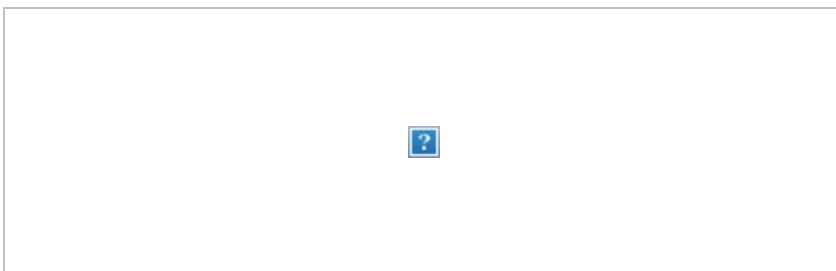


From: [Kristen Ohm](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 11:18:49 AM

- Hello, My name is Kristen from the Regina neighborhood. I am calling to demand city council REJECT Mayor Frey's proposal to give COVID relief money to MPD.
- **I stand with Reclaim the Block and Color Of Change: No new money for MPD from the American Rescue Plan funding!**
- \$5.6 million dollars for cops is more than the amount allocated to public health services, and more than double the amount allocated for supportive youth services.
- **MPD doesn't need COVID relief money** — our community does. We know the challenges our communities, especially youth, have faced during this pandemic. And we know the threat MPD poses to Black people.
- Instead of spending COVID relief dollars on increased surveillance and policing of youth, **Minneapolis should put that money into underfunded services that help build community and improve mental health for youth** — real needs research shows can be met.
- Invest in community, not cops!

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[Sincerely,](#)



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From: [Maari Cedar James](#)
To: [Frey, Jacob; Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chowgirls Catering Comments on ARPA Funding
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 1:45:47 PM

Dear Council People and Mayor Frey,

The hospitality industry — restaurants, caterers, event venues, event planners — was hit hard during the pandemic. Our business came to a screeching halt, causing a ripple effect

At Chowgirls, we pivoted our business to prepare community meals for Minnesota Central Kitchen, a hunger-relief program we spearheaded with Second Harvest Heartland. This meaningful work has been a break-even proposition that kept our business afloat during the pandemic.

We generated half the revenue of the previous pre-pandemic and had about half the staff. And after filing our taxes, have realized a significant loss in 2020 because of the loss of catering revenue and the expenses to keep catering staff employed to offer customer service for clients who have future events planned with us and to pay rent on a venue space we couldn't utilize for more than a year.

Other hospitality businesses opened their doors, put employees health at risk, and survived the yo-yo effect of adapting with sudden closures and reopening. All have restructured and reinvented businesses to survive. Many did not survive.

Those of us who did survive suffered economic impact that will have long-lasting effects on our business. And now as demand for service is increasing due to sudden lifting of regulations, we're challenged with a staffing shortage.

As we transition back to catering, Chowgirls is struggling with ways to balance our new business model of community food production — a very important and much needed service that we now offer — with our original model. We have to reinvent our systems and train our staff to pivot once again. Funding for the hospitality industry would help us tremendously in these transitions.

Hospitality businesses need assistance to rebuild and once again restructure operations. Hospitality businesses need assistance to pay higher wages and offer benefits to the people who have been working hardest throughout the pandemic. Hospitality businesses need assistance to relieve debt.

We urge you to utilize the stimulus resources provided to the City of Minneapolis by the American Rescue Plan Act to keep this industry vital to the City of Minneapolis.

Thank you,
Maari Cedar James



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From: [Emma Jackson-Smith](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't invest COVID relief funds in the MPD (Ward 10 constituent)
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 6:30:21 PM

Hi,

My name is Ezra Jackson-Smith, and I live on the intersection of 1st Ave & 24th St in Whittier (55404). I'm writing because I stand with Reclaim the Block and would like to urge you, with every fiber of my being, not to put more money into our police; reaffirm your cancelled commitment to reframe and reimagine justice in our city by defunding instead of possible. At the bare minimum, don't give them more money.

