslaved persons. He personally pocketed a payment from the Massachusetts Colony that equaled one-third of his salary for organizing wealthy church members' financial support of "scouters and cruisers" to kill and scalp Wabanaki.

We need to continue that truth telling, researching our history for profiteering from enslavement and the securing of systemic racism and white supremacy culture in Portland and Maine. Our Truth and Reconciliation History Project will enable us to own, expose and publicize the truth of our historic involvement with enslavement. We will be able to process and document the impact of that involvement on the development of our institution and how inherent racism has impacted our lives and the lives of marginalized communities and individuals in Portland.

Systemic racism is prevalent in every corner of our society and the call to dismantle white supremacy within our own church cannot be ignored. A concerted effort must be made to help everyone who enters our church to see themselves in our story, to feel welcome and equal. By dismantling white supremacy culture in our congregation we hope to inspire others to engage in this important work and move Portland forward in being a welcoming, inclusive, equitable and diverse city.

Our goal is to create a model of institutional truth telling and reconciliation that will offer a road map to others, and inspire other Portland businesses and institutions to do the same. Ultimately we want to develop an interpretive resource center for the community, offering visual and audio inclusive, accurate history, especially for school children, to expose the local intergenerational racism that has persisted for three centuries and remains alive today. This goal links all of our First Parish justice work to dismantling white supremacy, and is the linchpin for us to "help heal the world."

Greater Portland Community Land Trust - 21 Randall Street Affordable Housing Project - \$250,000 requested out of \$6,387,271 total project budget

The Greater Portland Community Land Trust is building a 16 unit housing development at 21 Randall Street in Portland. This is a unique project in that the homes will be sold to families making between 70% to 110% AMI (50% must be sold at 80% AMI or below). The prices of the homes are 40-55% below current Portland market costs. Every aspect of these homes is designed to lower the total cost of ownership. These homes are built to Passive House standards, with LED lighting and energy star appliances. The cost to heat, cool and light these homes will be 60% to 70% less than the cost of the typical home in Maine. Materials are chosen to reduce maintenance costs and the location of the homes allow easy access to public transportation, parks, biking and walking trails, USM, UNE and daily requirements like grocery stores, pharmacies and medical facilities without a car. Another unique facet of this project is that the homes will remain affordable in perpetuity. Owners are required to sell their units with limits on AMI and in relation to market pricing. This project meets the ARPA Expenditure Category goal of providing long-term housing security by creating affordable housing and the

City Council's goal to create housing that low to middle income families can afford to buy in Portland.

Our project will be a unique solution to address the affordable housing crisis in Maine. It will be the first multiplex housing project in the State of Maine using the Community Land Trust (CLT) model to ensure long term affordability for families seeking to buy a home. In addition to the innovative way this project will ensure affordability to home buyers while allowing home sellers to capture a portion of the increased value in their home, the housing units will be built using prefabricated building techniques that will make these units highly energy efficient and economical to maintain

Greater Portland Health: Portland Community Health Center - Riverside Homeless Health Center - \$500,000 requested out of \$1,549,250 total project budget

Homeless Service Center Health Center: With the Portland American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, Portland CHC will utilize the funding to assist in supporting the purchase equipment, furniture, and staffing salaries and benefits for the first sixteen months of operations as we begin providing services the new Homeless Services Center on Riverside Street in Portland opening in 2023. We currently provide services to over 3,000 homeless patients across our locations. The new health center will allow us to serve even more community members in need of a medical home while being co-located in the same location. The specific services offered will be mental health, oral health, medical and additional support to connect patients with additional community services that are needed. We estimate that we will see approximately 1,000 patients in year one which will generate approximately 5,000 visits.

The ARPA Expenditure Category: 2.21 Medical Facilities for disproportionately impacted communities aligns with our project to provide health services inside the new service center. Our project aligns with council goals: reducing homelessness and improving equity, inclusion and diversity. Our team will work with service center staff and other community partners to support patients in social determinants of health including connecting with housing to reduce homelessness. Portland CHC is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. Our employees are our most valuable asset. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, inventiveness, innovation, self-expression, unique capabilities and talent that our employees invest in their work represents a significant part of not only our culture, but our reputation and company's achievement as well. We embrace and encourage our employees' differences in age, color, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status, and other characteristics that make our employees unique. GPH's diversity initiatives and policies are applicable to our patients as well.

If awarded, Portland CHC intends to put ARPA funds towards our \$1.5 million estimated expenses to purchase needed equipment, furniture, supplies and staff salaries and benefits during the first sixteen months to support patients at the service center and those in the surrounding communities. The funding would allow us to cover needed expenses while connecting new patients to services and applying for additional grant funding. We would continue to sustain access for future years through program revenue and applying for grant funding.

Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center - Women Lead: An Enterprise Institute - \$619,000 requested out of \$1,238,000 total project budget

Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center (GPIWC) requests \$619,000 in ARPA funds to support a comprehensive training and technical assistance program to stimulate new business startups led by immigrant women. Immigrants as a whole are responsible for creating almost twice as many new businesses on an annual basis than native-born Americans, but this is not the case for women. Immigrant women lag behind in socio-economic indicators for a complex variety of reasons including culturally-determined attitudes, religious limitations, gender discrimination, the fear of jeopardizing existing benefits, ignorance of American bureaucratic and civic systems, racism and poverty.

Women Lead: An Enterprise Institute attempts to address this disparity through a new set of initiatives that can be consolidated with existing programs to move immigrant women into business leadership and inspire girls to pursue the training needed to achieve their aspirations. It squarely addresses the City Council's priority of supporting equity and diversity, and the federal government's expenditure category of Assistance to Small Businesses (EC 2.30). Representative Chellie Pingree included Women Lead among her FY23 Congressionally Directed Funding appropriations (HR8254), but those funds are required to be spent down in one year – barely enough time to realistically assess program effectiveness. The present request to the City of Portland matches Rep. Pingree's commitment, allowing GPIWC to extend this project for three years, bringing the project to fruition.

We propose to systematically deploy a suite of strategies on a continuous basis, beginning in early 2023, so individual women can build their own futures. A place of their own: Women Lead will serve as a clearinghouse offering immigrant women educational options and business support in a safe and supportive environment, offering programs by women and for women, free of charge. Participant engagement: Five Community Navigators, bi- or multi-lingual immigrant women from Maine's Afghan, Iraqi, Somali, Sudanese and Latino communities, will recruit potentially enterprising women. Language instruction: The Welcome Center's iEnglish Project offers free digital language instruction tailored to specific workplace demands, including technical vocabulary and grammar. Business basics: Learning modules for aspiring entrepreneurs will include topics such as financial literacy and accounting; business taxes and regulatory mandates; marketing and promotions; and social media savvy. Startup services: The Coworking Space offers incubator services including shared back office functions, technology and physical office space to immigrant businesses. Access to financing: GPIWC acts as a bridge between local banks and immigrant-run businesses to offer low-interest microloans to entrepreneurs. Network building: A consistent component of all programs will be ongoing peer-to-peer sharing and networking among participants. Women-to-women mentorship: Women Lead will engage the services of experienced business mentors to work directly with immigrants. Inspiring youth: The Navigators will initiate an affinity group for high-school age immigrant girls at Portland and Deering High Schools, introducing them to female leaders of the local business community, elected officials, and successful immigrant women. Civic engagement and training: Aspiring businesswomen will participate in seminars in citizenship and civic engagement through our collaboration the National Partnership for New Americans. Childcare and transportation: Lack of childcare is perhaps the most prominent factor

discouraging immigrant women from participation in business and civic activities. For all classes, meetings, seminars and gatherings, free childcare services and bus vouchers will be provided. Learner Voices: GPIWC aspires to expand this palette of options through ongoing comprehensive participant-driven program assessments and the creation of a paid Learner Advisory Board.

Collectively, these programs developed through Women Lead are intended to provide new immigrant business woman with the tools and resources that any business needs for success. It addresses the hopes and needs of a community that brings few resources beyond their own capacities to the table.

Hope Acts - Housing Navigation and Case Management support for New Asylum Seekers- \$200,000 requested out of \$600,000 total project budget

Hope Acts' Asylum Seeker Assistance Program (ASAP) is open to any asylum seeker looking for help. While the asylum seeker population in Portland has been growing, there is insufficient housing and ongoing support. Asylum seekers do not receive federally funded support and it is up to the city of Portland and nonprofits like Hope Acts to pick up the pieces.

Housing navigation is just the first step -- we help people to find places to live, work with landlords and ensure the lease is off to a good start, but we do much more. We have a case manager and language/culturally competent staff and volunteers work intensely with clients during the first several months of tenancy -- but then we are ALWAYS available to them to help keep them housed, and they can request help at any time. Examples of when clients are especially vulnerable include: transitioning from general assistance to independent living once they obtain a work permit, dealing with extraordinary utility bills, receiving collections notices on medical bills that might be incorrect or not understood, loss of employment, etc. Rather than wait until a full blown crisis (such as an eviction notice) we maintain an ongoing relationship with our clients and encourage them to let us know as soon as they might be having a problem, so we can help figure out a solution and ensure their housing is not at risk.

