American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Plan Presentation to Chatham County BOC

August 24, 2022

Agenda

1. Update
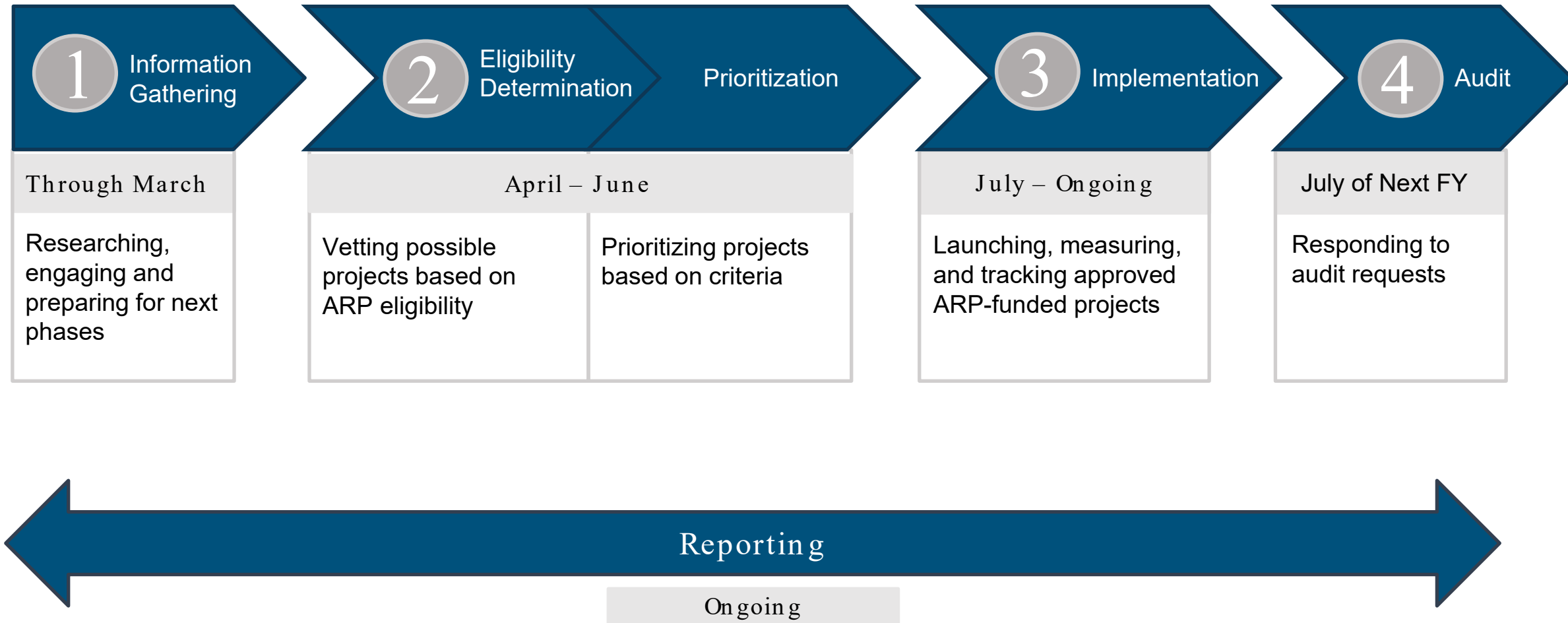2. Progress Review
3. Prioritizations
4. Next Steps

Update

- Chatham County will receive **$14,464,924** to **combat the COVID-19 pandemic**.

- **Obligated** (as of 7/21/22): $5,074,281.67
  - Includes Parkers' Ridge Park, Detention COVID Renovation, Vaccine Incentives, and Community Conversations