The 5.6 million proposed for the MPD through American Rescue Plan funding is significantly more than we have allocated to public health; the funds designated to uplift communities should be invested in such ways directly. Invest MORE than that in public health, in education, in youth support, in mental health — not in more policing. These other areas are much more directly impacted by COVID anyway, and money to help pull us out needs to be placed in areas that do just that.

Rewrite the plan. Don't invest more millions in a system that continually puts down Black and other minority communities in our city. There is countless evidence proving community support prevents crime better than police presence does, and police doesn't also improve graduation rates and community health.

Put the money from this plan on places that need it instead - youth services, health care, every place it's going already except the police. Do your constituents a service, as is governments job.

I'll be watching,

Ezra Jackson-Smith

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June 16, 2021

Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, Chair
Minneapolis City Council, Committee of the Whole
Via electronic delivery

RE: Public Comment on Federal ARP Funding

Chair Ellison and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, I wish to express our support for Mayor Frey's spending proposal for the first round of federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) spending and investments in housing and homelessness.

Catholic Charities is a housing, emergency shelter and direct services provider supporting over 23,000 men, women, children and families annually across 18 sites, including several throughout Minneapolis.

More specifically, you may be familiar with our Mary F. Frey Minneapolis Opportunity Center near 17th & Chicago, which provides daytime resources to help individuals experiencing homelessness move toward greater stability, or our Hope Street Shelter and Transitional Living Program, which provide shelter, housing and supportive services to youth and young adults experiencing housing instability.

Federal ARP funding presents a unique opportunity to disrupt current trends in housing and homelessness. We appreciate that this proposal recognizes and seizes that opportunity, and we are particularly grateful for the proposed investments to the homelessness response, supportive housing, and housing stability for low-income renters and homeowners. These programs are critical to responding to the state's housing and homelessness crisis, which existed pre-COVID and was made worse by its economic impact.

As discussions continue and details are finalized, we ask that permanent programs like those provided at the Opportunity Center and Hope Street be considered and included. These programs faced crisis-level demand before COVID and have overcome seemingly impossible challenges throughout the past year to continue serving those in need safely and without interruption. As temporary options intended to bolster the city's response come to an end, your permanent partners will face additional pressures to maintain service levels and supports.

Catholic Charities serves those most in need. We are a leader at solving poverty, creating opportunity, and advocating for justice in the community.

For over a century, Catholic Charities has been a constant presence in the Minneapolis community for those most in need. We remain committed to serving the community as we reimagine a post-COVID world, but we and our fellow social service providers cannot do this work alone. We appreciate the city's partnership and look forward to working with all of you to continue building a better, more equitable Minneapolis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorna Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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From: [Bourgerie, Zoe J](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for ARP Funds for Amendment on Commercial Sexual Exploitation
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 11:32:23 AM

From: Allison Sharkey <asharkey@lakestreetcouncil.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Council Members <CityCouncilMembers@minneapolismn.gov>; Council Staff <CouncilStaff@minneapolismn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for ARP Funds for Amendment on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Good Morning Council Members,

We strongly support the proposal to invest \$650,000 towards ending human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Minneapolis. This is a huge issue in our community and we need to invest in tackling the issue in a comprehensive way. Below is the the text of the amendment.

Allison

Amending the 2021 Adopted Budget Schedule Eight Expenses by department in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (Fund 01330) to decrease the amount of unobligated funds by \$650,000 and increase the allocation to the City Coordinator's Office by \$650,000 to support the implementation of the City's Blueprint to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Minneapolis. The funds will be used to contract with community based organizations who have demonstrated expertise in reducing human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Priority will be given to groups who serve the American Indian, African American, Immigrant, and Transgender community. Resources will mitigate the racial inequities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic by contracting with service providers to: 1) provide intensive care and support to people who are impacted by commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking; 2) coordinate with various levels of government, law enforcement, and the nonprofit community to enhance service delivery and results; 3) integrate survivor leadership; and 4) deliver program evaluation and measurable impact.