While many of our clients move to independence and self sufficiency fairly quickly, others do not. We work with single mothers with young children, parents with several children who are barely getting by and individuals/couples. For some clients, especially those with limited English capability, attempting to navigate numerous agencies on their own is overwhelming.

Because we do not limit the amount of time a client can receive services from Hope Acts, our caseload continues to grow. This grant would allow us to hire two additional housing support staff members and maintain their positions for two years

Hope Acts has extensive experience housing and supporting new asylum seekers. Over the last 10 years nearly 100 New Mainers have lived at our transitional housing apartment building, Hope House and we have worked with thousands of others to meet their basic needs.

Island Transportation System - Environmentally Sustainable Taxi Service on Peaks Island- \$69,177 requested out of \$114,942 total project budget

Portland's islands are vibrant communities and resources for the City and the region. They are also fragile communities, subject to the impact of climate change and tourism. The Taxi serves a vital role in the Peaks Island ecosystem as the only source of transportation for many within the community, as well as service providers and visitors to the Island. We provide service to visiting

health care aides, low-income residents, the disabled and the elderly. Per requirements of ARPA Expenditure Category 2.22 that this project supports disadvantaged communities, the Taxi is the only form of public transportation for the community and is the sole resource for the underserved populations cited above on the island. In addition, we offer tours, pick up groceries, shuttle visitors to their rental cabins, and a myriad of other services totaling upwards of 9,000 trips a year. We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and all monies received go directly back into services rendered to the island.

Core Proposal

1. We propose the purchase of a fully electric SUV to replace the current 7 passenger Ford Flex SUV we are using as the Taxi. The gravel roads, winter driving conditions and terrain on the island require 4 wheel (or all wheel drive) and a higher-than-normal ground clearance. There are a few SUVs that we are considering (with 7-person capacity). Both are in the pre-order stage and will begin delivery in fall 2022- fall 2023:

Rivian R1S <https://rivian.com/r1s>

Vinfast VF9: https://shop.vinfastauto.us/en/en_US/VF-9.html

2. In addition, we are proposing the installation of a Level 3 fast charging station (350kw) in the municipal lot near the ferry. We have been in prior discussions with the City to determine whether the installation can be included in the current list of locations for a charging station. Peaks has not yet made the list of prioritized locations in the initial allocation of charging locations. The ARPA funding request would enable us to fund a charger without requiring City allocations or funding. While the Taxi is the intended user of the charger, the reality is that there will be significant times that the charger is not used by the Taxi. This would provide a charging location for EVs coming to the island as well. Prominent signage on the charger can showcase how the charging station highlights the City's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Alignment with the City Council's Goals

The City Council is actively looking for projects like this that align with the low carbon focus of Portland's One Climate Future roadmap as well as contribute to a healthier community (per ARPA category 2.22) by reducing the amount of CO2 in the environment. We believe the purchase of an EV SUV Taxi and Level 3 fast charging station is in complete alignment and supports these dual priorities.

The City has stated its commitment to EV infrastructure as outlined in the One Climate Future roadmap, in section TLU 2.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and TLU 2.5 Electric Shared Vehicles and Vehicles for Hire.

For TLU 2.1 the City has a stated goal of "Expand electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in public and private parking through public investments in chargers..." This project aligns with the following priorities from the roadmap: 1) "Requiring that all municipal parking spaces, including existing lots and garages, install a minimum percentage of EV-ready spots." Note - the Peaks Island parking lot is a municipal lot, and we suggest the charger be sited in this lot. 2)

"Supporting EV taxis, shuttles, and short-haul delivery vehicles by investing in DC fast chargers at key sites along routes frequented by taxi drivers..."

For TLU 2.5 the goal is to "Expand the use of shared electric vehicles, promote electric vehicle use by taxis and other vehicle-for-hire companies..." Transitioning the Taxi on Peaks to an EV is in clear alignment with this goal as well.

One Climate Future source: pages 172- 184 <https://www.oneclimatefuture.org/>

Community Support

We have historically had strong support by the community for these types of projects. Recently there has been increased interest by the community in the Island Transportation System to consider moving to an all-electric Taxi to reduce the carbon footprint of the Taxi. The Peaks Island council was successful in banning gasoline powered golf carts by the rental companies a few years ago because of the concerns over the impact to air quality and use of fossil fuels. There was nearly overwhelming support by the community for this change. Similarly, the community is supportive of a transition to all electric for the Taxi as it helps create a healthier community (per ARPA category 2.222) and contributes to better air quality, serves as a visible reminder to all visitors getting off the ferry that the City is doing its part, even out here on an island to bolster sustainability.

Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine - Diaper Bank - \$870,000 requested out of \$1,015,000 total project budget

Existing safety-net programs (such as SNAP and WIC) do not support the purchase of diapers, and diaper need is a growing challenge throughout the country. In 2016, recognizing the severity of the issue locally, Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services joined the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN), becoming the first diaper bank in Southern Maine. Through NDBN, KJFS purchases large quantities of diapers at an average significantly reduced cost. COVID-19 accelerated the scope and extent of the need, as families have faced rising costs of living and diapers became even more expensive. From January 2020-July 2021, KJFS distributed over 1 million diapers, three times the amount given out over the previous 18 months. In order to manage the logistics of a larger program, we have rented a storage space with a loading dock, pallet jacks, and easy access for our network of 15 partner agency distributors, including the City of Portland Family Shelter, Opportunity Alliance, WIC, and many ethnic and community group organizations and pantries. Our evolving, collaborative model for diaper procurement and distribution has been extremely successful, but it needs to grow. We estimate that a grant of \$835,000 over three years would enable us to distribute nearly 1 million diapers per year. Continued growth of the program with the support of ARPA funding would allow us to hire a dedicated staff person and to rent a large warehouse space with pallet lifters, creating safer and more efficient and cost-effective procurement, storage, and distribution. This model would provide additional operational safety and support for expanded logistical and staffing needs of the program.

Families often have to choose between paying rent, paying for food, and buying diapers. Free diapers free funds up for families to use on other critical needs and can be an important part of supporting housing stability for young families during a time where they are uniquely economically vulnerable. We seek to distribute an average of 50 diapers per month to each recipient family, which a 2014 study suggested was the average “diaper gap” by which a family might fall short each month. With the support of ARPA funding, we would significantly grow our partnerships as we seek to ensure that everyone in need can find a trusted and culturally appropriate source of diapers in and around the Portland area. Since 2020, KJFS has partnered with MaineHealth on a referral service. During checkups, families are screened for diaper need, and data from the first year showed that diaper need was a more significant issue than food

security in each clinic – and in the largest MaineHealth pediatric clinic in Portland, twice as many patients reported that they struggled to access diapers as food. We know that there are diversity/equity implications to this as well; people of color, recent asylum seekers and refugees are among the community members most impacted by the economic and public health impacts of COVID, which has included diaper access.

As a member of the National Diaper Bank Network, KJFS can purchase diapers for Diaper needs can keep a parent from being able to work, because most daycare programs require that parents provide diapers. Diaper need can lead to painful health issues for babies left in soiled diapers for too long. And diaper need can be devastating for parents who want more than anything to provide for their families. This program can help families use the funds they have for rent, reducing their vulnerability to homelessness, and it will be designed to improve equity, inclusion and diversity by addressing a common need among those most vulnerable in our community. We look forward to further discussions with the city about developing this more robust and comprehensive approach to addressing diaper need.

Ladder to the Moon Network - Our Future - Organizational Development - \$55,000 requested out of \$73,478 total project budget

The mission of Ladder to the Moon Network (LMN), founded in 2016 by Georges Budagu Makoko, is focused on helping all members of Maine's BIPOC communities thrive in Maine. LMN launched its multilingual publication Amjambo Africa in 2018, and it is the primary program of LMN. We reach 40K+ people monthly through our digital news site, weekly newsletter, social media sites, and monthly print publication. Our content appears in 7 languages. The mission includes explaining what drives immigration to the U.S.

Over the past four years, the LMN budget has grown dramatically, from \$38,600 in 2018, to more than \$289,200 in 2022. The expenses related to the publication of Amjambo Africa accounted for almost all of this growth during this period. Income to support the publication comes from grants, donations, and advertising revenue. During the same span of years, the organization has grown from entirely volunteer-staffed, to a tiny staff of 1.2 positions. We also pay a growing number of freelance journalists, photographers, interns, and translators.

Amjambo launched as a 16-page print publication in four languages, with a distribution of 10,000 copies monthly. By 2022 we had added 3 more languages, a digital news site, a weekly newsletter, social media sites, a radio show/podcast, and had increased the length of the print publication to 40 pages. Our print run is now 17,500 copies. We are Maine's most diverse newsroom, and we are unique in Maine. We know that reporting from the inside of communities is essential, and much of our content is produced by asylum seekers, refugees, and first and second-generation Americans.

We partner closely with key organizations working toward systemic change in Maine and an end to racial and social inequity and injustice. These organizations include Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP), Maine Equal Justice (MEJ), the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition (MIRC), In Her Presence, ProsperityME, and Black Owned Maine. We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish primarily with the help of volunteers. However, as we look to sustain the organization over the long term, we need to hire more staff, beginning with an administrative assistant and development help. Our goal is to put structures in place that

support our efforts so we can deepen the impact of our work both within communities of color, and the host community.

