The seal of the City of Richmond is a circular emblem. It features a central figure of a person standing on a globe, with a banner draped across the globe. The figure is set against a blue background with white stars. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "CITY OF RICHMOND" at the top and "ESTABLISHED 1791" at the bottom. The seal is rendered in a light gray, semi-transparent style.

# **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE**

**PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL**

**ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

# THE NATION'S RECOVERY EFFORT: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Signed into law  
March 11, 2021

Total: \$1.9 trillion

- \$350 billion for states, cities, tribal governments, and U.S. territories
- **\$155 million for City of Richmond**

First tranche received 2021  
Second tranche received 2022

\$77.5 million

Ordinance and spend plan adopted for first tranche  
October 25, 2021

\$77.5 million

Ordinance adopted for second tranche  
November 14, 2022

Minimal time to design, award, contract, implement, and expend.



# STRATEGIZE...PLAN...ACT...LEADS TO CHANGE

Unique opportunity to transform our community. Spend wisely and ensure accountability. Finish line is 2026.

Careful planning and oversight is needed to meet federal requirement



Spend by December 31, 2026



# CHANGING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH...

## Healthy Housing

**\$32.0 million** Affordable Housing Trust Fund: \$20.0 mil

Creighton Court Redevelopment Phase I: \$6.8 mil

Highland Grove Redevelopment Phase I: \$5.5 mil

## BuildStrong

**\$8.9 million** Small business support & outreach: \$1.0 mil  
Façade and city beautification: \$2.0 mil

OCWB Workforce Development and Community Ambassadors: \$1.5 mil

CDFI Revolving Loan: \$3.0 mil

Covid-19 Administrative Response: \$1.4 mil

## Healthier

**\$5.0 million** Health Trust Equity Fund: \$5.0 mil

## green resilience

**\$19.2 million** Climate Risk Assessment and Implementation: \$1.5 mil

Lead Line Replacement: \$1.0 mil

Stormwater: \$12.5 mil

Healthy Home: 4.2 mil

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**\$81.0 million** Childcare and parental support: \$2.0 mil  
Family Crisis Funding: \$1.0 mil  
Parks Master Plan: \$500,00

TB Smith: \$ 20.0 mil

Lucks Field: \$20.0 mil

Calhoun: \$8.0 mil

Southside Community Center: \$16.0 mil

James River Branch Trail Purchase and Dev.: \$9.0 mil

Crooked Branch Ravine Bridge: \$1.0 mil

Texas Beach/North Bank Tower Repair: \$2.0 mil

Property Acquisition - Southside Parks: \$1.5 mil

## Safer

**\$8.5 million** Gun violence prevention: \$1.5 mil

First responders hazard pay: \$5.0 mil

Enhanced lighting and cameras: \$2.0 mil



# \$35.5 MILLION TO BE SPENT BY A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Health  
Equity  
Trust Fund

CDFI  
Revolving  
Loan Fund

Gun  
Violence  
Prevention

Family  
Crisis Fund

Healthy  
Homes

Affordable  
Housing



# BUILDING BACK AFFORDABLE HOUSING: \$32.5 MILLION

## Affordable Housing



- 2022, \$10 million Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued.
- 5 awards made for \$1.3 million to serve 6,544 people.
- 11 awards made for \$8.7 million to create 1039 units.
- 2023, \$8.0 million NOFA issued for rental units.
- Submissions due February 14, 2023.
- \$2.0 million set aside for homeownership.