Allison Sharkey

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From: [Bourgerie, Zoe J](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Ward 8 Online Contact
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:38:21 PM

For ARPA process -

From: Grant Johnson via Smartsheet <automation@app.smartsheet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Bourgerie, Zoe J <zoe.bourgerie@minneapolismn.gov>
Subject: Ward 8 Online Contact



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First Name	Ann
Last Name	Lynch
Question/Comment	Dear Council Member Jenkins, As you consider key areas of need in the city tomorrow to determine how federal aid can most effectively be spent to help our residents, please remember the growing senior population in the city. In the past, children often were available to help aging parents in the city. In many families that has changed as children have moved away or are unable to help for other reasons. In my community we are very much missing the Southwest Senior Center which was closed by Volunteers of America a few years ago, despite the excellent staff that served a large clientele. The social workers and volunteers helped seniors and soon to be seniors, as well as adults trying to help their aging parents by navigating medicare and hospital bills and finding resources, finding living

accommodations for physically and mentally impaired seniors or checking on those living alone, filing taxes, understanding their finances and bills, computer applications and much more. The Southwest Senior Center was a gathering place for seniors and volunteers, and nothing replaced it. Many seniors are now isolated and in need of help with these issues as well as social interaction. The senior population is growing as my generation ages. Please remember us. Thank you, Ann Lynch
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Date: 06/23/21 10:47 AM

Name: Dana Stack

Ward 8

Comment:

I do not believe that any of the funding that Minneapolis receives from the American Rescue plan should go to MPD in any capacity. \$12 million that Mayor Frey has recommended is far too much for people who murder other people in the city.

At the risk of undermining the power of my previous statement, I also do not believe that any of the money should go towards changing Hennepin Avenue to bike lanes.

Date: 06/16/21 1:28 PM

Name: Stephani Maari Booker

Ward 5

Comment:

I am disturbed by one of the mayor's proposed plans for the American Rescue Plan Act funding in the goal of public safety for Portable and Fixed Camera Expansion. A proliferation of permanent camera systems with live-feed, real-time monitoring, especially in neighborhoods of predominantly low-income and BIPOC populations, has the potential to create a punitive surveillance state that threatens, rather than protects, those populations.

In the online edition of the Minnesota Women's Press, I published a well-researched opinion article about the fallacy of live, 24/7 mass video surveillance being a crime deterrent and preventative and how because few municipalities have enough personnel to monitor such systems round the clock they open the door to monitoring by artificial intelligence software that is rife with racial and gender bias. A copy of this article, including the sources I used, is uploaded with this statement --
<https://www.womenspress.com/why-video-surveillance-is-not-a-good-crime-fighting-tool/>

June 16, 2021

Testimony on Mayor Frey's Phase 1 Plan for us of American Rescue Funds

Submitted by Steve Cramer, Minneapolis Downtown Council and 11th Ward resident

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Investing these resources is an incredible opportunity to launch our City into a post COVID upswing after a rough 15 months.

As an involved and committed Minneapolitan, I appreciate the breath of the Mayor's Phase 1 Plan and wish you all success in making wise decisions about the use of the ARP dollars.

I want to specifically focus on an aspect of the public safety recommendation you are reviewing.

Addressing safety has always required a multi-faceted approach, and that is more true today than ever. The Mayor's recommendation reflects this "both/and" philosophy.

Law enforcement must be at the center of any successful multi-faceted strategy. Today, in our City, MPD is at a depleted staffing level. To perform its critical functions consistently and effectively citywide, MPD needs help.

It's positive that you will on Thursday, I hope, approve the MPD overtime funds set aside in the budget process last December. It's exciting that officers from the first of three funded recruit classes this year are hitting the streets.

Neither is anywhere nearly adequate to meet the safety challenges we now face.

Civilianization and an expanded CSO program along with Mutual Aid support, and the dollars the Mayor recommends for those purposes in the plan before you, are essential to keep our City safe in the critical summer months ahead.

Please support those aspects of the proposal.

Thank you.

