



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Stakeholder Focus Groups

Summer 2021



# American Rescue Plan Act

- 1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill (Mar 2021)
  - Support public health response
  - Address negative economic impacts resulting from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency
  - Replace public sector revenue loss
  - Premium pay for essential workers
  - Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
- Builds upon measures in CARES Act (Mar 2020) and Consolidated Appropriations Act (Dec 2020)



# American Rescue Plan Act

- Arapahoe County will receive \$127+ million
  - \$63 million in November 2020
  - \$63 million in November 2022
- Each city gets an allocation
- Treasury rules guide how money can be spent and reporting requirements
- Must be obligated by December 31, 2024; potential to spend into 2026



## Board of County Commissioners

### **Funding objective**

Strategic and impactful investments that will:

- Create long-term successes
- Highlight County innovation
- Stabilize County budget



# Initial Funding Buckets

- Vulnerable Populations
- Business Support
- Public Health
- COVID Response
- County Operations
- Emergency Preparedness
- Homelessness
- Capital Investments
- Mental Health
- Education



## You Tell Us

- What needs are you seeing in your community?
- What gaps exist?
- What ideas do you have?



## Next Steps

- Broad stakeholder outreach
- Additional criteria & allocations will be discussed in August/September
- Send specific considerations, proposals, supporting documentation to: Michelle Halstead, [mhalstead@arapahoe.gov](mailto:mhalstead@arapahoe.gov)