## Creighton Court

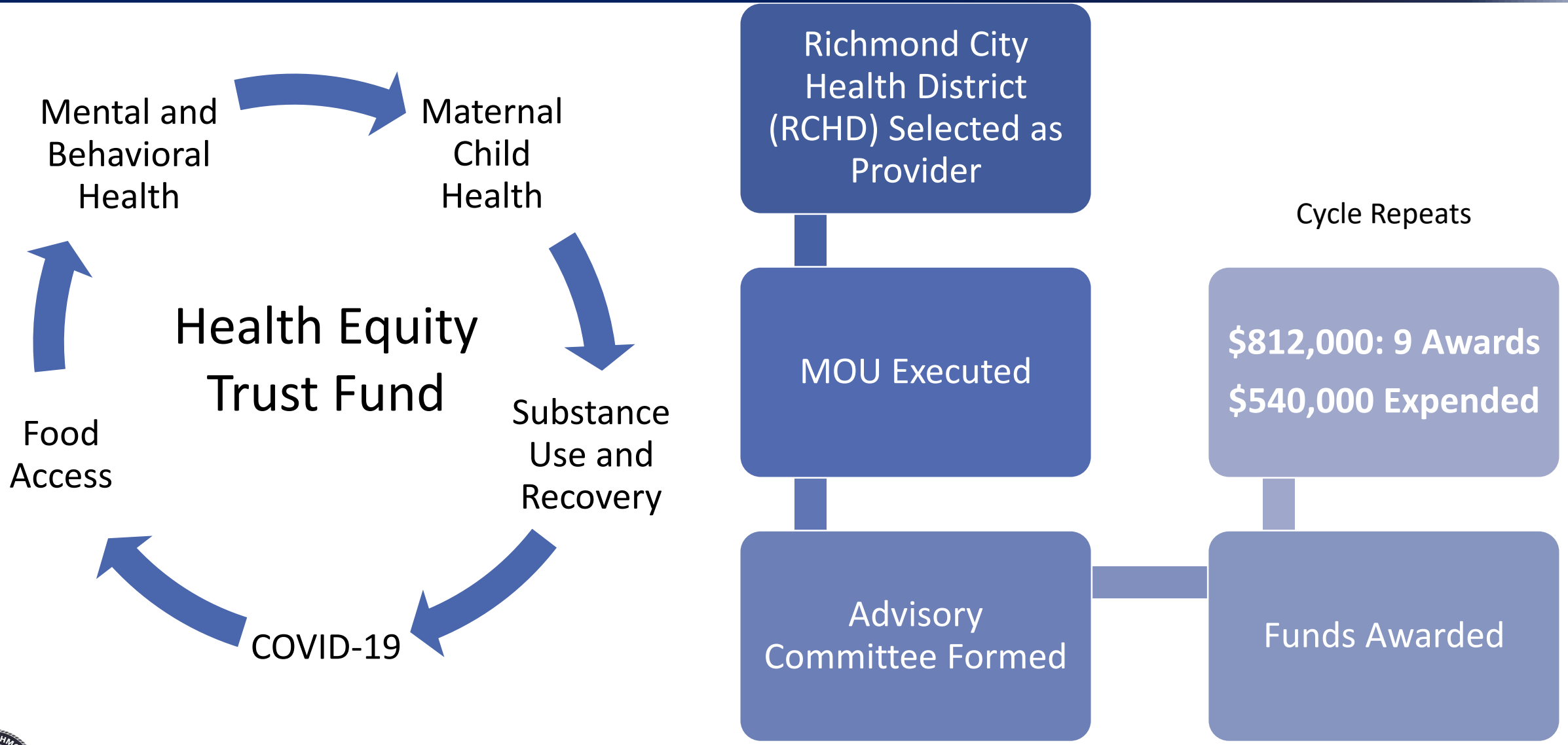
- Cooperation Agreement reviewed by Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) for \$6.8 million in infrastructure improvements in Phase A.
- Developer will start the infrastructure work spring 2023.
- Phase A to create 140 new rental housing units.



## Highland Grove

- Cooperation Agreement for \$5.5 million for infrastructure work for Phase I.
- RRHA as conveyed the site to Better Housing Coalition (BHC).
- BHC will start infrastructure work spring 2023.

# BUILDING BACK HEALTHIER: \$5.0 MILLION



# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES \$81.0 MILLION (\$2.0 MILLION EXPENDED)

Expended \$1,452,816

## Child Care and Parental Support

Child Care Stabilization and Expansion Grants.

13 awards made.

Renovation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church childcare center completed, and the YWCA Sprout School is enrolling students.

Universal Preschool Cost Modeling study has begun to assess the cost of providing preschool for 3 & 4-year-olds in the community and in Richmond Public Schools.

Children's Museum of Richmond: free field trips for four RPS elementary schools

Expended \$250,000

## Family Crisis

Grant Agreement authorized in December 2022 for HumanKind for \$1.0 million.

HumanKind will distribute the Family Crisis Funds to assist emergency financial needs of residents.





# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES \$81.0 MILLION (CONTINUED)

## Parks Master Plan

Internal planning team established

Creation and release of request for proposals to be completed by early spring of this year.

