

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Scott Awards Third Round of Nonprofits \$13.8 million to Support Neighborhood Development, Youth Services, and Food Insecurity

Mayor Brandon M. Scott announced the third round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awards to nonprofits from the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs (MORP). The awards – totaling over \$13.8 million – span the Scott Administration's priority pillars outlined in the Mayor's Action Plan, including building public safety, equitable neighborhood development, prioritizing our youth, and clean and healthy communities.

The Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs has previously awarded two rounds of funding to nonprofits with grants totaling \$13.5 million. The grant funding in this latest round increases the total amount awarded to nonprofit organizations through MORP to around \$27.3 million.

SELECTED NONPROFIT RECIPIENTS:

- **Aequo Foundation will receive \$2,000,000** to support the redevelopment of vacant properties into affordable housing, leading to increased public safety, and remediate homes through the removal of lead and other health hazards.
- **Parity Baltimore Incorporated will receive \$700,000** to help prevent homelessness as well as wealth and land loss within Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities. The SOS Fund, a joint collaboration between Fight Blight Bmore and Parity, offers beneficiaries assistance such as tax sale foreclosure prevention, ground rent redemption, homeowners tax credit application, mutual aid support, and many other resources.
- **Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland will receive \$700,000** to provide counseling services, including housing counseling, and host mortgage prevention clinics designed to empower individuals and families to maintain and preserve homeownership.
- **ReBUILD Metro will receive \$2,000,000** to support affordable housing development in Johnston Square, including funding to develop abandoned and dilapidated properties within two blocks of 1100 Greenmount Avenue.
- **Rebuilding Together Baltimore, Inc. will receive \$575,000** to serve households who are physically and financially unable to make necessary health and safety repairs to their homes, helping to keep them in their homes, prevent blight, and stabilize neighborhoods that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
- **South Baltimore Community Land Trust (SBCLT) will receive \$450,000** to acquire and rehabilitate vacant homes into affordable housing for homebuyers in the Curtis Bay, Cherry Hill, and Brooklyn neighborhoods of South Baltimore.
- **Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Inc. will receive \$2,500,000** to fund home repairs for low-income Baltimore households to remediate lead hazards, asthma triggers, safety hazards, and energy loss.

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- **Black Yield Institute will receive \$1,000,000** to support the development of an urban farm to include training and educational resources, and provide infrastructure, such as outdoor refrigeration and washing stations, to support food aggregation for city farms.
- **Leadenhall Baptist Church will receive \$200,000** to provide food and other non-perishables to the Sharp-Leadenhall Community with the goal of positively impacting and improving the health of the residents by addressing, mitigating, and alleviating food insecurity.
- **The B&O Railroad Museum, Inc. will receive \$185,000** to add green space to the B&O Railroad Museum's backyard, creating a valuable space for community members, guests, and Baltimore City school groups and enabling outdoor gatherings and space for social distancing to support COVID-19 mitigation.
- **No Boundaries Coalition Inc. will receive \$750,000** to provide youth income and workforce development opportunities that will improve civic engagement, increase employability, and strengthen personal and professional goals all while supplementing household income by providing an hourly wage/stipend to participants.
- **International Rescue Committee will receive \$325,000** to support workforce development programs focused on COVID-impacted low-income and Limited English Proficient (LEP) humanitarian immigrants who reside in Baltimore City. Services will connect clients to local jobs through assistance with resume building, interview preparation, public transit orientation, and, for parents, access to childcare services and vouchers.
- **Banner Neighborhoods will receive \$950,000** to support the renovation of their Preston Street classroom space. ARPA funding will also support academic tutoring, mentoring, program facilitators, sports coaches, and other support staff dedicated to providing services to youth, including students experiencing psychological or behavioral difficulties.
- **Volo Kids Foundation** will receive \$1,000,000 to support the operation of the BActive program, providing Baltimore kids with access to quality, structured sports programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sports clinics facilitated by BActive will teach lessons in communication, body positivity, and confidence-building through sports, with a focus on trauma-informed care. BActive will connect kids, particularly those in recreation deserts, with ongoing Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) programming.
- **Southwest Partnership will receive \$500,000** to help renovate the Poppleton Recreation Center, enabling it to reopen as a safe space for recreation in the Poppleton neighborhood. Once renovated, the Center will provide programming for children and youth and offer space for senior programming.

Key Takeaways:

15

new nonprofits

\$13.8M

in multi-year grants ranging from \$185,000 - \$2.5 million per award

\$27.3M

total committed in ARPA funds from three rounds of non-profit awards

SUMMARY:

Mayor Scott allocates \$13.8 million in ARPA funding to 15 nonprofits to focus on community development, including affordable housing, youth services, and food insecurity.