A more equitable, inclusive Maine. Our ability to raise the funds needed to make the operation sustainable, to manage the money we receive, and to be accountable is dependent on hiring a paid staff. Our plan is to hire an administrative assistant, a copy editor, a proofreader, and some help with development as soon as possible. We are requesting \$55,000 to do this.

Maine Health - Portland Comprehensive Addiction Medicine Program (CAMP) - \$1,000,000 requested out of \$6,536,668 total project budget

Maine Medical Partners IMAT (Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment) Program has treated over 375 patients with OUD (Opioid Use Disorder) and other co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders since 2016. The program has been operating within 3-4 of our primary care practices since that time. In response to the increasing numbers and complexities of the patients served by the Program, we now intend to open a stand-alone treatment center - the Comprehensive Addiction Medicine Program (CAMP) - at 576 St. John Street. CAMP will exist in one convenient location with additional staffing resources to serve a larger and broader group of patients, including those without OUD, and will provide additional, enriched services that are currently not feasible to provide within the existing multiple-location program. The benefits of creating CAMP will include:

- Decreased wait time for new patients and better follow up for treatment adherence
- Provision of long acting injectable medications (Vivitrol and Sublocade), hepatitis C treatment, long-acting contraceptives, and the ability to address acute primary care concerns
- Ability to provide outpatient alcohol withdrawal management five days per week
- Addition of case management services to assist patients with housing, employment, food and other social determinants of health
- Improved training environment for addiction medicine fellows, residents, students
- Ability to transition patients who do achieve stability back to primary care providers able to care for all of their chronic diseases including SUD

Our target population will include people who are experiencing homelessness and are at high risk for the complications of use, including infectious diseases, overdose and death. We intend for CAMP to be a low-barrier, rapid access program that will provide services when and how people are ready to receive them. Long acting injectable buprenorphine is ideally suited to this population as there is no risk of diversion, loss or theft. Our experience with the medication has shown us a tremendous reduction in overdose risk.

With treatment of their substance use disorders, along with targeted case management and behavioral therapies, people who experience homelessness will be better equipped to address the lack of housing that has complicated their lives and their efforts at recovery.

The project team has received \$200,000 from a Community Physicians of Maine (CPM) grant to put toward the capital cost of renovating 576 St. John Street. We estimate the total capital cost to be \$400,000, and MaineHealth will match the CPM grant to complete the renovation.

Analysis of the operating costs of CAMP indicated an annual loss of \$657,652 in FY23, which we would expect to continue and slightly increase annually. Because MaineHealth is still recovering from substantial financial losses from the COVID pandemic (estimated at over \$100 million), the only way we can move forward with establishing CAMP and hiring staff will be to

partner with the community and try to offset these annual losses. We are requesting \$250,000 per year for the next four fiscal years in this proposal. Total request therefore is \$1,000,000.

Maine Language Connect - Increasing Economic Opportunity and EID for Immigrant Communities by Expanding Transportation Access - \$152,369 requested to fund entire project

Maine Language Connect (MLC) proposes to translate and publish the *Maine Driver's License Manual* in six different languages (Spanish, Arabic, Somali, French, Portuguese and Pashto) and provide the *City of Portland* 100 copies of the manual in each language (600 copies total) and further provide electronic versions for future publication and/or distribution.

The impact to the *City of Portland* and the immigrant communities would be profound. By facilitating access to personal transportation and vastly expanding employment opportunities, this project directly addresses the City Council's goals of reducing homelessness, help provide access to safe and affordable housing while improving equity, inclusion and diversity while concurrently promoting fiscal responsibility.

This project would also provide additional benefits, including:

- Assistance to the unemployed and underemployed immigrant community, permitting them to seek financial security and consequently housing, food and health security in the process while promoting diversity and inclusion across the *City of Portland* and the *State of Maine*.
- A larger, more mobile workforce could provide the backfill for a lean Maine workforce across several industries.
- Finally, the approval of this project would support a local, immigrant-owned business capable of providing further integration services to the *City of Portland* and the *State of Maine*.

Maine Medical Center: Preble Street Learning Collaborative - Connections Clinic - Psychiatry Outreach Program - \$300,000 requested out of TBD

The Maine Medical Center - Preble Street Learning Collaborative (MMC-PSLC) was established in 2017 as a partnership between the Medical Center and Preble Street to address unmet health and social service needs among individuals experiencing homelessness, and involve interprofessional learners in the care of underserved patient populations. The PSLC provides low-barrier/walk-in medical and services, including urgent care, follow-up care, speciality medical care (dental care, wound care, infectious disease, cardiology), case management and coordination with area health care organizations, help with community resources and referrals, access to indoor resting, toilets, showers, nutrition/hydration, emergency clothing and personal supplies, as well as limited outpatient psychiatry.

The addition of PSLC's Connection Clinic began as a pilot, with a small cohort of up to 5 clients in January, 2019. The CC is a low-barrier, harm-reduction bridge program. We provide same-day Suboxone and specialized case management for individuals with severe opioid use disorder and polysubstance use, working with patients such that they stabilize and successfully transition to long-term opioid health homes for ongoing management. The program expanded in response to the exacerbation of the opioid epidemic during the pandemic and has served 279 individuals from September 2020 to the present.

Our proposed Connections Clinic - Psychiatry Outreach Program (CC-POP) would add a mobile outreach model to our existing program, with the goal of truly meeting vulnerable people where they are at, providing engagement, short-term psychiatric treatment and stabilization, and

viable connections to ongoing outpatient care for psychiatric and substance use disorders. This would be a mobile (van-based) program, designed to extend the reach of PSLC-CC to reach more unsheltered patients, as well as a wider geographical spread of patients in anticipation of the new shelter opening.

CC-POP Objectives:

- Establish a mobile behavioral health clinic to engage individuals experiencing and at risk of homelessness in Portland.
- Reduce risks associated with untreated opioid use disorder, including serious infections related to injection drug use, and overdose.
- Remove barriers and facilitate access to outpatient psychiatry, medication treatment for opioid use disorder, and Harm Reduction services, including saferuse supplies and Narcan.
- Provide linkage to established outpatient services through close collaboration with community partners.
- Improve public health outcomes for Portland's unhoused population
- Reduce costs associated with avoidable emergency department visits for non-emergent mental health and substance use needs.
- Assist with COVID-19 related testing, vaccination and PPE distribution among Portland's un-housed population

CC-POP intends to work closely with existing community services, including the City of Portland (Police Department, Social Services and Public Health Divisions), Cumberland County Sheriff Office, Northern Light, Maine Medical Center (Emergency Department, Acute Psychiatric Unit, Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry, Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment Program, Department of Outpatient Psychiatry, Infectious Disease, Care Management), Maine Behavioral Healthcare, Preble Street, Greater Portland Health, The Opportunity Alliance, Spurwink, Amistad and area Syringe Service Programs (SSPs).

CC-POP falls within ARPA Expenditure Category 1: Public Health, principally 1.13, as well as 1.12, 1.14, 1.1, 1.2 and 1.5. CC-POP is also aligned with 2022 Council Goals to advance efforts to reduce homelessness and assist people experiencing homelessness through city, regional and state efforts, and 2021 HHS Work Plan Initiatives in the realms of overdose prevention and mental health.

We are requesting a total of \$300,000 for CC-POP startup costs, which mobile clinical infrastructure (custom medical van) \$150,000; annual salary for psychiatric provider for pilot phase (psychiatric mental-health nurse practitioner) \$115,000; and \$35,000 for mobile workstation equipment (laptop, cell phone, wireless internet hotspot, etc.), general medical supplies (overdose reversal medication (Narcan), harm reduction and wound care kits) and patient funds (emergency prescription assistance for Suboxone and essential psychiatric medications, transportation vouchers and cell phones to support treatment adherence and communication with CC-POP providers).

Opportunity Alliance - EDI Focused Improved Service Delivery - \$50,000 requested to fund entire project

At The Opportunity Alliance, we strive for healthy and prosperous employment and client communities that promote marginalized and underserved groups having equitable access and opportunity.

TOA's service population – consisting entirely of low- to moderate-income Mainers in both urban and rural communities – is incredibly diverse. Of the 13,643 clients that self-identified their race and are currently receiving care from our organization, 44.3% are white; 35.2% are Black or African American; 2% are Asian or AAPI; 1.1% are Native American/Alaskan; 17.3% identified themselves as a different race. Of this service population, 688 individuals identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino.

The agency's 190 Lancaster Street location in Portland provides over a dozen programs to hundreds of individuals and families each year, many of whom are members of the BIPOC community, do not speak English, and/or are refugees or asylum seekers. Programs offered at 190 Lancaster Street include Access and Intake (the main access point to TOA services), Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC), Covid Supports, Opioid Health Home, Mobile Crisis Unit, behavioral health case management, and Emergency Rental Assistance.

To better support these clients, there is a grave need for culturally appropriate services and translated materials. ARPA funds would allow The Opportunity Alliance to provide the best support to the most at-risk clients with translated materials, translators, and training for TOA employees that enables them to provide more equitable and inclusive care. Given the understanding that people of color are disproportionately impacted by various mental and physical health factors (including COVID-19), we believe this proposal aligns closely with expenditure category 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery, as well as several other ARPA expenditure categories including 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety and 1.12 Mental Health Services. This project also addresses the Portland City Council's goal of improving equity, inclusion and diversity.

