

American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Violence Prevention Initiatives

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Goals For Today

1. Introduce proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments in violence prevention
2. Lay foundation for future evaluation and discussion

Why These Initiatives?

1. The current system lacks enough tools/responses to be effective for many of the call types that are handle by the Emergency Communications Center (ECC).
2. Transforming Systems Together (TST) and Community First Public Safety Commission have paved the way for creative solutions to meet needs in the community.
3. A disproportionate number of Black and American Indian individuals are engaged with criminal justice. These initiatives divert people from entering the criminal justice system and provide prevention programming, thereby reducing risk of harm and long-term collateral consequences.

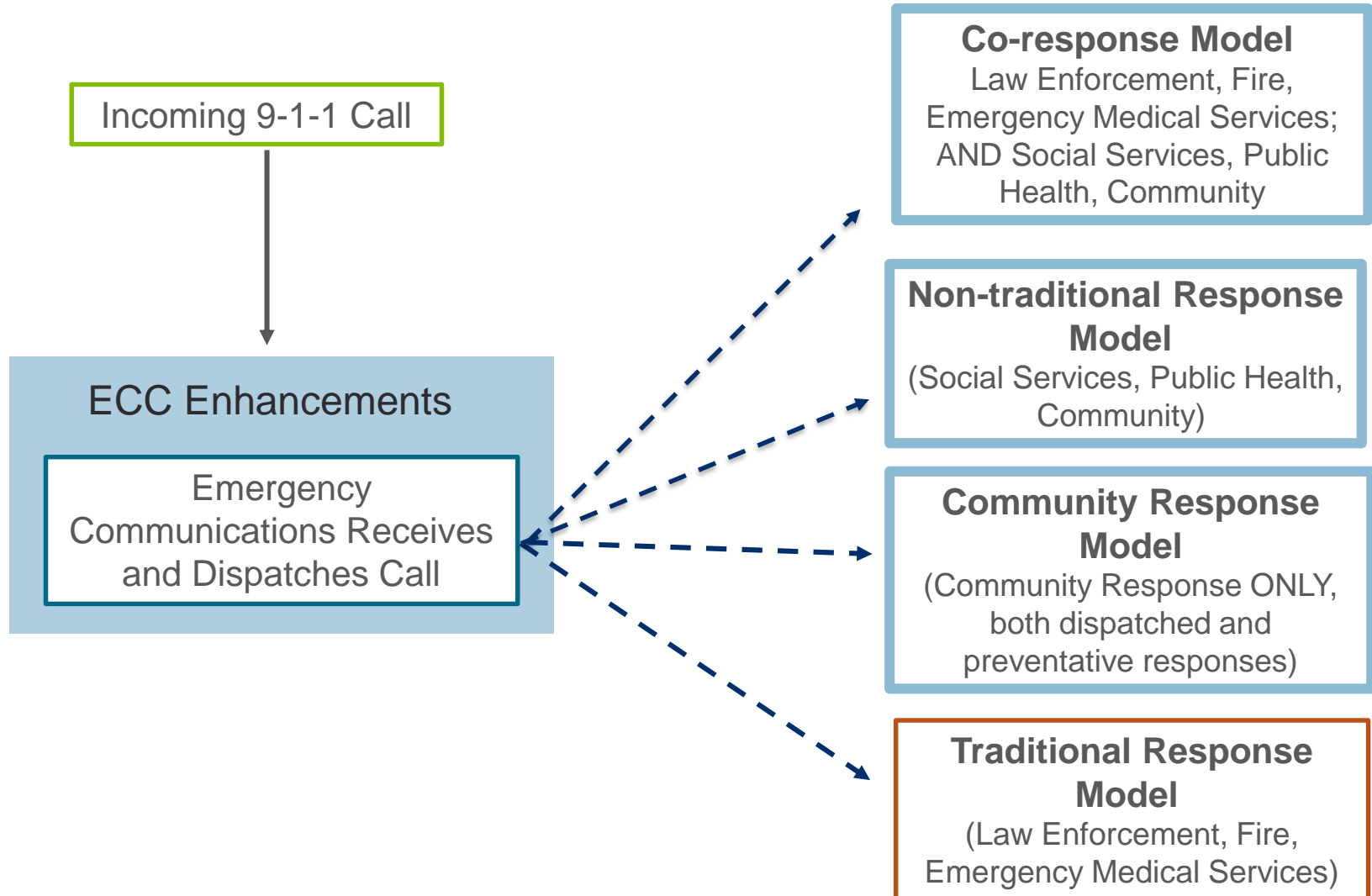
Violence Prevention Priority Projects

- 1) **Appropriate Responses-** development of new response types and enhancements to dispatch countywide resources
 - Expanding Social Services and Public Health responses
 - Creating Community Based response capability
 - Enhancing 9-1-1 protocols so new response options can be fully and appropriately utilized
- 2) **Healing Streets-** Community-centered healing-based approach to Violence Prevention
 - Creating a dedicated resource pool to meet participant needs in the moment
 - Additional and intentional outreach to individuals who have caused harm

New Response Types

- 1) **Co-Responder Response-** Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services; AND Social Services, Public Health, Community
- 2) **Nontraditional Responses-** Social Services, Public Health, Community
- 3) **Community Response-** Community response ONLY (both dispatched and preventative/referral responses)

Appropriate Responses Initiative



ECC Enhancements

- **Embed social workers** with ECC staff to help support expanded call processing protocols for complex calls/situations and to help connect callers with resources/services when an immediate response is not needed.
- **Training for current staff** to support expanded response options, build trust and elevate recognition of wellness, equity and trauma for improved decision making.
- **Engage communities and systems** for input and guidance around training and support for staff.
- **Develop best practices** for call processing and dispatch of non-traditional services.
- **Support for wellness** of ECC staff.

