AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Green & Healthy Homes

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Regional Development Context

Unifying Goal in ORD: Regional Solutions to Regional Problems

ARPA and the Office of Regional Development:

- Proposed programs are based on needs, analysis, skill, and capacity evaluation
- Programs that can efficiently and effectively ramp up and ramp down
- Leverage ORD abilities, experience, and partnerships



Presentation Content:

- 1. Problem
- 2. Solution
- 3. Outcome and Impact
- 4. Set Up, Timeline, and Oversight
- 5. ARPA Reporting
- 6. Alignment
- 7. Questions



1. Problem



Problem

Some low-income households in Salt Lake County live in "naturally occurring affordable housing." This housing can be impacted by significant deferred maintenance which in turn causes health problems for families.

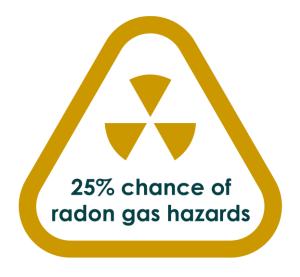
- Trip hazards for older citizens
- Respiratory issues due to the poor air quality inside homes (example: asthma)
- People with respiratory and pulmonary issues are at risk of COVID-19
- Live in older housing and lack the resources to fund improvements



Problem

In the Salt Lake Valley, there are 14,000 homes built before 1940 which are occupied by low-income households. Those homes have a 90% chance of lead-based paint hazards and a 25% chance of radon gas hazards.





U.S. Census



2. Solution



Solution

Requesting \$1.5 million as a match to the State ARPA funding of \$1.5 million

 Services are focused on people living in qualified census tracts and low-income households

Leverage County ARPA funding with:

- HUD HOME
- Healthy Homes Production Grant
- Department of Energy Weatherization Programs
- State ARPA funding



Solution

- Salt Lake County is a recognized Green & Healthy Homes (GHHI) site
- 10-plus years of program experience
- Demonstrated success in leveraging resources and partners





Solution



"A household we assisted had a six-year-old living in the home. When we first met with the family, we found out that over the last year their child with severe asthma had been to the hospital emergency 97 times."



"We completed a healthy home and energy efficiency retrofit. A year later we called back to see how the child was doing and found out she had not been back to emergency once since we had completed work on the home."



3. OUTCOME AND IMPACT



150 homes will be retrofitted by the end of December 2024:

- Improve the air quality and upgrade deficient physical housing conditions
- Reduce or eliminate asthma triggers, improve mobility access for seniors and safety
- Improve energy efficiencies
- Mitigate lead-based paint and radon gas hazards





- For every \$1 spent to reduce asthma triggers saves \$8 in medical costs
- Longevity of improvements lasts a minimum of 10 years
- Improved quality of life











Improved school attendance
Improved indoor air quality
Improved accessibility and mobility



Reduced medical costs
Reduced missed work
Reduced utility costs



Partnerships:

- Community Development Corporation of Utah
- Salt Lake County Department of Health
- Utah Department of Health Asthma Program
- Utah Department of Environmental Quality
- Intermountain Health Care
- University of Utah Health Plan
- Utah State Radon Coalition



4. Set Up, Staffing, and Oversight



Set Up, Staffing, and Oversight

- Planning the ramp up is underway due to HUD Healthy Homes Funding
- Management and oversight already exists
- Expansion of program will run for three-years; program can ramp up and ramp down over that time



5. ARPA Reporting



ARPA Reporting

- This program will report to the State and County for ARPA.
- ORD will work with SLCo DA's Office for ARPA compliance.
- Regional Development also has vast experience operating, monitoring, and evaluating federally funded programs.
- This program falls under three activities in the ARPA Expenditure Category 3.



ARPA Reporting

This program falls under ARPA Expenditure Category3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities.

- 3.9 Healthy Childhood Environments
- 3.13 Social Determinants of Health
- 3.15 Social Determinants of Health Lead Remediation

<u>Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3)</u>: services to address health disparities and the social determinants of health, build stronger neighborhoods and communities (e.g., affordable housing), address educational disparities (e.g., evidence-based tutoring, community schools, and academic, social-emotional, and mental health supports for high poverty schools), and promote healthy childhood environments (e.g., home visiting, child care).



6. ALIGNMENT



Alignment

ORD's Scope of Work:

Regional Solutions to Regional Problems

ARPA Compliance:

- ORD commits to working closely with the SLCO DA Office for ARPA compliance
- ORD also has vast experience operating, monitoring, and evaluating federally funded programs



Alignment

Mayor Wilson's Strategic Pillars

Safe and Healthy People

Council ARPA Priorities:

- Measurable criteria
- Improve quality of life outcomes
- Joint initiatives



QUESTIONS?