Opportunity Alliance - Housing Individuals & Families - \$150,000 requested out of \$468,192 total project budget

This Pre-Application requests funds to expand the impact of the Cumberland County Homelessness Prevention Program. CCHPP addresses the needs of our community's growing homeless population by helping families and individuals in Cumberland County who are homeless or at risk of homelessness find, secure, and/or maintain housing. As the impacts of the pandemic continue to be felt, and the local housing crisis worsens, the number of individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness grows, while housing availability shrinks. Plus, many residents have exhausted their Emergency Rental Assistance benefit, and this could help to bridge that resource. With years of experience, the infrastructure already in place, and many community partnerships, CCHPP is well positioned to get much needed ARPA funds to Portland individuals and families effectively and efficiently.

TOA is evolving to meet the community's need by expanding the amount and array of services for individuals and families in this population. This program closely aligns with the City Council's goal to reduce homelessness and assist people experiencing homelessness and fits into Expenditure Category 2.18 (Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance). We also believe, given the growing unhoused population in Portland, and the many impacts homelessness has on a community, this program could fit into multiple Expenditure Categories.

Cumberland County Homelessness Prevention Program prevents families from falling into homelessness through several strategies: short-term case management services; financial support to address the crisis; and financial counseling for long-term success. The housing shortage in Cumberland County has made it more critical than ever to keep individuals and families in their homes. The 2020 Maine Homeownership and Rental Affordability Index shows that buying and renting a home in Maine remains unaffordable. The rental vacancy rate (5%) is at the lowest point in over a decade but there are far fewer affordable units in stock. The supply of affordable rental units has shrunk by over 6,000 since 2011 due in part to gentrification in the larger cities, such as Portland. According to the 2020 Housing Facts and Affordability Index from the Maine State Housing Authority, renter household median income in Portland is \$45,343. The income needed to afford a median 2-bedroom rent in Portland is \$75,197. This leaves 71.1% of renter households unable to afford an average 2-bedroom rental in Portland. Housing and access to basic needs have only been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARPA funds would enable CCHPP to help clients avoid eviction or foreclosure by bridging rent or mortgage payments. Additionally, families/households that are experiencing homelessness or facing risk of homelessness in Portland and wish to relocate but cannot afford to do so will have support to relocate to a better housing situation by accessing funds for security deposits, rental support and/or moving assistance. Unfortunately, there is not enough housing for everyone who needs it. ARPA funds would also help CCHPP provide last resort crisis measures to keep people safe: tents, zero degree sleeping bags, hotel rooms, and storage units for belongings are in high demand. Our primary impact measure is the number of individuals whose housing situation is stabilized. At a population level, we look at indicators such as poverty rates, unemployment, child abuse and neglect data, health and educational outcomes, and other measures which provide information about the well-being of our service area populations.

Palaver Strings Inc - Palaver Music Center and Palaver Strings - \$50,000 requested out of \$701,813 total project budget

Palaver Strings is a musician-led string ensemble and nonprofit organization based in Portland, ME. Founded in 2014, Palaver has established itself as a forward-thinking ensemble whose mission is to strengthen and inspire community through music. In our musician-led model, Palaver's musicians share artistic and administrative leadership, guided by a passion for engaging new audiences, addressing social justice issues, and amplifying underrepresented voices.

Each year, Palaver presents a full series of live performances featuring diverse musical programming, cross-genre projects, and community collaborations. In autumn 2019, we opened the Palaver Music Center (PMC) in Portland, after a successful pilot program year, and with support of local partner organizations, Youth and Family Outreach (YFO), the Immigrant Welcome Center of Greater Portland, The Opportunity Alliance Head Start sites.

Entering its fourth year in 2022, the Palaver Music Center seeks to generate a love of music, foster creativity, and hold space for shared dialogue between people from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. PMC encompasses five education and community programs: Early Childhood Music (ECM), Introduction to Strings, After-School Strings, Lullaby Project, and Lifesongs Project.

Student-centered instruction for over 200 children is led by PMC Faculty who are certified in Suzuki pedagogy and Early Music Learning Theory. They bring many years of experience teaching in various venues, including private studios, Community MusicWorks, Bridge Boston Charter School, the Harmony Project of Los Angeles, and Maine's Bay Chamber Music School in Rockport.

PMC is an accessible creative "maker" community learning program and resource. It centers on providing a full spectrum of music learning and quality string education that begins with early childhood. Across the developmental age span, PMC seeks to generate a love of music, foster inspiration, and offer intergenerational discourse and holistic musical experiences for infants, young children, teens, adults and seniors from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Early Childhood Music:

This program currently serves 140 children (ages 0-4) from October through May. Classes meet once-a-week and are conducted at our five partner sites: Youth and Family Outreach, Opportunity Alliance Head Start (Parkside, Bayside, East End and Riverton locales). Classes are based on the Music Learning Theory method which asserts that music is taught like a language – employing modes, rhythms and harmonies to expose young children to a range of sounds, fun activities and listening skills, with singing, dancing and chanting.

Impact:

Making music is one of the most intense, multi-sensory, and physically involved activities in which young children engage. Research shows that day-old infants breathe in different patterns depending on whether they are listening to Mozart or Stravinsky. Introducing music regularly to young children has a profound impact on their developing minds aiding in the development of their numeracy, language and social emotional skills.

Social Emotional Development:

Researchers observing at music and movement classes have documented how participating children get increasingly better at self-regulation. They speak to themselves, sing, and hum to help themselves perform the complex rhythms and patterns they are learning and to organize their behavior. Possibly, their experiences with concepts like stop/start, slowing down/speeding up, verses and choruses provide them with the motivation to direct and modulate their behavior. In 2022, 87.5% of children in the Pre-K classroom at Youth and Family outreach were able to manage their feelings on their own versus 75% in 2021.

Language Development:

A landmark study identified remarkable differences in the early vocabulary of young children. The average child on welfare heard 616 words per hour; the average working-class child heard twice that number; and children born into professional families heard over three times that many (2,153 words per hour).

A more recent study shows that this "word gap" appears as early as 18 months. In a lab, toddlers were shown images of two familiar objects on a screen and a recorded voice named the object and used the word in a sentence (Look at the doggy). Children growing up in poorer house- holds responded more slowly and spent less time studying the correct pictures than their more advantaged peers.

These early differences matter: having the words to express your plans and feelings makes it easier to play and work with others at home and in the wider world. Moreover, early vocabulary development predicts later reading skills and school success. In 2022, 100% of children in YFO's Pre-K class were able to listen to and understand increasingly complex language compared to 81% in 2021.

Songs, music, and the talk that surround them are ways to close these gaps in language development. These activities are often explorations in new words and different ways of expressing ideas and experiences. Instead of just "It's raining," a child sings, "It's raining, it's pouring." In place of "The bus has wheels" a song invites children to sing, "The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, all through the town."

Portland Downtown - Public Restrooms- \$1,000,000 requested out of \$1,010,000 total project budget

A city without public restrooms is a city that biases transportation against walkers and transit users, and in favor of vehicle drivers. Access is denied to an entire class of citizens.

The lack of public bathrooms is a dire problem for people experiencing homelessness, delivery workers who spend hours on the road, and people with health conditions or disabilities. Women also usually have to wait in longer bathroom lines than men.

The goal of Portland Downtown in this effort is to address this disparity and increase the level of equity and inclusivity of our city.

The history of public restrooms parallels fights for social justice, from racially segregated bathrooms in the Jim Crow era US South to the ongoing debate over transgender access to toilets today. And since the Victorian age, fewer stalls for women have been built compared to urinals for men, originally to discourage women from venturing out of the home.

Portland Downtown is requesting a second round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for new, permanent public restrooms with access to water (water fountains, sinks, plumbing). Numerous options to purchase pre-fabricated, permanent public restrooms exist. These include but are not limited to assets by Greenflush Technologies, the Portland Loo, or the Sanisette, and even the modular prefabricated public restrooms produced by BMarko Structures (which begin at \$55,000 for a 20-foot) or many, many others. Our proposal is scalable. We recognize that costs will likely include plumbing, land preparation as well as the cost of the facility itself.

Providing public restrooms is a public health issue and that need has only been exacerbated by the pandemic. While we all work toward the end of the pandemic, it's important to recognize that the public health concerns of the need for restrooms will remain. Moreover, we hope this effort will further our city's efforts in menstrual equity. In its highest & best form, public restrooms will have access to free menstrual products and will lead to menstrual equity policies in Portland as we continue to lead the nation in our welcoming efforts by modeling.

We believe access to safe sanitation is a fundamental human right and this effort moves our city forward in this arena. We believe this is a critical component in our city's efforts to grow and thrive as a world-class destination. Meeting the fundamental and omnipresent needs of the tourists and residents we draw is a responsible use of these rare funds.

Portland Downtown - Drinking Water Stations/Access - \$250,000 requested out of \$260,000 total project budget

A city without access to clean, public drinking water is a city that lacks the most fundamental need of humankind. Access to drinking water offers a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages and maintain hydration. Adequate hydration can also aid in improved cognitive functioning. Further, providing access to drinking water can help reduce the use of single-use plastics. Single-use plastics lead to over 300 million tons of waste yearly. Single-use plastics do not fully decompose but rather continually break down into smaller microplastics. These microplastics pose a huge risk to wildlife and are extraordinarily difficult to clean up. Single-use plastics and their production are a major contributor to climate change.

