

Council Quarterly Oversight Hearing

November 16, 2021



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
**RECOVERY
PROGRAMS**
BALTIMORE CITY

Roles and Responsibilities

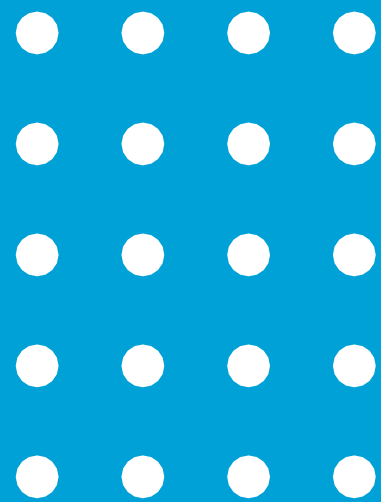
Recovery Office

- Coordinate the review and evaluation of project proposals, including ARPA eligibility
- Engage with internal and external stakeholders and the public about the eligible uses of ARPA funds and how to apply for funding
- Facilitate the application process for city agencies and nonprofits, including technical assistance provided by Application Advisors
- Develop implementation plans and performance measures in coordination with agencies
- Provide information to the Mayor and CAO to inform funding decisions
- Communicate information on funding decisions and results achieved through ARPA funded projects
- Monitor and track performance and expenditures through project lifecycle
- Submit required reports to Treasury

Agencies

- Design ARPA-funded programs/initiatives
- Engage partner agencies/organizations to provide assistance with implementation
- Implement ARPA-funded programs/initiatives
- Monitor subrecipient spending and performance
- Collect data on various performance measures
- Provide performance measures data to the Recovery Office to report to Treasury

Reporting Requirements



Purpose of Treasury Reporting



- To ensure ARPA funds are not used for ineligible purposes, and there is no fraud, waste, or abuse
- Swift and effective implementation of funding, while balancing and facilitating simple and rapid program access and maintaining a robust documentation and compliance regime
- Transparency and public accountability for the use of ARPA funds to uphold program integrity and trust in all levels of government

Treasury Reporting Requirements



Project-related data is required quarterly to understand progress, performance, and spending.

- Initial quarterly project and expenditure report was due on October 31, 2021, **now due on January 31, 2022**
- Quarterly reports are due 30 days after the end of each quarter thereafter
- Reports contain financial data on the types of projects funded, information on contracts, grants and subawards over \$50,000
- Project and Expenditure Report must include:
 - a. Project Inventory
 - b. Expenditures
 - c. Project Status
 - d. Project Demographic Distribution
 - e. Civil Rights Compliance
 - f. Subawards
 - g. Required Programmatic Data
 - Phased in data collection approach

Treasury Reporting Requirements



Data requirements fall into three categories

Program Measures (Required):

- Project-specific measures to track status and success.

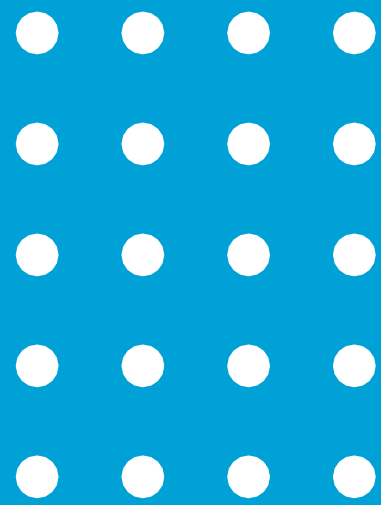
Financial Measures (Required):

- Funding spent by quarter, grouped into expenditure categories

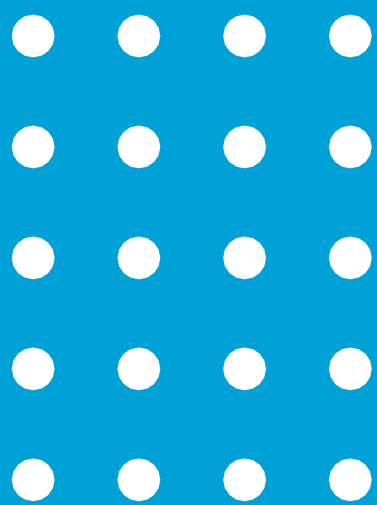
Treasury Measures (Projects that meet specific criteria):

- There are pre-defined data requirements for projects within these categories:
 - Payroll for Public Health & Safety Employees
 - Household Assistance
 - Small Business Economic Assistance
 - Aid to Travel, Tourism and other Impacted Industries
 - Rehiring Public Sector Staff
 - Education Assistance
 - Premium Pay
- Expenditure category information and data requirements are on the [US Treasury site](#)

Uses of Funds and Proposal Status Overview



“In determining whether a program or service responds to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Interim Final Rule provides that payments from the Fiscal Recovery Funds should be designed to address an economic harm resulting from or exacerbated by the public health emergency. Recipients should assess the connection between the negative economic harm and the COVID-19 public health emergency, the nature and extent of that harm, and how the use of this funding would address such harm.”



