

# **American Rescue Plan Act**

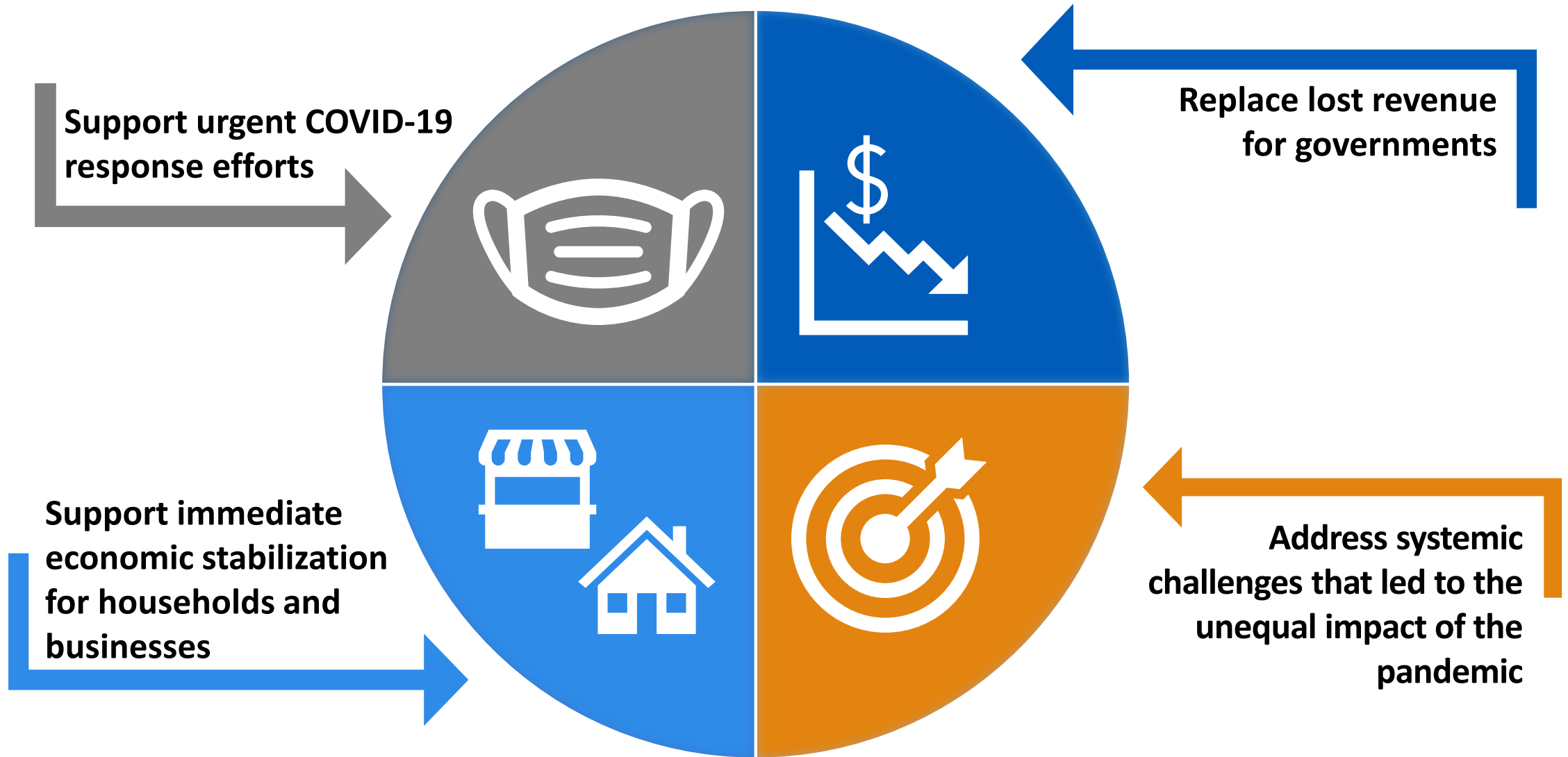
## **Goals & Guiding Principles**

**County Board Recessed Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview

- March 2021: President signed the \$1.9 trillion ARPA legislation providing states and localities with fiscal recovery funds
- Arlington is allocated \$46 million
  - Additional funding for rental assistance (\$7.0 million) and transit relief (\$9.9 million) has also been received
- ARPA funding to be paid in two equal allotments (May 2021 & May 2022)
- Recovery funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026
- Arlington Public Schools was separately allocated \$18.9 million

# Permitted Uses of Funds



# May 2021 ARPA Funding: \$23 million



County Board  
allocated at  
FY 2022  
budget  
adoption

\$3.8 million:  
Restoration of FY  
2022 proposed  
budget cuts

Cuts restored includes:

