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County Advances Initiatives to Increase Transportation Options, Reduce Barriers to Resources and Services

Programs Supported by American Rescue Plan Act Allocation

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. The community-based initiatives connect people to the services they need by removing barriers such as transportation and language. Each is managed by nonprofit organizations.

“These programs will help to lift our families and support our community’s long-term health and well-being,” Executive Gardner said. “We are laying a foundation for a strong and equitable recovery with meaningful and lasting change, so that together we can ensure a bright future for everyone who calls Frederick County home.”

The **Love for Lochlin Foundation** will receive \$313,000 to purchase a mobile unit to hold medical and educational clinics in underserved communities. The **Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership** will receive \$295,000 to help youth obtain drivers licenses and to plan next steps toward regular use of a vehicle. **United Way of Frederick County** will use \$250,000 to implement a ride-hailing program, Ride United Network. The **Maryland Deaf Community Center** will receive up to \$500,000 toward establishing a community center in Frederick for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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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