As of this writing, there are zero (0) publicly accessible drinking fountains in the downtown. Our goal is to provide publicly accessible drinking water to visitors and residents alike. We recognize that there are periods of time when the water may be required to be turned off owing to weather. However, there's a larger period of time when drinking fountains can be made accessible. Our proposal will offer fountains for drinking, bottle filling stations and pet stations.

Portland Conservatory of Music - Music for the Future - \$50,000 requested out to fund entire project

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The Portland Conservatory of Music (PCM) was founded in 1995. It operated out of a Free Street location for 13 years and moved to Woodfords Church in 2008 with a goal of continued growth. We were located at this church until 2021 when we moved to our present location at 28 Neal Street. Two events precipitated the move. The Pandemic occurred in the spring of 2020 and the church had a major flood and a heating system that needed replacement. The conservatory had grown and had its biggest enrollment and its highest income from tuition in 2020. The two events mentioned moved us to virtual learning and to months when we were not even able to use our space. Students were loyal but eventually we lost students and tuition. An anonymous donor, in the fall of 2021, in response to these crises, gave the conservatory a building at 28 Neal Street, in the West End. By that time Woodford Church had decided to sell part of the building on Woodford Street to a developer and the only space available for us to rent there were rooms in the basement unsuitable for teaching.

We moved to this new space in the summer of 2021. We, by this time, had reduced enrollment and reduced tuition income. Although we have seen growth in 2022, our enrollment is down 179 students from the high in 2020 of 762 students with inflation eroding our income further. In July of 2022 we ended the year in the red, with an operating deficit of over \$131,911. The gift of a building, while a home for the future of the Conservatory, further complicates our financial picture as it needs major repairs to make it fully usable.

Portland Housing Development Corporation - 331 Cumberland Avenue - \$900,000 requested out of \$35,882,166 total project budget

331 Cumberland Ave is a 60-unit affordable housing development designed to serve a mix of families and smaller households. There will be ten three-bedroom, fifteen two-bedroom, fifteen one-bedroom, and twenty studio apartments restricted to households below 50% and 60% area median income. Twenty-five apartments will have project-based Section 8 vouchers,

allowing families stability and an opportunity to live in the gentrifying Bayside neighborhood. Six of the homes will be reserved for families currently utilizing the City of Portland Shelter system. There will also be a childcare facility integrated into the development that will allow Youth and Family Outreach to nearly double the children served to 107. Families residing in the on-site apartments will have a preference for any available childcare slots.

The development is sited in a highly-walkable, transit and service rich environment with many job and educational opportunities nearby. Only sixteen parking spaces have been incorporated into the building and storage areas for human-powered modes (bicycles, strollers, cargo bikes) have been provided, thereby deemphasizing the use of automobile travel since the transportation sector makes up 54% of Maine's greenhouse gas emissions. The building will be certified Passive House or DOE Net Zero Energy, meeting a rigorous third-party verified standard for low energy usage. Additionally, all systems have been electrified except for the back-up generator, which will use natural gas.

The new development will place 60 much needed apartments for low-income households in a location that builds on existing infrastructure and is designed to be highly energy efficient.

Portland Housing Development Corporation - Harbor Terrace - \$750,000 requested out of \$47,851,027 total project budget

Harbor Terrace is a 120-unit affordable housing development serving the senior/disabled population. Built in the 1970s, the 8-story structure is representative of many public housing mid-rise towers constructed in that era. A concrete and brick exterior provides little in the way of insulation, air circulation is poor with minimal ventilation, and existing domestic water and heating systems need extensive repairs.

Portland Housing Development Corporation is planning a major rehabilitation of the property to address these issues and improve the overall quality of life of its residents while reducing reliance on fossil fuels and overall energy consumption. Climate change is causing record-setting temperatures across the globe and maintaining a consistent interior temperature is crucial to resident comfort and safety. Replacement of the brick exterior with a new airtight insulated material paired with the installation of heat pumps building-wide will help the building stay warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer while consuming less energy overall. COVID-19 has shown us that proper ventilation is more important than ever. A new central ventilation system will dramatically improve airflow throughout the building. Additional improvements to the property include updates to unit finishes and fixtures, a new pedestrian plaza in front of the building, a new bus shelter, improved landscaping and exterior lighting, and electric vehicle (EV) chargers in the parking lot.

This rehabilitation will provide the needed modernization of an aging 50+ year-old building that will maintain 120 units of high-quality, energy efficient affordable housing for the next 50+ years.

Portland Maine Symphony Orchestra - Pandemic Recovery for the Portland Symphony Orchestra - \$200,000 requested out of \$800,000 total project budget

Next season, the PSO is facing a deficit budget (\$361,812) as it continues to rebuild its operations after 3 seasons impacted by the pandemic. This deficit is calculated after budgetary

efforts to help mitigate losses: an additional \$250,000 in recovery funds, a 7% endowment draw (3% above normal practice- \$350K higher draw), and significant budget cuts. The PSO anticipates financial challenges will continue in the 2023-24 season, as it takes time to rebuild audiences after patron hesitancy from the pandemic (fear of crowded spaces, safety concerns, people not coming back). If the PSO receives this \$200,000 award, it will use 66% of the award during the 2022-23 season (\$133,000) and 33% in the 2023-24 season (\$67,000) to navigate this multi-year recovery period.

The deficit has been caused by two key factors: the cost of health/safety precautions and the loss of ticket revenue. As new variants emerge, the PSO continues to provide testing to musicians, visiting artists, and backstage personnel. Testing costs between \$30,000-50,000 a year. The PSO is experiencing a 20% loss in ticket revenue since the pandemic started (loss of \$370,000), a trend seen in all U.S. orchestras due to patron hesitancy to return to concert halls. While the PSO will market aggressively to rebuild its audiences, it will take several years to fill the seats to pre-COVID-19 levels. We anticipate making progress in each fiscal year, which is why we will scale the use of this award (66% first year, 33% second year) as ticket revenue is likely to increase over time.

A strong PSO benefits the City of Portland:

- 1) As a primary tenant of Merrill Auditorium, the PSO works with many City staff to schedule and plan logistics for concerts (10-15 City staff during concert weekends, others throughout the year).
- 2) The PSO helps the local economy. The PSO draws 36,000 people to Portland each season, many who support local businesses during their visits. Annually, the PSO invests \$207,000 in Portland businesses through hotel lodging for musicians and per diem payments to musicians – spent on local meals, gas stations, coffee shops, etc.
- 3) The PSO brings world-class music and artists to Portland. The PSO continues to increase BIPOC representation on stage. This season, 32% of the repertoire is by BIPOC composers. The PSO will welcome numerous BIPOC conductors and soloists.
- 4) The PSO makes performances available to all age groups, at all prices, including complimentary tickets to our community partners whose served populations benefit from free tickets.

This award will enable the PSO to remain a vibrant part of the Portland community fabric. It will help the PSO to be as strong as possible as it nears its 100th anniversary season in 2024-25.

Portland Pilots: Phase 2 - Replace Lost revenue/Boat repairs - \$600,000 requested out of \$944,000 total project budget

Portland Pilots requested a total of \$2.1 million in ARPA funds from the City of Portland, City of South Portland, and Cumberland County. Of its total ARPA funding request, the City of Portland was the only entity that awarded any funds (\$300,000). Accordingly, 2.5 years after the start of the pandemic, Portland Pilots remains severely hamstrung by the \$1.8 million hole in its previous years' budgets, deferring maintenance on its vessels and incurring loans to maintain its employee / staffing levels with full benefits. Now, in summer 2022, the cruise ship season is expected to be approximately half of what it was in 2019, meaning a recovery is still a long way off, if at all.

During the Pilots' ARPA application process to the City of Portland, the Finance Chair Nick Mavodones (and Mayor Kate Snyder) belatedly acknowledged an error in reviewing Pilots' application, thinking the total amount Pilots lost in funds was \$900,000 (not \$2.1 million) and therefore awarded \$300,000 on the good-faith (but mistaken) basis that the City of South Portland and Cumberland County would understand its shared interest in preserving the Port of Portland with a safe and robust pilotage group. As described above, neither South Portland nor Cumberland County funded Pilots' ARPA requests.

Pilots' 52-year-old workhorse, M/V Portland Pilot (a 65-foot steel vessel that serves as the primary pilot boat), had to be pulled from the shipyard (Billings Diesel & Marine in Stonington) at the start of the pandemic (spring 2020) as a result of a cratering in commercial ship traffic. The repairs had long been a priority for pilotage safety and, as a result of the pandemic's effect on Pilots' finances, remain outstanding. Necessary repairs include replacing the vital steel "D-ring" that surrounds the hull and allows the pilot boat to land safely alongside ships at sea in all weather (summer and winter), a retrofit and installation of modern man-overboard recovery system (applicable to BOTH vessels), aft steering controls and a stern arch / lower platform for lifting personnel, fixed fire suppression system, removal of old and installation of updated boiler system, emergency bilge pumping system for all spaces, deck heating system repairs, and engine and propeller rebuilds and replacement. Combined, the vessels Portland Pilot and Spring Point require an estimated \$944,000 in overdue repairs, many of which, if not addressed, could cause significant delays in commerce to the Port of Portland and pose a threat to the safety of the pilots themselves.

