



Above: MN Zej Zog Summer Camp Graduation

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## 2021-2022 Report

**Brooklyn Park** 

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# 2021-2022 Strategic Investment Highlights

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (H.R. 1319), signed into law by President Biden in March 2021, provided \$1.9 trillion in relief to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including \$350 billion in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for programs for state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. **The City of Brooklyn Park received a total of \$11,052,580** of SLFRF funds.

In 2021, the City engaged residents and community leaders to identify priorities for ARPA funds. The City used feedback from various outreach and engagement activities to adopt a strategy to invest in a range of recovery efforts.

## City allocation and spending

### Brooklyn Park’s Strategy

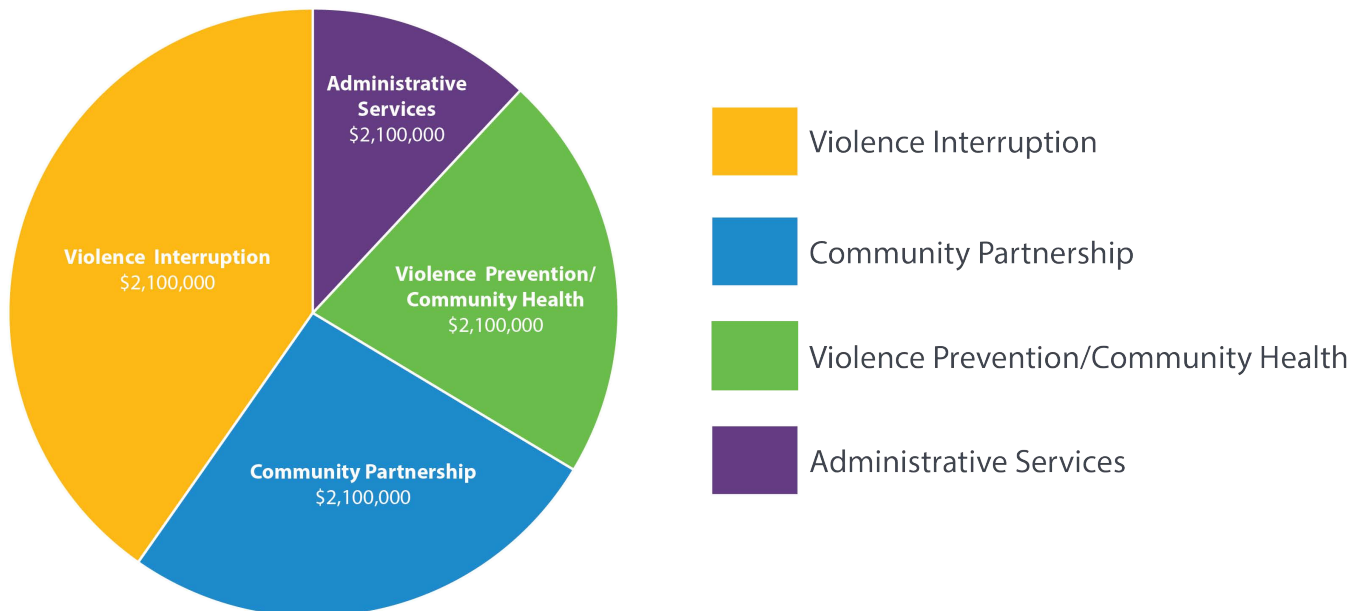
The City’s strategy is aimed at investing in strategic programs and partnerships that respond to the public health emergency in the following categories:

- Violence Interrupters and Support Services
- Mental Health Services
- Interventions to Stabilize Community
- ARPA Administration

Allocation from the State	\$11,052,580
2021-2022 City Council approved spending	\$4,660,000
Preliminary amount spent as of December 2022	\$2,637,995

Figure 1: 2021-2022 ARPA Allocation and Spending

### 2021-2022 Council Approved Spending\*



\*Numbers are rounded

Figure 2: 2021-2022 ARPA Approved Spending

# Impact of Strategic Initiatives

## Violence Interruption

The City funded several projects related to violence interruption in 2022. One of the first projects was a \$550,000 fence installation at Huntington Place, which resulted in increased security for residents. Another project featured an awareness campaign designed to inform residents, particularly youth, about the impact of hate-related bullying and crimes.

Funding was also used to purchase and install two mobile security cameras and a trailer. The city also funded an Alternate Response Pilot, which enabled the Brooklyn Park Police Department to embed mental health staff in their responses to residents in crisis. The city partnered with Minnesota Acts Now (MAN), a violence interruption group that worked to address crime in the city.

### Impact

- Fencing installation at Huntington benefited residents in 834 apartment units
- Police Cameras – two mobile cameras and trailers
- Mental Health Services with Police – 1,669 referrals to embedded Social Workers
- Violence Interrupters:
  - Quick Stop – ZaneBrook: 18,576 residents contacted, 252 interventions, 38 Police requests
  - Huntington - 2,071 residents contacted, 44 interventions, 24 Police Requests
  - 63rd and Zane - 14,621 residents contacted, 154 interventions and 19 Police requests



Police Intervention at Eden Park

## Key Services

Key services funded under the community partnership include support services navigation related to housing and access to social services:

- Medical Coverage
- Food Distribution
- Anti-violence Related Activities and Support to Youth
- Support for Young Mothers and Seniors
- Cultural Awareness around COVID and its Impact
- Workforce Development and Training
- Business Capacity Building

## Community Partnership

As part of the City's strategic initiatives, the City launched the ARPA/Community Partnership Program (CPP) community funding opportunity in 2021. These funds supported community response programs responding to the COVID pandemic, as well as economic inclusion and workforce development activities. The City awarded funds between \$10,000 - \$82,500 to 36 community nonprofit organizations and businesses proposing a variety of programs to serve Brooklyn Park residents. The Economic Development Authority (EDA) additionally funded five organizations, for a total of 41. Community programs launched in Summer 2022. Most work is expected to be completed by Summer 2023. In 2022, community partnership work served approximately 5,797 residents.

