



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Policy Discussion - Youth

Economic and Workforce Development  
Committee

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**HUMAN SERVICES**  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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# Presentation Overview

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- Impact of COVID-19 on Youth
- Preliminary Teen Mental Health Survey Results
- FY 2022 Investments in Youth Services
  - 7 Departments
- City Council Input on Investment Priorities & Funding Selection Process

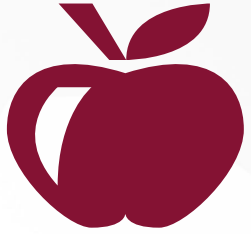


# Spending Categories for Discussion

City Council Committee	Spending Category	Amount (In Millions)
Community Health, Environment and Culture	Arts	\$5.0
	Seniors	\$5.0
	Non-Profit Social Services	\$4.0
Economic and Workforce Development	Small Business	\$30.9
	Youth	\$10.0
	Digital	\$6.9
	Inclusion/Literacy	
Public Safety	Mental Health	\$26.0
	Total	\$87.8



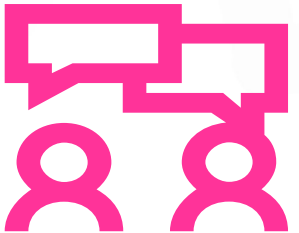
# COVID-19 Impact on Youth



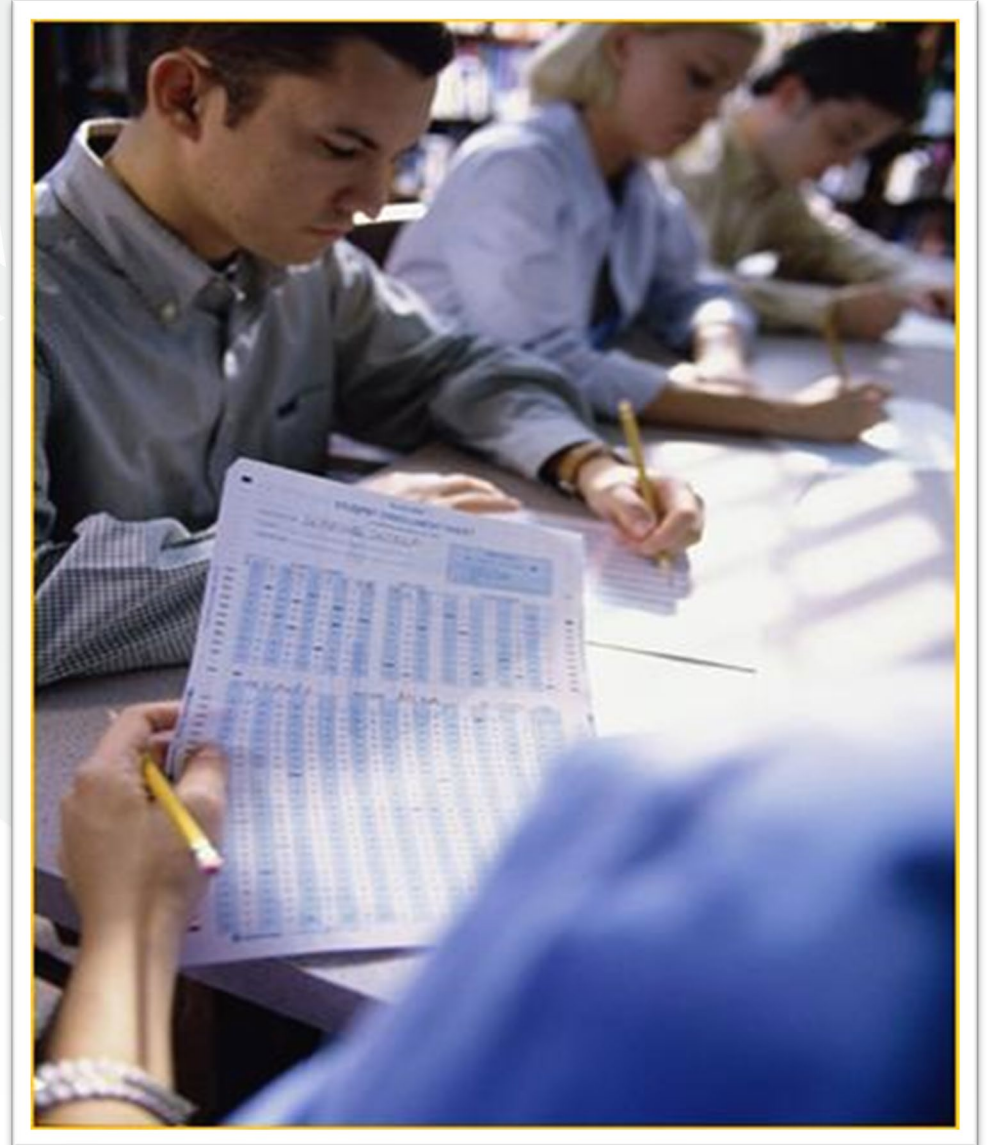
Total PK-12 School Population  
Decreased by 14,500



College and Career Readiness  
Decreased by 14%



Opportunity Youth doubled  
34,000 to 74,000



# Teen Mental Health Survey



40% of participants  
stated they have more  
bad days than good days



35% of participants  
stated they or their  
friends had suicidal  
ideations



30% of participants  
stated they or their friends  
have thought about  
harming themselves or others