Portland Pilots seeks to effect these necessary repairs with ARPA Second Tranche funding so it can continue its work serving the Port of Portland's commercial ship traffic year-round and keeping its pilots and crews safe. Portland Pilots welcomes ships of all nations, whose crew include Filipinos, Ukrainians, Russians, Greeks, Norwegians, and virtually every other seafaring nation into the Port of Portland. Because ship crews are often isolated (due to heightened port security), Pilots are often the only Americans that these seafarers meet in the United States. As such, Pilots serve a vital need as ambassadors between the seafaring culture and the people and businesses of the State of Maine -- a service largely unseen and unknown by most Mainers. Keeping the M/V Portland Pilot and M/V Spring Point not just afloat, but safely afloat are vital projects for this service.

As most people in the maritime world know, the cost of steel and skilled shipyard labor has skyrocketed in the past 18 months (e.g., the new Casco Bay Lines ferry that was originally budgeted for \$11.2 million has now been contracted for \$22.5 million). The work on the pilot boats is budgeted to cost approximately \$944,000. Portland Pilots seeks to perform this work as soon as funding is available. Previous work was performed at Billings Diesel & Marine in Stonington, its preferred shipyard for the past half century, however, to continue the project that was cut short in March 2020, the Pilots anticipate that the proposed repairs are extensive and highly specialized and will likely need to be performed at the Gladding & Hearn Shipyard where they were built.

Portland Recovery Community Center - Recovery World Cafe - \$125,233 requested out of \$139,233 total project budget

PRCC proposes to conduct a series of World Cafe events over one year, which will lead to an ongoing Recovery Cafe at its center at 102 Bishop Street. This project falls within Category 1, Public Health, Substance Use Services. The project will address the ongoing fall-out of the COVID-19 pandemic, as it intersected with the opioid epidemic, and improve equitable and inclusive access for people seeking recovery from substance use disorder.

Founded in 2011, PRCC first opened its doors in a small center on Forest Avenue. As a recovery community organization, PRCC offers multiple support groups, wellness activities, and peer support services, all at no charge to participants. Membership is free and today PRCC has over 2,500 active members with access to more than 50 groups and activities each week.

PRCC serves as a home for the recovery community, including family, friends and allies. PRCC also serves as a model and the Recovery Hub for 17 recovery community centers in Maine.

PRCC's mission is to provide support, education, and resources for people recovering from and affected by addiction, and to spread the message of hope throughout the state of Maine.

In 2021, PRCC acquired and moved into a new 6,600 sq. ft. building, more than doubling our space to hold support groups, prosocial activities, and provide peer recovery support services.

Through the generosity of private donations, and funding from Cumberland County ARPA funds, PRCC is completing renovation of the new space, which includes a large kitchen and an area designated to start a Recovery Cafe. The Recovery Cafe model began in Seattle and has been acclaimed nationally for its unique success at anchoring people in sustained recovery. As part of PRCC, the Recovery Cafe project is predicated on the belief that everyone deserves love and belonging, and that we grow most when we are connected with one another in community.

This project will utilize the World Cafe model over a period of one year to launch the Recovery Cafe and further diversify and expand membership of the center. Drawing on seven integrated design principles, the World Cafe methodology is a simple, effective, and flexible format for hosting large group dialogue. Building on the foundation of diversity and equity work that we invested in the summer of 2020, PRCC will conduct a series of World Cafe meetings, utilizing our new kitchen and cafe space and building community through shared meals and facilitated discussions. PRCC will focus on outreaching Black, Indigenous, and people of color; LGBTQIA populations, people experiencing homelessness, war veterans, refugees, and people in high-risk transitions, including those leaving treatment, prisons and jails and those with felony records.

Funding for this project will support the hiring of one full-time equivalent staff member, and a part-time coordinator, and consultant time. The budget includes the cost of food for 10 World Cafe events, supplies, and training time, stipends and materials for facilitators. Volunteer facilitators from target communities will receive stipends. This project is projected to be sustainable through ongoing donations and volunteer leadership. PRCC has a strong track record of being a volunteer and member-driven grassroots organization. Today, approximately 150 volunteers provide almost all of the services and supports offered at PRCC.

The need has never been greater. The past two years have been a critical time for two major public health issues, the COVID-19 pandemic and the opioid epidemic. Isolation caused by COVID-19 led to an increase in fatal overdoses-there were 636 in Maine in calendar year 2021. Communities of color already are experiencing deep seated inequities in health care due to social and economic factors that contribute to poor health outcomes. Black people comprise of 13% of the US population, make up 30% of COVID-19 cases; Latinos who make up 18% of the

population and account for 17% of COVID-19 cases³• People of color are at an increased risk for serious illness if they contract COVID-19⁴. Compounding poor health outcomes with the understanding that BIPOC communities have also seen an increase of 21% higher rates of fatal drug overdoses in comparison to the overall population⁵•

BIPOC communities also make up a third of the sentenced prison population⁶, are more likely to be homeless, and have lower access to needed substance use treatment, often terminate treatment prematurely and experience less culturally responsive care⁷• The threat of COVID-19 and addiction to substances makes the need for services in these communities a significant priority for PRCC.

Quality Housing Coalition - Growing Project HOME - \$296,080 requested out of \$658,728 total project budget

A program of Quality Housing Coalition, Project HOME is dedicated to securing long-term rental housing from private landlords for families and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Project HOME has become a leader in recruiting and retaining local private property owners to be landlords to tenants with housing barriers. Since its launch in 2018, Project HOME has successfully developed and maintained relationships with 21 private property owners and managers who previously had not rented to tenants with vouchers or other housing barriers. Project HOME does this by providing conflict mediation, guaranteeing rent is paid and unit damage is covered, and ensuring that tenants have the supports needed to be successful neighbors. As a result, more than 500 households (including 800 adults and children) have found homes in buildings previously not available to them, and a vast majority have completed year-long tenancies. In 2021, Project HOME's success rate for permanent supportive housing was 99% (defined as a tenant completing a year-long tenancy). For each tenant household, this means one year spent in their desired location, and maintaining consistency for their children with school and community relationships. It also means that the household has access to a positive recommendation from their landlord to use in securing future housing. These outcomes are breaking the cycle of chronic homelessness and dramatically reducing formal evictions. To support tenant success, Project HOME utilizes a rapid rehousing model, employing its own multilingual and multicultural Housing Specialists and working in partnership with 12 housing readiness programs. In addition to recruiting landlords, QHC staff manage tenancies from beginning to end. They match prospective tenants with units, interface with the housing readiness organizations that make referrals, and manage relationships among all the parties to ensure support for both landlord and tenant. Each tenant household is designated a housing mentor, usually covered through housing readiness partners. This is a key to success and there is an increasing need for QHC staff to cover the mentoring role when one is not available or leaves. QHC will use Portland ARPA funds to expand the number of private rental units being leased to people with housing barriers in Portland. QHC will engage 30 new property owners as landlords and co-sign 100 new leases. ARPA funding will fund two new Housing Specialist positions and cover a portion of the Executive Director's time. ARPA funding will also establish a \$200,000 Risk Mitigation Fund to cover damages to apartments - a critical element of bringing landlords on board - and \$8k to fund software that improves tenant tracking and communication amongst tenants, landlords, QHC staff, and housing readiness partners.

Rippleeffect Inc - Rippleeffect Outdoor Center - \$100,000 requested out of \$350,000 total project budget

Rippleeffect's mission is to promote youth development and leadership through adventure, healthy communities, and living sustainably. For over 20 years, Rippleeffect has been committed to providing equitable access to outdoor leadership and wilderness experiences for all Portland area youth—particularly those underserved and underrepresented in outdoor endeavors. That commitment has resulted in a deep partnership with Portland Public Schools. Currently, Rippleeffect works with Portland schools providing outdoor community building programs for all three Portland middle schools and all three grades, week-long expeditionary programs for Casco Bay High School, and outdoor leadership education courses at all PPS middle and high schools. Additionally, 2021, Rippleeffect piloted an after-school program for students in Longfellow, Ocean Ave, and Reiche elementary schools. In total, we work with over 2,300 PPS students each year. In January of 2022, Rippleeffect expanded upon this relationship by setting the stage to develop an outdoor learning center in partnership with both PPS as well as the City of Portland—specifically with the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Rippleeffect Outdoor Center (ROC) will be located on a parcel of city property adjacent to Rowe Elementary and serve as an outdoor classroom for the young people of Portland. The ROC will include: 20 high element ropes challenge course, 15 low element group challenge course, a 45 foot 4-sided rock climbing/rappelling tower, and 2 yurt educational spaces with one focusing on environmental/ecology study and the other focusing on wilderness skill development. Receiving Portland ARPA funding will not only support the construction of the ROC facilities, but will also provide Rippleeffect with the opportunity to expand our four-season program offerings to include: Portland teacher trainings, a PPS intern guide training program, PPS elementary programming, no-cost wilderness skill clinics offered through Portland Parks & Recreation, expand Portland Housing Authority youth programming, open house community days and more. The ROC is integral to the expansion of these programmatic efforts which focus on providing inclusive and equitable access to outdoor adventures for the diversity of youth in Portland. We believe by providing young people with these opportunities they will gain access to formative experiences that are crucial for the development of strong, healthy, and engaged citizens who will become the next generation of leaders in our community.

