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**BAY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO AWARD ARPA FUNDS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS**

Application Workshops Held on August 16 and August 30

*BAY CITY, MI* – August 3, 2022 – The Bay Area Community Foundation is partnering with the County of Bay to provide critical funding to nonprofits negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), up to \$750,000 will be available for Bay County, Michigan 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 nonprofits through an online application process.

Organizations interested in applying are encouraged to attend one of two informational workshops outlining program requirements and the application process. The first will be a virtual session on August 16, 2022, from 10–11:30 a.m., and the second will be held in person at the Pere Marquette Depot (1000 Adams Street, Bay City, MI) on August 30, 2022, from 3-4:30 p.m. To register, please contact the Bay Area Community Foundation at (989) 893-4438 or [bacfnd@bayfoundation.org](mailto:bacfnd@bayfoundation.org).

Application and program guidelines will be available on August 16, 2022. The application portal opens on August 22, 2022, and proposals are due September 22, 2022.

Bay County Executive Jim Barcia stated, “This funding will be used to support our community’s nonprofits as they continue to recover from the COVID pandemic. Bay Area Community Foundation has the experience and resources to funnel these dollars to programs and opportunities that need it most. Communities flourish when government and nonprofits work side by side for the well-being of their citizens.”

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“Our community is stronger when government and nonprofits work together. When done right, funding decisions are not just about dollars and cents. They are about impact and contributing to the community’s fabric, social safety net, economic vitality and sense of place,” added Diane Fong, President & CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation.

For more information, please contact the Bay Area Community Foundation at (989) 893-4438 or [bacfnd@bayfoundation.org](mailto:bacfnd@bayfoundation.org).

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The Bay Area Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization working to improve the quality of life in Bay and Arenac counties. The Foundation’s mission is to build community through generosity, leadership and strategic grantmaking. The Bay Area Community Foundation is located in the Pere Marquette Depot at 1000 Adams Street, Suite 200, Bay City, Michigan 48708. For more information, visit [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org).

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