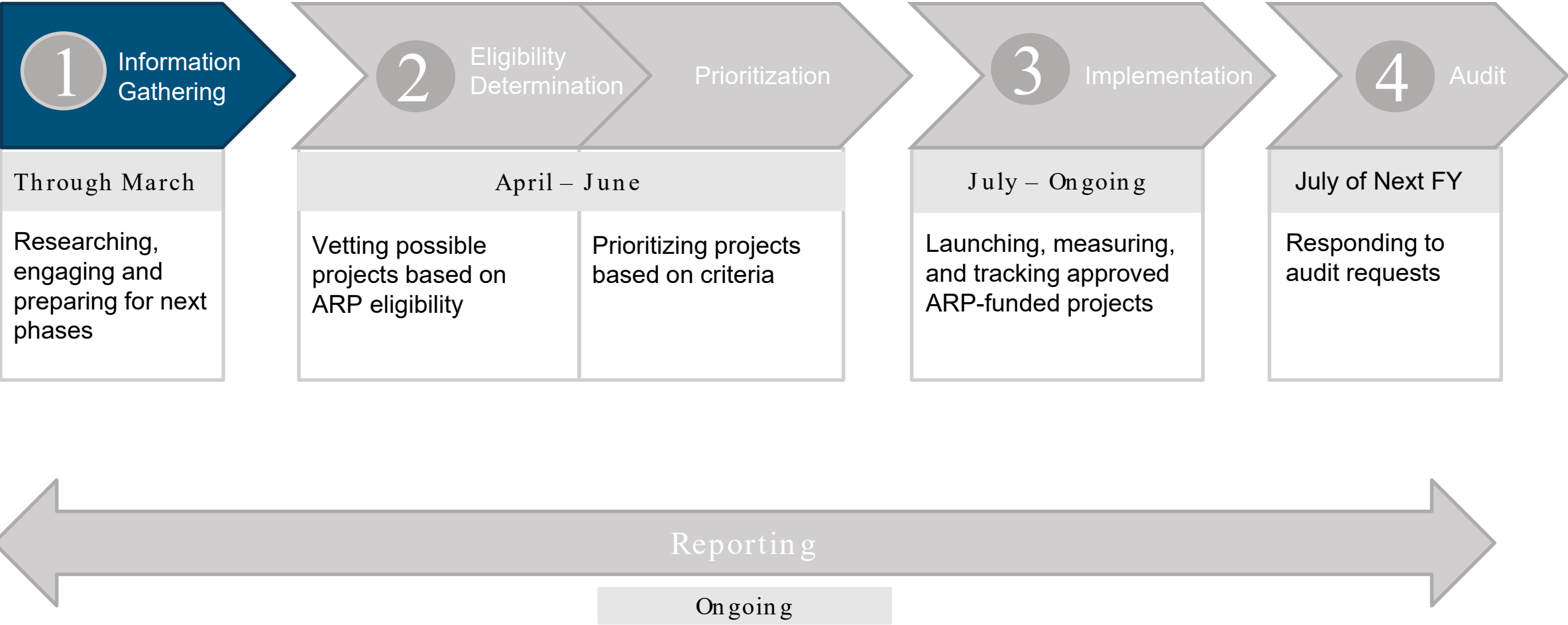- **Available** (as of 7/21/22): $9,390,642.33
  - For any other projects approved

Deadline for **obligation**: December 31, **2024**

Deadline for **expending** : December 31, **2026**

Chatham's Planning Process

① Information Gathering	**② Eligibility Determination** — **Prioritization**	**③ Implementation**	**④ Audit**
Through March	April – June	July – Ongoing	July of Next FY
Researching, engaging and preparing for next phases	Vetting possible projects based on ARP eligibility — Prioritizing projects based on criteria	Launching, measuring, and tracking approved ARP-funded projects	Responding to audit requests

⟷ Reporting

Ongoing

Phase 1 Recap

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① Information Gathering

CARPenters (est. July 2021)

- **Internal review team**
  - Budget, Finance, and Manager's Office

- Quarterly meetings

- Play an **important role** in the ARPA process

① Information Gathering

CIT Engagement

- Coordinated **two meetings** to discuss ARP and brainstorm project ideas

- Submitted **10 project ideas**
  - 8 remained in the final prioritizations

- The **CIT leads also prioritized** the projects prior to bringing them to the CARPenters

① Information Gathering

Public Engagement

- **900+** participants

- All survey results and meeting notes were **reviewed and tagged by theme**

- Plan for **continued communication** about ARP progress

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Participants by ZIP Code (2022)

27253 (1)
27298 (0)
27349 (1)
27516 (165)
27510 (2)
27713 (2)
27517 (124)
27560 (0)
27519 (0)
27355 (1)
27312 (419)
27523 (12)
27344 (54)
27316 (0)
27502 (2)
27562 (19)
27559 (27)
27207 (18)
27540 (0)
27252 (5)
27208 (0)
27330 (4)
27325 (0)