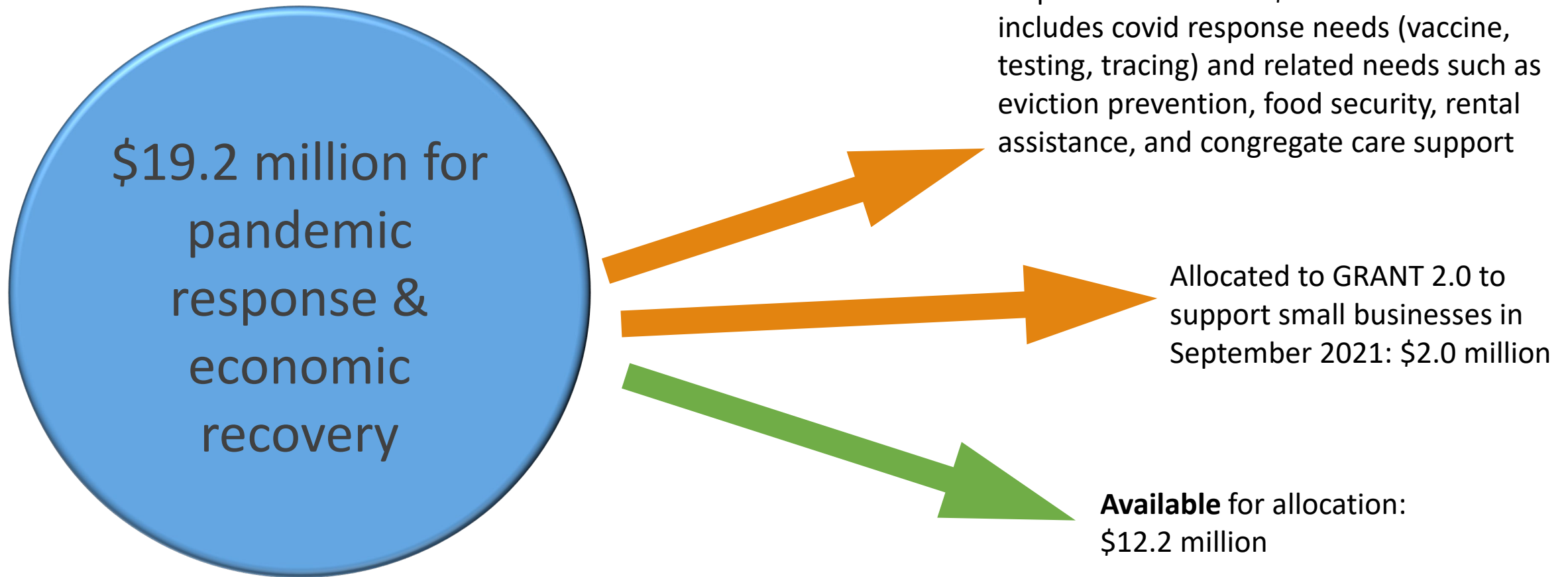
- Reopening Cherrydale & Glencarlyn Libraries
- Reopening DPR Community Centers
- Tourism funding
- Park maintenance funding

\$19.2 million:  
pandemic  
response and  
economic  
recovery

Budget guidance:

- Public health needs such as vaccine distribution, testing, and contact tracing
- Response to community eviction prevention and hunger needs
- Potential programs for assisting small businesses and non-profits with recovery
- Employee Compensation 3

# FY 2022 Adopted Budget: Funding for Pandemic Response & Economic Recovery



# Guiding Principles for the Use of ARPA Funds



COVID-19  
Response



Housing  
Assistance



Fiscal  
Resilience



Workforce  
Sustainability



Community  
Recovery



Equity & Disadvantaged  
Neighborhoods



Transit &  
Transportation

# ARPA Funding: \$46 million

	First Half (to be used in FY 2022)	Second Half (received in May FY 2022, used in FY 2023)	Second Half (received in May FY 2022, used in FY 2024)
Pandemic Response	<b>\$5.0 million</b>	Unknown	Unknown
Restoration of FY 2022 cuts	<b>\$3.8 million</b>	\$4.0 million needed	\$4.2 million needed
GRANTS 2.0	<b>\$2.0 million</b>		
Available from First Half for FY 2022	<b>\$12.2 million</b>		

- Meeting the needs of continued virus response
- FY 2022 budget cut restorations
- Continuation of budget cut restorations with the first tranche of ARPA funds into FY 2023 & FY 2024
- *Available funding to meet other increasing budget pressures – WMATA, pressure on office market & impact on real estate tax, workforce sustainability*

# Developing Proposals for First Half Uses



**COVID-19 Response:**  
*Vaccines, testing,  
social services,  
business support*



**Housing Assistance:**  
*Eviction prevention*



**Fiscal Resilience:**  
*Administration of  
ARPA grant funds*



**Workforce Sustainability:**  
*Retention bonuses in  
critical staffing areas*



**Community Recovery:**  
*Workforce development  
programs*



**Equity & Disadvantaged  
Neighborhoods:** *Crisis  
Intervention Center and  
consideration of child care  
options*



**Transit & Transportation:** *Waive  
ART fare revenue for students and  
those dependent on transit*



# Next Steps

- In October:
  - Present proposed ARPA & Close-out allocations to the Board
  - Adoption of Board budget guidance for FY 2023
- Community Feedback
- In November:
  - Adoption of allocations of ARPA funds
  - Adoption of allocation of close-out funds
- Allocate the second tranche during CY 2022 including potential allocations to FY 2024 and beyond

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