Eligible Funding Uses

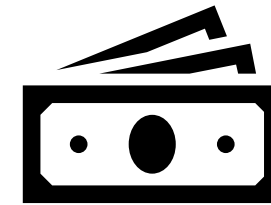
The U.S. Department of Treasury outlines 5 main categories for eligible funding uses in their [interim final rule](#):



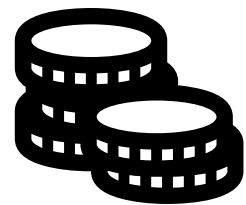
[Public Health](#)



[Economic Impact](#)



[Premium Pay](#)



[Revenue Loss](#)

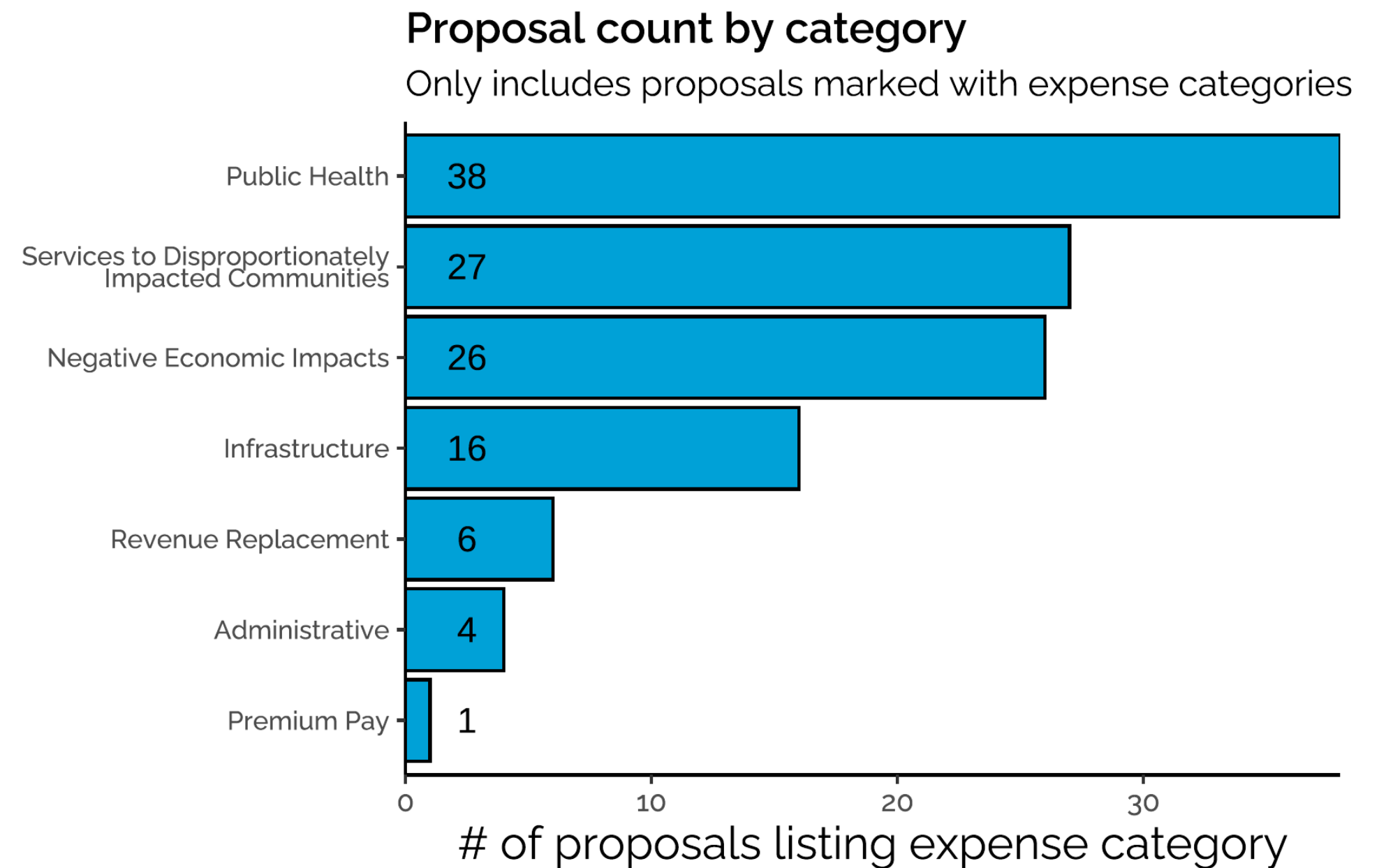


[Broadband, Water & Sewer
Infrastructure](#)

A project must align with a valid expenditure category under the law to be eligible. A list of valid expenditure categories can be found [here](#). All projects must also respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts.

