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Initiatives to Improve Public Health and Education, Help Seniors Funded through American Rescue Plan

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced four initiatives that will be funded through a portion of Frederick County's \$50.4 million American Rescue Plan Act allocation. These initiatives will lessen disparities in health and educational outcomes in the community. The Housing Authority of the City of Frederick will receive \$400,000 over four years to provide accelerated academic programs to students in public housing. The Frederick County Health Care Coalition will receive up to \$300,000 in funds this year to address diabetes, which was recently identified as a top priority in the Local Health Improvement Plan. Nutrition programs offered by the Frederick County Senior Services Division will receive a \$160,000 to support food delivery to vulnerable seniors. A \$250,000 grant will help seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities to stay in their homes through Habitat for Humanity's Home Repair Program.

"The programs being funded will help to lift our families and support our community's long-term health and well-being," Executive Gardner said. "These one-time funds allow Frederick County to respond to the health pandemic, recover from its educational and economic impacts, and lift us higher as we move forward."

Previously approved projects have been reported publicly during the County Executive's public information briefings and in presentations to the County Council. Additional applications for ARPA funds are being considered by a Frederick County Government review committee to ensure proposals meet strict federal guidelines. Additional information on Frederick County's ARPA allocation can be found online at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ARPA.

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