Healing Streets

Community-centered Healing based approach to Violence Prevention, Intervention, & Healing group/gun violence in Ramsey County. Centered in the narratives and lived experiences of those most impacted by group/gun violence.

Reduce group/gun violence through 4 key direct service areas of

- Community Based Violence Prevention and Intervention
- Healing/Grief Services for Survivors of Group/gun Violence
- Hospital-based Violence Prevention
- School Based intervention and Impacted Peer Advocacy

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Referral Sources

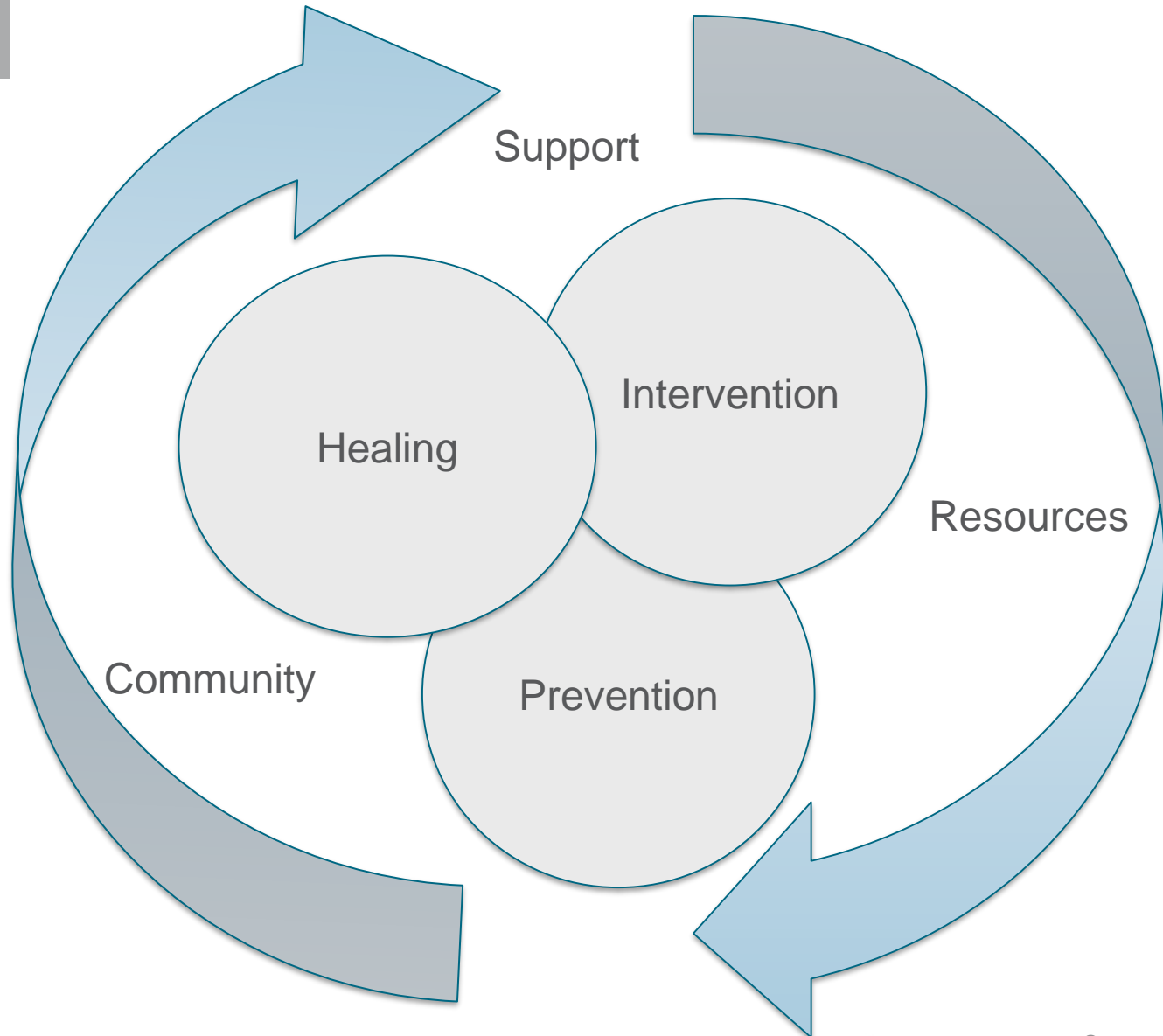
Community

SPPD

Hospitals

Corrections/
Supervised Release

Redwing



Funding

Anticipate ARPA funding request for up to \$16 million
(through 2024)

Key Considerations:

- Sustainability beyond ARPA
- Systems transformations
- Partnerships with other jurisdictions



Discussion & Questions