Council approved allocation in 2021-2022	\$1,200,000
Preliminary estimated payments in 2022 for program work	\$230,000

Figure 3: Preliminary payments for program work within Community Partnership



North Metro Certified Nursing Assistant Graduation



MN Kenyan Int'l Development Association (MKIDA) Mental Health Session



Salvation Army Food Distribution

# Violence Prevention and Community Health

In 2022, the City collaborated with numerous community partners to initiate extensive outreach projects to prevent violence and improve community health. Health on the Go, a City-run initiative, connected residents to health and other resources. Outreach work also included coordinated youth engagement activities, workforce development opportunities, and more intentional outreach to Brooklyn Park's many cultural communities. Additionally, the City of Brooklyn Park collaborated with the City of Brooklyn Center through the Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth Initiative to implement the highly successful youth-led Anti-Hate Campaign.

The Brooklyn Park Police Department also increased the number of cadets to enforce park ordinances, reduce violence, and prevent the increased nuisance behaviors and criminal activities taking place in our parks. The City completed two media productions working with cultural media and Brooklyn Park youth, featuring discussions around youth and health to be released in 2023.

### Impact

- Park Engagement Ambassadors – 220 spot checks, 34 activities related to enforcing park ordinances and reducing violence.
- Health on the Go – 1,842
- COVID Vaccines – 1,252
- Workforce Development - 117
- Brooklyn Bridge Alliance Programs – 100 youth engaged for training in the Youth onBoard Program emerging leaders initiative.



Brooklyn Bridge Alliance Anti-Hate art



AMWAG Wellness Session



Health on the Go Event

# Resident Impact

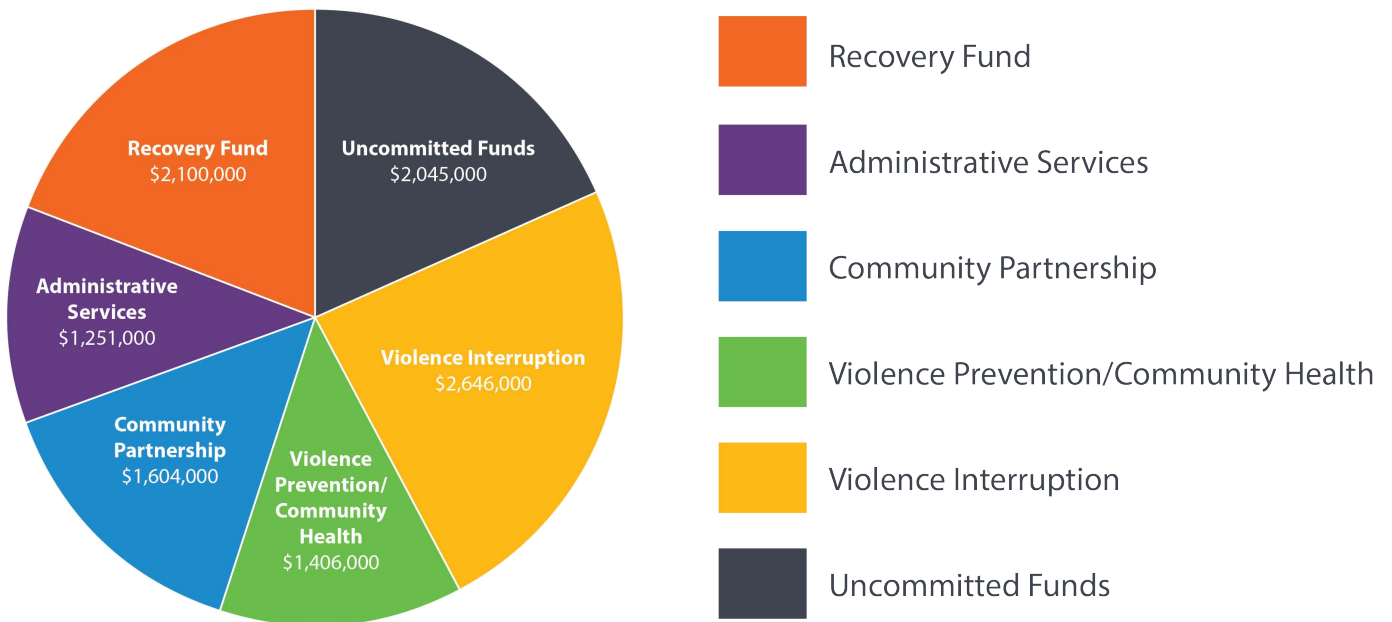
In 2022, the City’s strategy to invest ARPA funds to stabilize the budget and invest in community programs and partnerships provided residents with support through food distribution, mental health services, violence related prevention and outreach work, and community health activities around COVID safety and access to health resources. Our community partners also implemented programs related to youth outreach and youth engagement, workforce development and economic inclusion, support to seniors and young mothers and families. This extensive work in the community impacted approximately 47,079 residents in various strategic areas.



## 2023 ARPA Strategic Focus

The City is pleased to continue strategically investing in and implementing programs and projects that have proven successful, as well as partnering with community organizations serving the residents of Brooklyn Park. In December 2022, the City Council approved \$5,771,558 to continue work related to strategic initiatives. This includes a rollover of \$1,424,387 and 2023 funding of \$4,347,171. Overall, the City Council has allocated a total of \$9M in 2021-2023 spending to fund the city’s adopted strategy.

**2021-2023 Council Approved Spending\***



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Figure 4: 2021-2023 Council Approved Spending  
Appendix: Community Partnership List