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## **Council Invests Remaining ARPA Funds in Milwaukee's Citizens**

Today, Common Council President José G. Pérez and Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic announced their plan to invest \$1.75 million in remaining American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds right here in the City of Milwaukee, and released the following statement:

“We are thankful for the nearly \$400 million President Biden and Vice President Harris invested in our City to help us recover and rebuild from the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we reflect on these historic investments, there is a great deal to be proud of.

We have helped abate lead in Milwaukee homes. We helped build quality housing. We cleaned up vacant lots and supported our Health Department. We made significant investments in street lighting and other infrastructure and worked to help stabilize early childhood education and child care. In addition, we committed funds to address the economic implications of COVID-19 by strengthening our City’s fiscal position while at the same time shoring up vital services.”

The statement continued: “Our plan for the remaining ARPA funds continues this work. We will be creating more affordable, stable housing. We are investing in down payment assistance, eviction reduction, as well as the needs of our LGBTQ+ community. This proposal also prioritizes our youth by allocating resources to reduce infant and maternal mortality and increase job opportunities for young people.”

This plan will be heard at the Finance and Personnel Committee on Wednesday, October 9.