Serenity Residential Care - Serenity Housing Project - \$254,300 requested out of \$372,416 total project budget

Serenity Residential Care's mission is to serve people with intellectual disabilities and cognitive disorders by providing them with a healthy and safe environment. We strive to empower members who have behavioral disabilities to achieve their day-to-day goals and to help them gain access to available community resources in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Our minority-led organization is made up primarily of refugees and immigrants from communities of color and serves primarily white American clients residing in one of 9 care homes in Greater Portland.

Currently, with the affordable housing shortage and rising utility costs, it is more difficult for our clinically trained employees to provide 24/7 care and support for 15 adults with significant special needs so they can continue to live independently and integrate safely into the community. Often the rental units we work in need to be retrofitted to accommodate the needs of

our clients. We help ensure that our clients maintain a safe and healthy life in a community, rather than in a nursing or mental health facility, which operates at a much higher cost burden on our community (e.g., Upwards of \$70,000 per year for one person). In these challenging times, we are seeking housing assistance for rent, mortgage, and utility aid. With most of Portland residents and one of the Portlands goals being concerned about homelessness and affordable housing, Serenity Residential Care is there to fill that need. Mental health and addiction have a high correlation to homelessness. Not only does Serenity Residential Care support that population, they also hire minorities and individuals who are struggling to adapt to a new culture by offering them a training and a secure job helping others with needs.

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine - Expanding Access to Sexual Violence Services - \$337,574 requested out of \$905,852 total project budget

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine is writing to request \$--- in ARPA funds through the City of Portland to assist us in recovering from the unique economic challenges that we have experienced as a result of the pandemic.

Before the pandemic, sexual violence was a public health crisis in Maine - with 1 in 5 residents reporting being victimized by rape or attempted rape in their lifetime, and suffered disproportionately by women, women of color, individuals who identify as LGBTQ+, the elderly, by those with one or more disabilities, and by those who are homeless and/or living in poverty, among others. The pandemic itself considerably exacerbated social, financial, and health-related inequalities, and reports of sexual violence rose significantly due to lockdowns and business closures, with people forced to isolate at home with perpetrators, and many experiencing significant economic strain due to job loss, which increased the opportunities for violence, while at the same time, reducing opportunities for victims to access support services. Our helpline saw a tremendous spike in the number of calls for emotional support and our children's advocacy center experienced its highest rates of reports of child sexual abuse since its inception.

Unfortunately, even with our best efforts, and despite a time of unprecedented rates of interpersonal violence, the pandemic forced us to significantly dial back our community outreach efforts, advocacy services and support groups for clients. This has had the greatest impact on our culturally-specific services which serve marginalized communities who we know, historically, are at the greatest risk during a pandemic, caused, in part, by deeper racial, structural, and systemic inequities. Members of marginalized groups often are reluctant to rely upon structures and systems that have proven to be discriminatory in the past, often to the detriment of their personal health. The pandemic gave us the opportunity to examine these inequities, but we cannot be considered to be doing our jobs fully as a sexual assault support center until we are once more on the ground within these communities building trust and communication strategies, and bringing services to them.

As we enter the wake of the pandemic and have been working very hard to increase service delivery and outreach once more, we have found that many of the public health dollars that made our services possible prior to the pandemic, have been redirected to address COVID-related needs and essential services, with sexual assault support centers being left out of the prioritization of needs. This has left us with significant funding gaps, even as we are

depended upon by community partners and various systems to continuously provide essential services in all of Cumberland and York counties, and as we struggle to keep up with the demands of inflation, increased cost of living, staff retention costs including elevating salaries and absorbing increased benefit costs and overhead, all the while remaining the steady, community resource survivors in our community have relied upon for the last 50 years. We are at a critical point in our service delivery model where our under-served communities are asking for our support and we need to implement stronger outreach strategies. This means hiring at least one more advocate position, adding a support group position, and also carving out dedicated time for each existing role to focus on outreach. This will allow us to reach the communities that need our services most, while also offering options for ongoing healing and support beyond traditional systems engagement.

We believe our goals closely align with those of the City of Portland, as our primary concern is public health and addressing racial inequities that impact the health and well-being of our most vulnerable communities, while working diligently to improve access to support and resources. Our outreach strategies are multifaceted and look closely at barriers to supports such as language, transportation, and economic deterrents, as well as identifying and dismantling the tangible and intangible barriers that exclude and discourage those who have been historically marginalized from accessing services. To that end, while we have selected the category of Public Health - Community Violence Interventions, we also feel that our work closely aligns with #3.4, Public Sector Capacity and Effective Service Delivery, as well as #2, Addressing the Negative Economic Impacts as well as #3.13, Social Determinants of Health. Our work is not linear and has multifaceted public health benefits that are in significant demand in our region.

Spurwink - Ashlea's Place: Housing First Mental Health Recovery Residence - \$750,300 requested out of \$1,703,600 total project budget

Spurwink seeks funding support through the City of Portland to launch Ashlea's Place, a Mental Health Recovery Residence at 22 Park St in downtown Portland, Maine to provide housing, mental health services, and substance use treatment for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD). The project will be a collaboration between Spurwink, Community Housing of Maine (CHOM), and Milestone Recovery, working closely with the City of Portland. CHOM will provide the building, Milestone will assist with identification and prioritization of clients, transporting clients, and providing daily rounds through the Milestone Home Team. The residence will house 6-8 clients with SMI, SUD, and long-term homelessness. The residence is named after Ashlea, a well known member of Portland's homeless community who struggled with years of unsheltered homelessness. The residence was designed with her in mind. Sadly, she died at age 36, before being housed.

The program addresses ARPA Expenditure Category Public Health Category 1.12 Mental Health and 1.13 Substance Use and City Council Goals: Reducing Homelessness, Safe and Affordable Housing, and Improving Equity, Inclusion and Diversity. It will help address Portland's identified need to house people struggling with long-term homelessness identified by the Long-term Stayers Workgroup and the Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee (ESAC). The project will address the city's Diversity Equity and Inclusion goals by prioritizing housing for some of the most stigmatized individuals in our society, people struggling with long-term homelessness (including unsheltered homelessness for some), SMI, SUD, multi-system

involvement, and often other underlying disabilities. These individuals have also been identified through the ESAC long-term stayers subgroup as the most challenging to house. The target population served have no other options for housing with integrated mental health and recovery services and place a disproportionate stress on City systems. Ashlea's Place provides a creative approach to meeting the needs of clients and the community while treating people with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Funding will also address ARPA Category 4 premium pay for public sector employees to allow Spurwink to hire and retain two (2) care coordinators to provide outreach and comprehensive support to house residents and a live-in house manager. We anticipate that once the therapeutic milieu has been established in the first two pilot years, that care coordination and supports will be sustained through Assertive Community Treatment, the recently released HOME model that will provide a health home for homeless individuals, and Spurwink's anticipated Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic.

The population targeted for housing, mental health, and substance use services through Ashlea's Place has a tremendous impact on emergency services and the wellbeing of Portland as a whole. The population served is up to 19 times more likely to be in the hospital and up to 45 times more likely to be in jail when unhoused than when housed. This population is ricocheting through Portland's most expensive systems and entangling police, rescue, and other emergency services – redundantly. This has a detrimental effect on businesses and erodes the sense of community and livability in Portland.



THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

SECOND TRANCHE FUNDING PRE-APPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS UPDATE
Presentation to Finance Committee - 8/24/2022

ARPA AVAILABLE FUNDING: SECOND TRANCHE SUMMARY (\$11.2M AVAILABLE)

Second Tranche Snapshot:

\$46,290,625 - Total Expected ARPA Funding

(8,750,000) - Appropriated by City Council in May 2021 - revenue replacement in FY22 budget

(14,395,215) - Appropriated by City Council in November 2021 - various community priorities

(1,650,000) - Vaccination incentive and employee retention payments

(5,550,000) - Revenue replacement to sustain municipal services - FY23 CM Rec budget

(2,029,190) - Use of ARPA funding to fill revenue gap / address housing issues in FY23 budget

(2,750,000) - Revenue replacement to sustain municipal services - FY24 amount per plan

\$11,216,220 - Current unallocated funding expected to be available for Tranche 2 public process

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUMMARY - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

- Public facing website and public comment portal has been released
 - <http://portlandmaine.gov/arpa> - Launched in Summer 2021
- Communication to residents via social media, City website, text alerts
- Public comment portal received strong participation - nearly 4,000 participants including second tranche survey.
- Community Health Improvement Survey - Over 400 participants
- Business community survey - Nearly 200 participants
- Hundreds of additional comments received via email, in person, and in public forums held by the City and others
- Dozens of meetings held with external organizations, individual City Departments, our elected officials and other local governmental organizations.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FROM PUBLIC COMMENT PORTAL



Additional public survey and priorities work conducted during September 2022 with more specific questions and eligible expenditure categories to help guide the decision making process on ARPA second tranche funding.

