

**SUSSEX**

COUNTY | DELAWARE

American Rescue Plan Act



# Background

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- Sussex County received a total of \$45,495,460 in direct appropriations from the U.S. Treasury over a 2-year period beginning in 2021
- In March, I presented what the funds could be used for and made a recommendation on how to proceed with allocating these funds.



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss



Support the Public Health Response to COVID-19



Address the Negative Economic Impacts of COVID-19



Offer Premium Pay for Essential Workers



Invest in Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure



# Recommendation

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## Goals:

- 1) Projects that meet ARPA requirements
- 2) Projects that can be completed or under contract by December 31, 2024
- 3) Do not “grow” government with these temporary funds
  - a. Do not invest in something we cannot support after the funds are gone
  - b. Strengthen the programs/services we already have in place
- 4) Align the recommendations with Council priorities
  - a. Affordable Housing
  - b. Adequate Infrastructure – Sewer and I.T.
- 5) Do not duplicate what has already been done or will be done



# Recommendations

First, fund County services already in place



Sewer Infrastructure - \$25,000,000



Affordable Housing - \$6,300,000 ((2) \$3,000,000 application periods)



I.T. Security Upgrades for our water and sewer infrastructure - \$3,000,000



Additional Low-Income Services (CD&H) - \$2,000,000



EOC/EMS Employees - \$1,400,000



Bolster training in the local hospitality industry – Kitchen Incubator - \$500,000



Intergovernmental grants on COVID-19 efforts - \$250,000

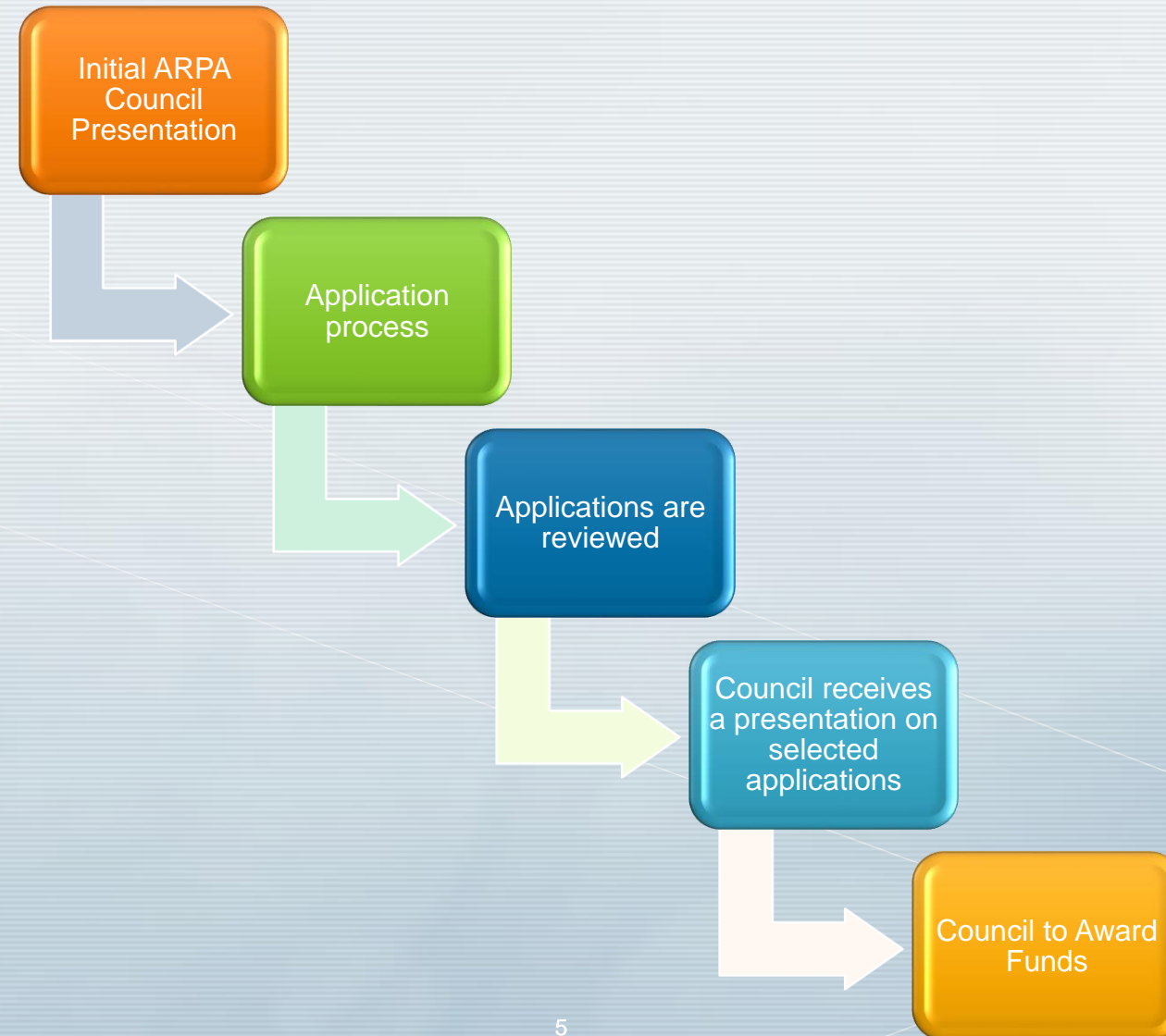


Large grants to other non-profit entities such as hospitals for eligible expenses - \$5,000,000