Proposal Breakdown by Expenditure Category

- Treasury guidance outlines 7 expenditure categories to record and report spending:
 - Public Health
 - Negative Economic Impacts
 - Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
 - Premium Pay
 - Infrastructure (water, sewer, broadband)
 - Revenue Replacement
 - Administrative
- A majority of proposals received from city agencies and nonprofits are categorized as public health



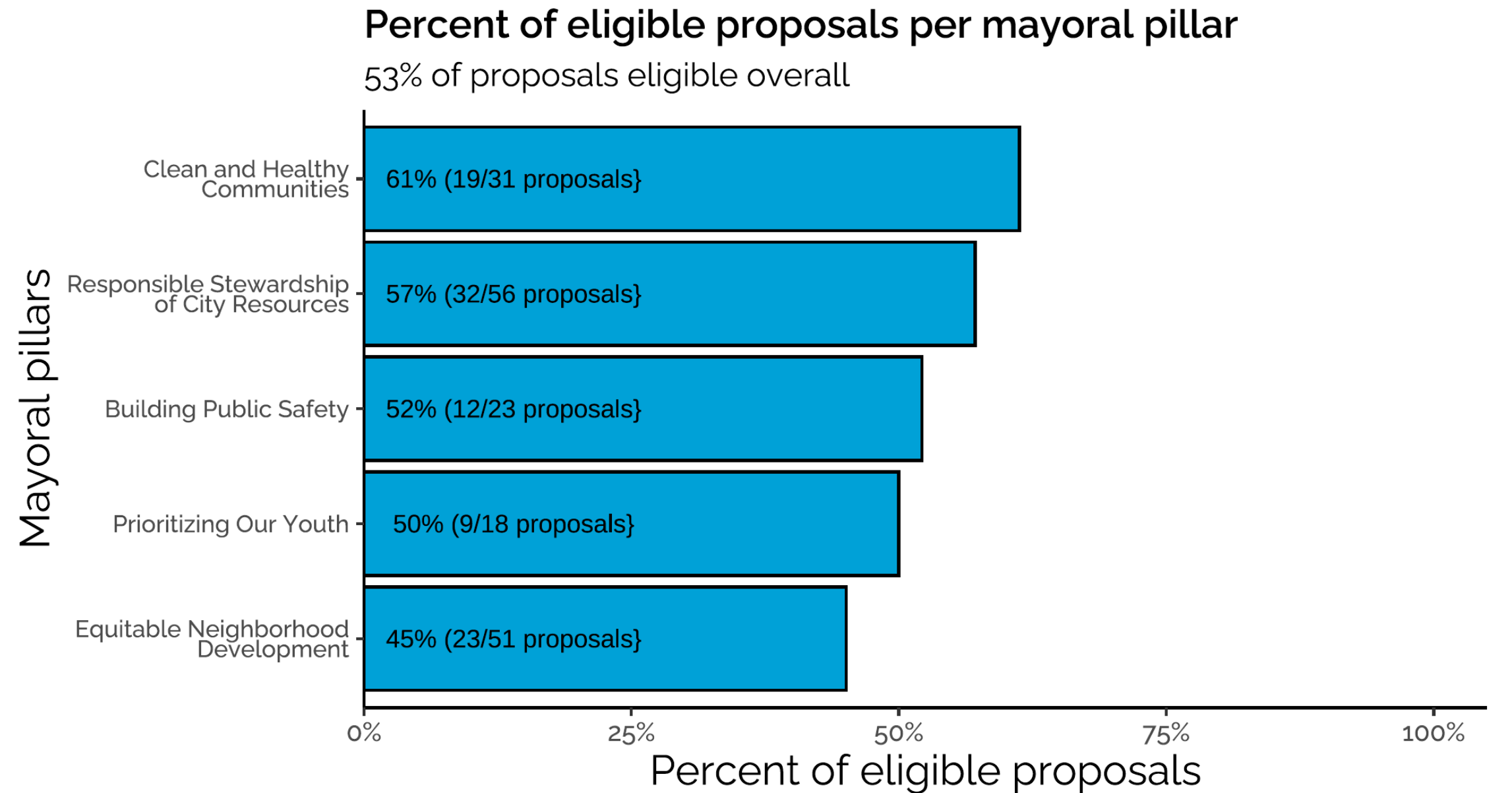
Data as of November 15, 2021

Note: Data does not include proposals with more than one expenditure category selected



Proposal Breakdown by Mayoral Pillar

- About 179/191 proposals have reviewed for eligibility
 - 28 proposals from nonprofits
 - 151 proposals from city agencies
- About 53% of proposals have been deemed eligible per the law
- Primary reasons for ineligibility determination:
 - No direct relationship to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its economic impacts
 - No valid expenditure category per Treasury guidance
- The majority of proposals received fall under the Responsible Stewardship of City Resources pillar



Data as of November 15, 2021



Q & A