ARPA Participants
- 1 - 5
- 6 - 27
- 28 - 54
- 55 - 165
- 166 - 419
- No Participants
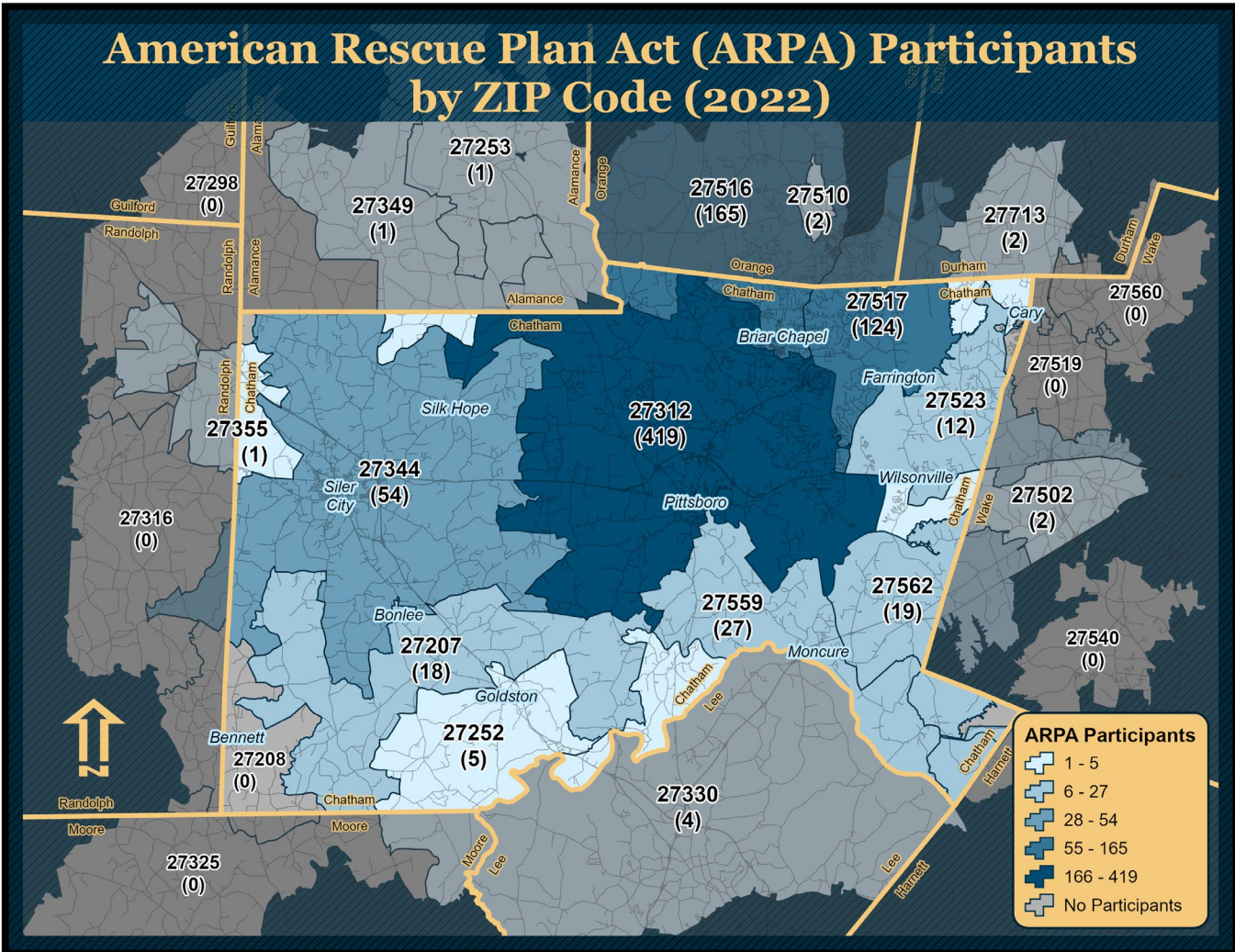
① Emerging Themes

Housing	Homelessness	Mental Health
Public Health	Education	Recreation
Broadband	Water & Sewer	Small Business Support

Phase 2 Recap

1 Information Gathering	**2** Eligibility Determination	Prioritization	**3** Implementation	**4** Audit
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Reporting

Ongoing

② Eligibility Determination

Allowable Uses

- Support public health response
- Address negative economic impacts
- Replace public sector revenue loss
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure

  - Equity-focused services

② Eligibility Determination

A Project Name	≡ Description	A E.	≡ Areas
Affordable Housing Development	Provide funding for the creation of permanently affordable housing (long-term).	2.15 and 2.2	Negative Economic Impacts
Community Engagement for ARPA	Host 8 in-person meetings throughout the County to engage with the public about ARPA while providing free food and childcare	3.2	Public Sector Capacity
Community Resource Location	Create a "one-stop" shop for community resources - this could be supported through a position or a physical location. It could be a partnership with the Community Resource ...	2.37	
Compliance and Audit Costs	Cover the increased compliance and audit expenses due to our increased amount of	3.5	Public Sector Capacity

② Eligibility Determination

Housing

Ab Top Areas of Concern	• Availability of affordable housing • Subpar living conditions • Household income loss
Ab Project Ideas	• Rent, mortgage, and utility assistance programs (ARPA) • Home repair programs (O) • Affordable housing construction (O) • ~~Increase resource sharing~~ • ~~Increase housing vouchers~~ • Homeowner education programs (APRA - nonprofit)

② Prioritization

- Prioritize one-time use to avoid fiscal cliffs
- Consider potential audits to mitigate risk
- Remain flexible as additional guidance and other community decisions are released

| Feasibility | Transformational | Disparity Reduction | Fiscal Foresight |

② Prioritization

Health Services

Consider whether each project is *fiscally responsible, transformational, reduces disparities,* and *feasible.*

Priority Level Definitions:
- *High* – Project addresses all 3 prioritization criteria <u>and</u> is feasible.
- *Medium* – Project addresses 1 or 2 of the criteria considerations <u>and</u> is feasible.
- *Low* – Project addresses 1 or none of the criteria considerations <u>and/or is not</u> feasible.