\* these estimates do not include administrative costs that will be incurred to manage these ARPA programs, do the ARPA reporting, and monitor for ARPA compliance



# Steps for Grant Program



# Applications

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## Non-Profit Applications

- 14 applications
- \$12.5 million in requests

## Affordable Housing Applications

- 13 applications
- \$6.0 million in requests





# Non-Profit Grant Program

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## Eligible Uses and Restrictions

- Must respond to:
  - The public health emergency
  - The negative economic impacts related to the public health emergency
- Not for affordable housing
- Non-profits only
- Projects of \$500,000 or greater
- Must be able to meet the compliance and reporting requirements of the U.S. Treasury



# Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points
<b>Compliance with Final Rule</b>	
Criteria fits within the constraints of the final rule	10
Demonstrated previous federal funds where compliance was obtained	10
Time period fits within the ARPA requirement	10
Adequate ability to measure success and results	10
<b>Urgent Need</b>	
Problem and need identified as urgent	20
Demonstrated that the program is sustainable to help with the need	15
<b>Program Maximizes Number of Sussex County Beneficiaries</b>	
Maximizes number of beneficiaries by using other partners	5
Number of Sussex County beneficiaries	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>





# Recommended Awards

received 80 points or higher in their evaluation

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- \$615,000** ▪ **Bayhealth** – Medical equipment for new emergency room
- \$750,000** ▪ **Beebe** – Rural health care, social service connection to build public health capacity and address the rural workforce needs
- \$570,000** ▪ **Children’s Beach House** – Expansion of its youth development program to provide year-round programming for 100 children
- \$500,000** ▪ **Community Resource Center** - Keep low-income individuals and families stably housed by preventing eviction and utility disconnects
- \$665,000** ▪ **Easter Seals** – Replace outdated and inefficient HVAC system at their Georgetown facility
- \$950,000** ▪ **Montessori Works** – Renovate the campus barn to provide space for remedial education, social and emotional assistance and health screenings – facility to be used for the community, not just the school
- \$950,000** ▪ **Tidal Health** – Provide wrap around services that address social drivers of health and expand health care delivery and access in rural, low-income communities of disadvantaged populations



# Affordable Housing Grant Program

## Eligible Uses and Restrictions

- Provide funding for projects that assist individuals making less than 65% AMI
- Projects must have deed restrictions that are:
  - 20 years for homeownership
  - 30 years for rental

FY2021 Income Limits for Sussex County, DE						
% AMI	1	2	3	4	5	6
65%	\$34,190	\$39,065	\$43,940	\$48,815	\$52,780	\$56,680

## Funding Level

- \$500,000/project or \$50,000/unit with a cap of \$500,000



# Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points
<b>Experience and Capacity</b>	
Experience	5
Capacity	5
<b>Funding Request</b>	
Serving Vulnerable Populations	5
Documented Need	5
Project Addresses Need	5
<b>Project Specifics</b>	
Special Features	5
Sufficient AFFH Marketing Plan	5
Partnerships	5
Local Support	5
Repurpose/Redevelopment of Existing Units/Structures	2
Purchase and Development of Zombie Subdivision	2
Assist Households Earning less than 50% AMI	2
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>51</b>



# Recommended Awards

received 42 points or higher (out of 52) in their evaluation

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- \$500,000** ▪ **Better Homes of Seaford** – 36 rental housing units for the elderly in Seaford
- \$500,000** ▪ **Milford Housing Development Corp.** – 20 homeownership units in Lewes
- \$500,000** ▪ **Milford Housing Development Corp.** – 10 homeownership units in Greenwood
- \$500,000** ▪ **Millsboro Housing for Progress** – Rehabilitation of 38 rental units in Millsboro
- \$500,000** ▪ **Sussex County Habitat for Humanity** – 10 homeownership units throughout the County





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Questions?



# Motion

Be it moved that the Sussex County Council approve the County entering into individual grant agreements with the entities as presented - contingent on the entities meeting all requirements to be awarded ARPA funds.

Entity	Amount
Bayhealth Foundation	\$615,000
Beebe Medical Foundation	\$750,000
Children's Beach House	\$570,000
Community Resource Center	\$500,000
Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland Eastern Shore	\$665,000
Montessori Works	\$950,000
TidalHealth Nanticoke	\$950,000
Better Homes of Seaford	\$500,000
Milford Housing Development Corp. - Dutchman Harvest	\$500,000
Milford Housing Development Corp. - Greenwood project (contingent on Conservation approval)	\$500,000
Millsboro Housing for Progress	\$500,000
Sussex County Habitat for Humanity	\$500,000