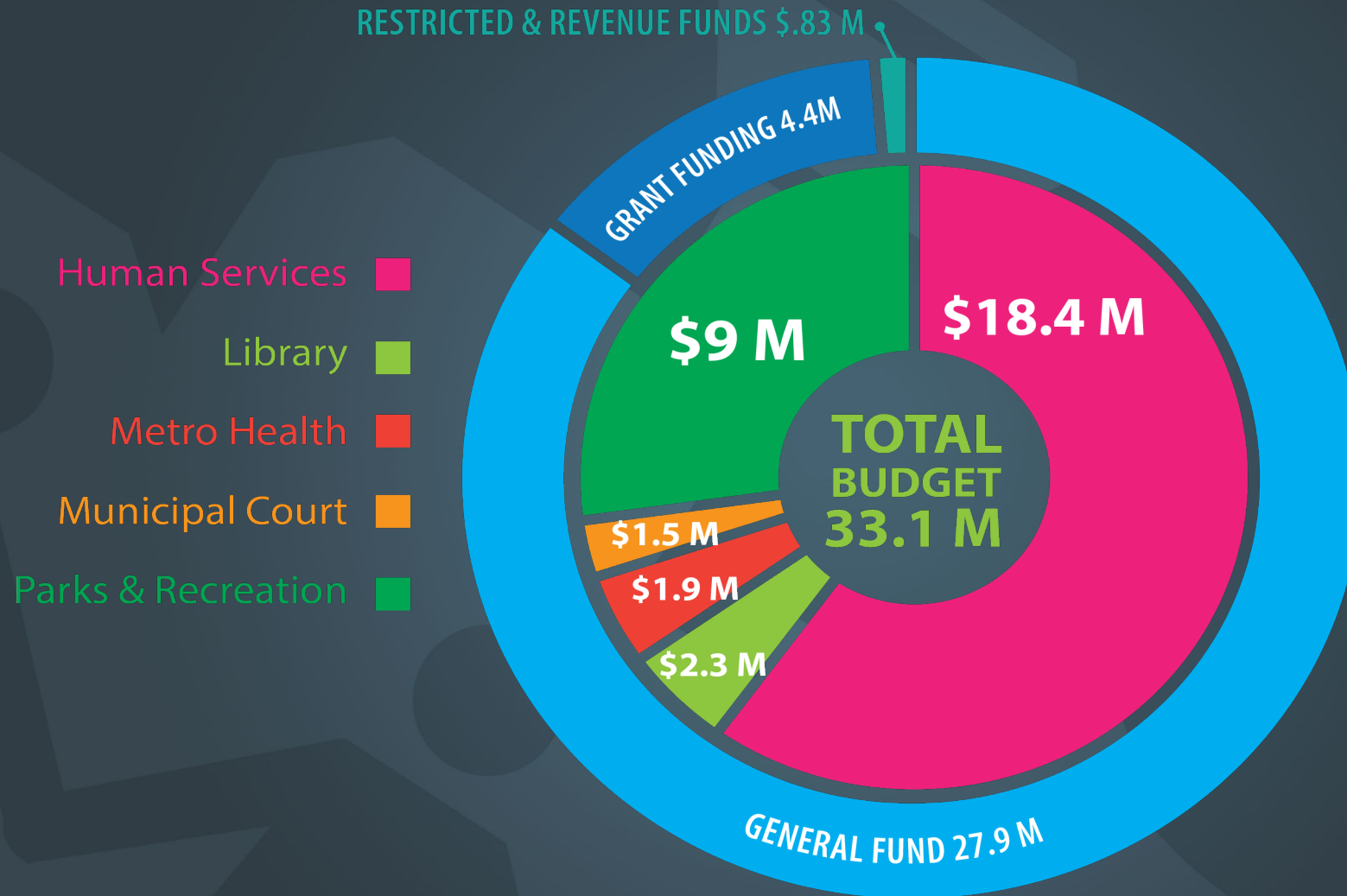
12% of participants  
stated they have a  
trusted adult at school to  
talk about their mental  
health



56% of participants  
stated school has  
negatively  
impacted their  
mental health



# FY 2022 Youth Programs Budget \$33.1 Million



# Youth Programs Funding



## Human Services

Ambassador Program  
NXT Level  
Café college  
Delegate agencies



## Parks & Recreation

Summer Youth Program  
Swimming Pools  
Community Center  
Programs  
Fitness and Dance Classes



## Metro Health

Project Worth  
Teen Pregnancy  
Woman, Infant & Children  
Nutrition  
Stand Up SA



## Library

Teen Library Program



## Municipal Court

Juvenile Truancy Program



# Preliminary City Council Feedback

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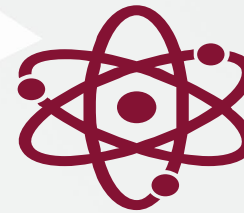
Wraparound Services  
for Youth Aging out of  
Foster Care



Opportunity Youth  
Support Services



Programs that offer  
Positive Childhood  
Experiences



Summer and  
After-school Programs



Gang Intervention  
Programs



# Next Steps



- EWDC provides policy direction to City staff to develop a plan – April 26, 2022
  - Identifies a COVID-19 impact
  - Includes programs/ strategies that will benefit community members affected by the impact identified in Step 1
  - Defines desired equitable outcomes with metrics to measure those outcomes
  - Provides a 4-year implementation plan
- Review and approval of proposed plan Fall 2022
  - Youth Commissions
  - Community stakeholders
  - EWDC
- Implement funding award process – Fall 2022
- Funds committed by December 2024 and spent by December 2026