1. **COVID-19 Wastewater Monitoring** - $40,000 *

   Implement wastewater monitoring or surveillance process that tests samples of wastewater for evidence of COVID viral particles in order to track trends and the impact of COVID at the community level

	High	Medium	Low
Rating	○	○	○

2. What made you choose the rating you chose?

   Enter your answer

2 Final Prioritizations

| HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
• Parker's Ridge Park • GREAT Grant Match • DSS Housing Assistance • Early Childhood Assessment • Emergency Housing/Homeless Service Support • Nonprofit Grants • Community Engagement for ARPA • Affordable Housing Development • Expansion of Fiber Network to Siler City • Vaccine Incentive • Detention COVID-19 Facility Modifications	• Domestic Violence Shelter • Critical Water Infrastructure Program: Hydrant Repair Project • Homeless Service Navigator/Intern • Public Health Response Needs • Transitional Supportive Housing Units/Shelter • Community Resource Location	• Septic Tank Program • Justice Center A/V • COVID-19 Wastewater Monitoring • Premium/Bonus Pay for Eligible Essential Workers

REQUIRED: Compliance and Audit Costs

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2 Fusion of Housing Priorities

Create a **housing division** to support the housing- and homelessness-related projects.

Initial actions:

- Create a housing division under DSS
- Hire a division director to strategize
- Hire an assistant director
- Hire any remaining staff
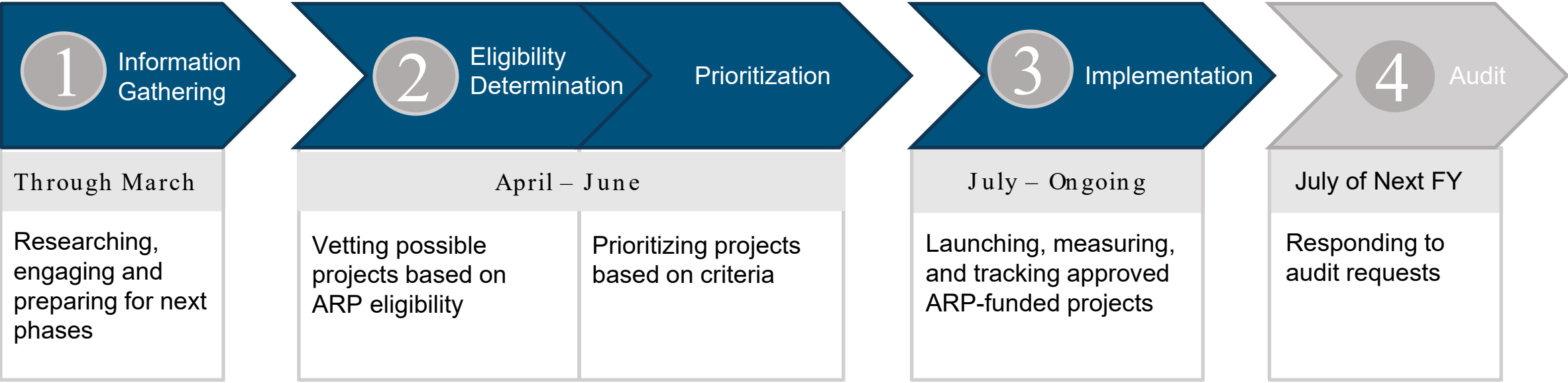
③ Implementation Preparation

- Final Rule was released in **January 2022**

- Revenue Replacement Update:
  - Local governments can use a **standard allowance of up to $10 million** for government services

- Important implications the **ease** of use of these funds

(3) Implementation Preparation

We will still use the **full ARPA allocation ($14.4M)** for ARPA-eligible projects.

Reporting will **reflect use of $10M for government salaries**:

- We will use that **$10M for ARPA-eligible projects**, without having to report to US Treasury or abide by Uniform Guidance
- These projects will be **internally tracked** and periodically **reported to the BOC** with Budget Updates

Next Steps

- Begin Phase 3: **Implementation**
  - Transition to Budget (Will Curvin)
- **Communications strategy**
  - To the public via email and website
  - To the BOC via quarterly budget updates

Communications Campaign

Summary Gallery

Thank you!

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