SECOND TRANCHE PRE-APPLICATION AND FULL APPLICATION PROCESS

- Pre-Application process a best practice to ensure ARPA eligibility (and in some jurisdictions to ensure alignment with community / governing body priorities)
- Applicants in Portland with projects deemed eligible with ARPA requirements will be invited to complete full application process (invites will be sent within the next few business days and all applicants will be notified of status by 8/26)
- Deadline for complete applications expected to be September 16th, 2022 (detailed draft timeline included on the next slide)

SECOND TRANCHE FUNDING TIMELINE (DRAFT FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION)

- September 16th, 2022 - Deadline for completed final applications
- September 29th, 2022 - Finance committee review of completed applications and initial funding recommendations
- October 6th, 2022 - Finance committee continued review of completed applications and Q&A with applicants
- October 13th, 2022 - Finance Committee public hearing and vote on second tranche funding recommendations
- October 17th, 2022 - City Council first read on funding recommendations
- November 7th, 2022 - City Council second read / vote and public hearing on funding recommendations

SUMMARY OF ARPA SECOND TRANCHE PRE-APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 35 requests received from external organizations totaling \$23.5M in requested funding across 19 separate ARPA expenditure categories

*Summary document with key details of each application can be found on the agenda backup page to tonight's agenda on the City website.

- 16 requests received from internal City Departments totaling approximately \$9.9M in funding across 10 separate ARPA expenditure categories.

- SECOND TRANCHE TOTALS (to date): **51 requests, \$33.5M in requests**

\$11.2M of available funding

PRE-APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

Amounts Requested	by ARPA Expenditure Category
\$337,574	1.11 - Public Health - Community Violence Interventions
\$750,300	1.12 - Mental Health
\$1,425,233	1.13 Substance Use Services
\$600,000	1.8 - COVID Assistance to Small Businesses
\$100,000	1.9 - COVID Assistance to Nonprofits
\$152,369	2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
\$100,000	2.13 Services to families involved in the child welfare system
\$50,000	2.14 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning
\$11,900,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
\$646,080	2.18 - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
\$254,300	2.2 - Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
\$2,819,177	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
\$210,441	2.20 - Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation
\$1,500,000	2.21 - Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
\$750,000	2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services
\$619,000	2.30 - Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Small Businesses
\$305,000	2.34: Assistance to Impacted non-Profit Organizations
\$870,000	2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance: Other
\$50,000	3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
\$64,300	3.9 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Other (not an EC in the Final Rule, 3.9 is from Interim Rule)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY 1: PUBLIC HEALTH (7 pre-applications, \$3.2M of requests)

Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	ARPA Expenditure Category
Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine	Expanding Access to Sexual Violence Services	\$337,574	1.11 - Public Health - Community Violence Interventions
Spurwink	Ashlea's Place: Housing First Mental Health Recovery Residence	\$750,300	1.12 - Mental Health
Maine Medical Center - Preble Street Learning Collaborative	Connections Clinic - Psychiatry Outreach Program	\$300,000	1.13 - Substance Use Services
Maine Health	Portland Comprehensive Addiction Medicine Program (CAMP)	\$1,000,000	1.13 Substance Use Services
Portland Recovery Community Center	Recovery World Cafe	\$125,233	1.13 Substance Use Services
Portland Pilots - phase 2	Replace Lost revenue/Boat repairs	\$600,000	1.8 - COVID Assistance to Small Businesses
First Parish in Portland - Unitarian Universalist	First Parish Truth and Reconciliation History Project	\$100,000	1.9 - COVID Assistance to Nonprofits

Note: Expenditure categories are based on initial pre-applications received and have not yet been reviewed / corrected by City staff

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY 2: NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS (26 pre-applications, \$20.2M of requests - slide 1 of 3)

ARPA 2nd Tranche Pre-Applications Received

Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	ARPA Expenditure Category
Maine Language Connect	Increasing Economic Opportunity and EID for Immigrant Communities by Expanding Transportation Access	\$152,369	2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
Boundless Good Project	Family Advocacy Maine	\$100,000	2.13 Services to families involved in the child welfare system
Palaver Strings Inc	Palaver Music Center and Palaver Strings	\$50,000	2.14 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning
Avesta Housing Development Corporation	Winchester Woods	\$5,000,000	2.15 - Long Term Housing Security - Affordable Housing
Greater Portland Community Land Trust	21 Randall Street Affordable Housing Project	\$250,000	2.15 - Long Term Housing Security - Affordable Housing
Center for Regional Prosperity (non-profit arm GPCOG)	Transitional Housing Campus: 200 Housing Units + Community Space	\$5,000,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Portland Housing Development Corporation	331 Cumberland Avenue	\$900,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Portland Housing Development Corporation	Harbor Terrace	\$750,000	2.15 - Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY 2: NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS (26 pre-applications, \$20.2M of requests - slide 2 of 3)

ARPA 2nd Tranche Pre-Applications Received			
Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	ARPA Expenditure Category
Hope Acts	Housing Navigation and Case Management support for New Asylum Seekers	\$200,000	2.18 - Housing Support - Other Housing Assistance
Opportunity Alliance	Housing Individuals & Families	\$150,000	2.18 - Housing Support - Other Housing Assistance
Quality Housing Coalition	Growing Project HOME	\$296,080	2.18 - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Serenity Residential Care	Serenity Housing Project	\$254,300	2.2 - Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
Portland Downtown	Public Restrooms & Drinking Water Stations/Access	\$1,000,000	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Portland Downtown	Drinking Water Stations/Access	\$250,000	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Rippleeffect Inc	Rippleeffect Outdoor Center	\$100,000	2.2 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District	Portland Soil Lead Testing Project	\$210,441	2.20 - Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation
Congress Square Redesign (COP Planning and Urban Development)	Congress Square Redesign	\$1,400,000	2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Island Transportation System	Environmentally Sustainable Taxi Service on Peaks Island	\$69,177	2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY 2: NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS (26 pre-applications, \$20.2M of requests - slide 3 of 3)

ARPA 2nd Tranche Pre-Applications Received

Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	ARPA Expenditure Category
Greater Portland Health - Portland Community Health Center	Riverside Homeless Health Center	\$500,000	2.21 - Medical Facilities for disproportionately Impacted Communities
Community Dental	Investment and Expansion in Portland Center to increase access to Oral Health Care	\$1,000,000	2.21 - Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine	BGCSM Safe Spaces	\$750,000	2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services
Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center	Women Lead: An Enterprise Institute	\$619,000	2.30 - Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Small Businesses; Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning
Portland Maine Symphony Orchestra	Pandemic Recovery for the Portland Symphony Orchestra	\$200,000	2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organization
Ladder to the Moon Network	Our Future - Organizational Development	\$55,000	2.34: Assistance to Impacted non-Profit Organizations
Portland Conservatory of Music	Music for the Future	\$50,000	2.34: Assistance to Impacted non-Profit Organizations
Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine	Diaper Bank	\$870,000	2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Note: Expenditure categories are based on initial pre-applications received and have not yet been reviewed / corrected by City staff

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY 3: Public Health - Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (2 pre-apps, \$94k of requests)

ARPA 2nd Tranche Pre-Applications Received

Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	ARPA Expenditure Category
Opportunity Alliance	EDI Focused Improved Service Delivery	\$50,000	3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine	Mentors for Children/Youth in Southern Maine	\$64,300	3.9 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Other (not an EC in the Final Rule, 3.9 is from Interim Rule)

LINKS TO KEY ARPA AND SLFRF DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

Document Title (# of pages)	Description	Link
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds website	The general landing page for the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds
Full Text - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (242 pages)	Full text of the American Rescue Plan Act (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds section is on pages 220 - 233).	https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf
Treasury Final Rule - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (437 pages)	The US Department of Treasury's final guidance containing most updated details on SLFRF and eligible categories of expenses.	https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule.pdf
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Frequently Asked Questions As of January 2022	Complete list of frequently asked questions and responses from the US Treasury on implementation. Excellent source of more detailed information, updated frequently.	https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (51 pages)	Contains detailed information on the reporting requirements for entities which receive funding (including subrecipients).	https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf

LINKS TO CITY OF PORTLAND ARPA DOCUMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REQUESTS

Document Title (# of pages)	Description	Link
City of Portland - ARPA Website	The City's website for all ARPA updates.	https://portland.civilspace.io/en/projects/american-rescue-plan-act (http://portlandmaine.gov/arpa links directly to the website above)
American Rescue Plan First Tranche Funding Recommendations Summary	Complete PDF of ARPA First Tranche funding recommendations and amounts including complete original backup materials.	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lUAqg7aN0vbKAku83SMvkwadYXBPjmNaI0YrJ_-cQvc/edit

LINKS TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY ARPA DOCUMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REQUESTS

Document Title (# of pages)	Description	Link
Cumberland County ARPA website 	The County's website for all ARPA updates. The County closed their first round of competitive applications for \$11M of their \$57M+ in ARPA funds on January 20, 2022. Although no application process is currently available for the County's second round of ARPA funding future opportunities may be available from the County later in 2022.	https://www.cumberlandcounty.org/765/Public-Application-for-ARPA-Funds



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Questions and Answers