Community Advisory Board feedback summer 2023

## TB Smith

Community engagement team selected

Construction document phase started

## Lucks Field

Conceptual designs completed

Approval process for Urban Development Commission (UDC), Planning Commission, and City Council

## Calhoun

Timmons preparing master plan of outdoor spaces (2 phases)

Final UDC scheduled for June 2023

HUD requirements need to be met

Cost estimate expected this month



# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES \$81.0 MILLION (CONTINUED)

## Southside Community Center

Construction documents complete

Cost estimate exceeds appropriation

Cost reduction options being considered

## James River Branch Trail

Purchase Sale Agreement approved in November 2022

Whitman, Requardt & Associates (WRA) under contract for design and engineering

Title search completed

## Crooked Branch/42<sup>nd</sup> St. Bridge

Feasibility study in progress

Two trail alignments and bridge alternatives are under review

FAQ for community engagement drafted

Application to UDC being prepared

## Texas Beach/North Bank Tower

WRA preparing bridge repair proposal – expected February 2023

Bridge replacement feasibility study being developed

## Property Acquisition

Partnerships established for property identification



# BUILD BACK STRONGER: \$8.9 MILLION (\$188,514 EXPENDED)

## Small Business Grants

- Scope of work developed with Economic Development Authority (EDA).
- Partners/providers/participants identified.
- EDA will administer the grant.

## Façade and Beautification

- Main corridors identified.
- Council approved work with Economic Development Authority in January 2023.
- Consultant completed preliminary review.
- Developing contract for work to begin.



# BUILD BACK STRONGER: \$8.9 MILLION CONTINUED

## OCWB Workforce Development & Community Ambassadors

- Ambassadors support food distribution in low-income communities and providing resource information in RRHA communities about credit repair, job training, and other program offerings. Expended: \$150,000.

## CDFI Revolving Loan

- Loan program not feasible due to the timing of repayment schedules and ARPA expenditure deadline of December 2026. These funds have been identified for reallocation.

## COVID-19 Administrative Reserve

- No expenditures to date.
- Holding account to address unforeseen events.



# BUILDING BACK GREENER AND MORE RESILIENT (\$188,514 EXPENDED)

## Climate Risk Assessment

- Discussion with partners to design a citizen-science led project to monitor air quality.
- Stakeholders will be convened in quarter four of FY 2023 to develop equitable community-led projects addressing neighborhood resilience aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Urban forestry master plan scope of work is complete.

## Lead Line Replacement

- 135 grants applications totaling \$634,000 have been accepted.
- 49 Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLRs) completed totaling \$194,000. Many of these projects required replacement of LSL in the public right-of-way.
- Project impact leveraged with additional funding from Virginia Department of Health (VDH) grants and revenue collections.



# BUILDING BACK GREENER AND MORE RESILIENT (CONTINUED)

- Project 1: McGuire & Chapel Drive
  - Design underway with construction anticipated late summer 2023.
- Project 2: Whitehead Road
  - Out for bid.
  - Utility relocation underway with construction anticipated summer 2023.
- Project 3: Broad Rock Manor
  - Bid documents being developed, construction anticipated 2023.

## Storm Water



Note: Project jump started using existing Utility revenue.

- \$2.5 million for moderate rehab to replace hot water heaters and make minor repairs up to \$32,000 per home.
- \$1.7 million for substantial rehab to be administered by Project:HOMES for major repairs for up to \$60,000 per home.
- Targets households at or below 80% of AMI.
- Programs start spring 2023.

## Healthy Homes (Rehab)



Note: Project includes other sources such as VDH grants and Utility revenue.

# BUILD BACK SAFER \$8.5 MILLION (\$6.2 MILLION EXPENDED)

## Gun Violence Prevention

- \$500,000 dedicated to prevention measures, such as gun buy back. First buy back event held August 20, 2022. Collected over 450 weapons and distributed \$67,500 in gift cards. Next event planned for summer 2023.
- \$1.0 million for Positive Youth Development Fund at NextUp RVA for older youth and family programming. School year 2022-23 programming underway. Summer 2022 program was successful.

## Enhanced Lighting and Cameras

- Using calls for service data a camera needs assessment is being developed for priority intersections. Anticipated field work completion is February 2023.
- Initial plans for intersection lighting has been developed. Review of plans have begun.
- Camera pole installation at 1700 Monument Avenue is progress. Electrical design is expected to be complete in March 2023.

## First Responder Bonus

- Bonuses for city public safety and RAA staff have been provided.
- Total of \$4,625,979 expended for a total of 1,479 FTE's.





# DISCUSSION