

## **ARPA-Funded Programs Update**

- Workforce Inclusion & Successful Employment (WISE) Program
- SLCo Center of Opportunity Partnership (CO-OP) Program
- SLCo Housing Trust Fund (ARPA-Funded Capitalization)

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# Workforce Inclusion & Successful Employment (WISE)

WISE invests in five intervention strategies: outreach, advising, career coaching, mental health supports, and resource navigation, to increase access to higher-quality jobs for lower-income populations in Salt Lake County.

Total Funding: \$10 million through 2026

















#### Fall 2022

Baseline data collection & capacity building



#### **July 2024**

RFA for additional \$1 million released



#### **July 2023**

RFA for additional \$2 million released



#### January 2023

WISE Programs Launch



#### December 2026

WISE programs end & ROI evaluation begins



## **OVERALL TARGETS**

4,000+

WISE participants enrolled through 2026

**2023 TARGETS** 

685+

WISE participants enrolled

32+

WISE community outreach events

60%

job placement rate for WISE participants

12+

WISE Partner Communities of Practice



# The Salt Lake Center Of Opportunity Partnership (CO-OP)



- Work through community-based organizations to address the market gap between lower-income, women-, and minority-owned businesses and vital services or opportunities needed for a business to thrive.
- Connect opportunity businesses to services while using outcomes-based funding to support long-term sustainability.

\$4 million Approved Funding



## **BUSINESSES SERVED**

14 Community Partners

1561 Businesses Served

 $44^{0}/_{0}$  Woman-owned

70% Minority-owned

58% have a primary language other than English



### **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue to adjust based on lessons learned
- Develop new sustainable business service programs
  - University Legal Clinic Partnership
- Increase Community Outreach Partnerships
- Implement long-term plan to continue past 2026



## **SLCo Housing Trust Fund**

The SLCo Housing Trust Fund (HTF) supports the health, safety, and welfare of SLCo residents by providing financial assistance to preserve and increase affordable and special needs housing within the county.

SLCo appropriated \$20 million to invest in projects that bring 1,200 combined units of affordable housing (≤80% AMI) into the development pipeline by the end of 2026.



### **INITIAL PROGRAM INTEREST**

- A <u>Request for Applications (RFA)</u> for the ARPA funds was issued on February 6, 2023
- Pre-Application Webinar was held February 16, 2023. Thirty-three individuals attended the webinar



## **NEXT STEPS**

- Letters of Intent are due Thursday, February 23, 2023
- Application Submission Deadline is March 15, 2023
- HTF Advisory Board will review applications on the following dates:
  - Thursday, March 30, 2023
  - Thursday, April 6, 2023
  - Thursday, April 13, 2023
  - Wednesday, April 19, 2023 (if needed)
- County Council Meeting to Review/Accept HTF Advisory Board Funding Recommendations on Tuesday, April 25, 2023

