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## American Rescue Plan Act funding must be allocated in a thoughtful, intentional manner

**Joint statement from Common Council President Cavalier Johnson and Finance and Personnel Committee Chair Alderman Michael J. Murphy**

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law by President Biden last week represents the type of commitment and forward thinking needed to help uplift families across our country, state and city.

With the ARPA allocating money to local municipalities, including more than \$400 million to Milwaukee, there is still much work to be done to determine how to best utilize these stimulus dollars. We are actively working with the administration to determine the best course of action to make sure the community and the Common Council have an active role in prioritizing these dollars.

It is clear that the ARPA represents an immense opportunity to help Milwaukee navigate through the ongoing pandemic, and as such these federal funds must be put to the best use possible. Including a diverse array of thoughts and opinions in the process is crucial, and we will continue to work toward a solution that represents the best course of action for all parties involved.