



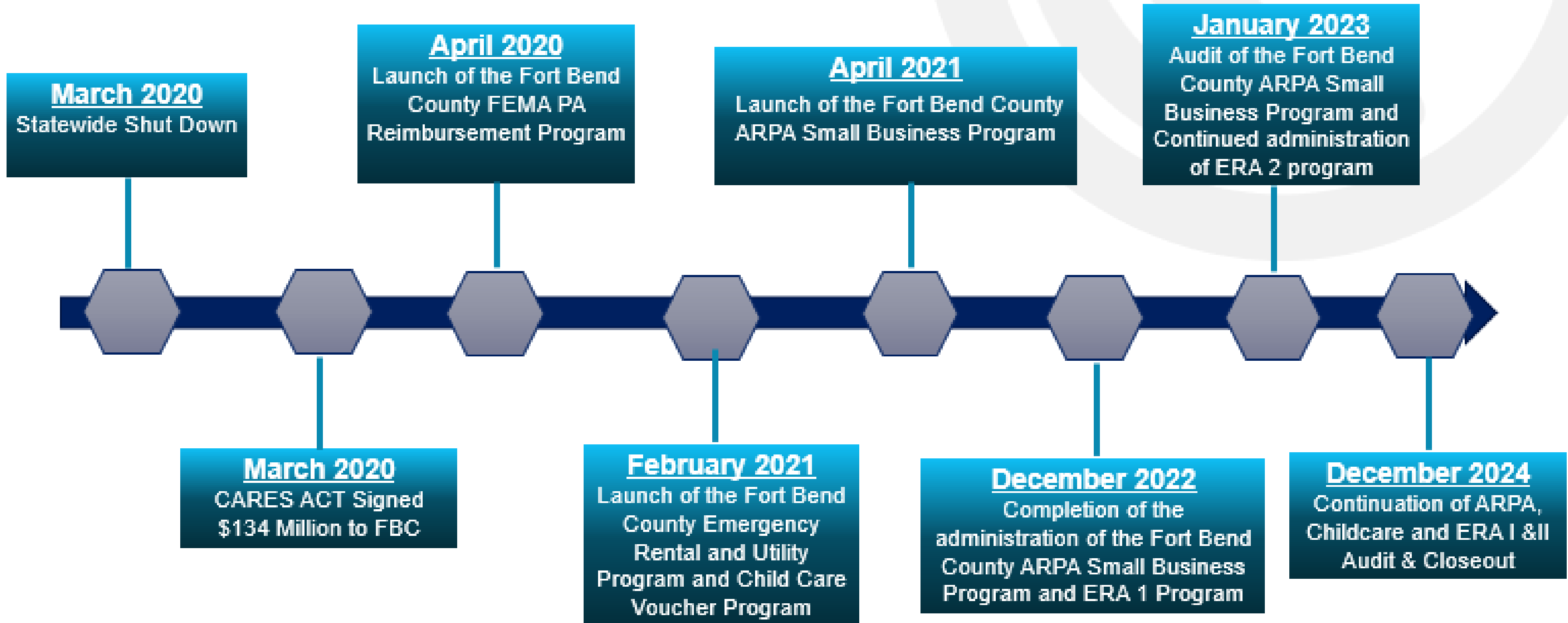
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## COVID-19 Pandemic Response Update Presentation

April 11, 2023

# FORT BEND COUNTY PROJECT TIMELINE



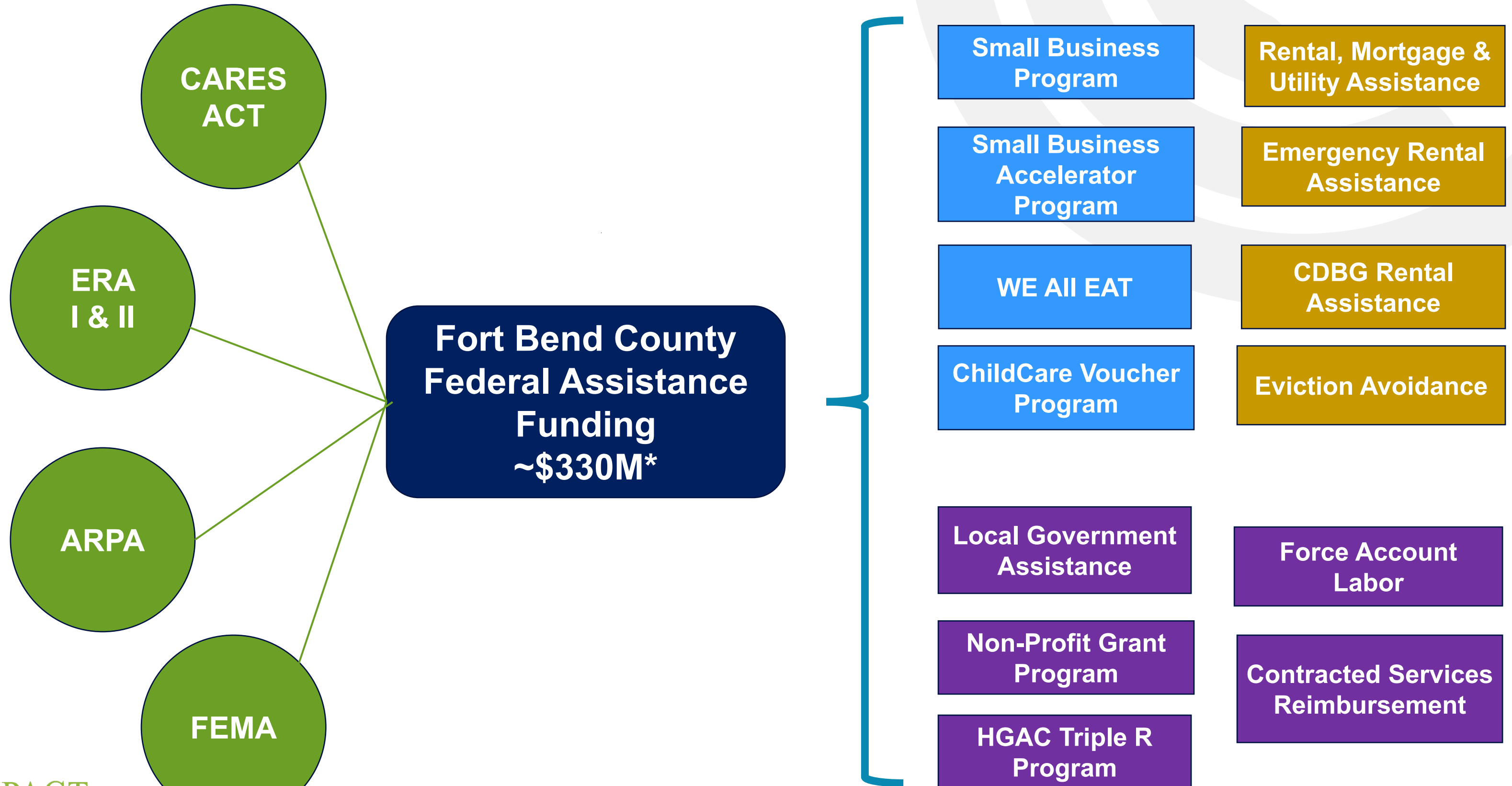
# FORT BEND COUNTY'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

- In response to the global COVID-19 epidemic, **MPACT** Strategic Consulting, LLC (**MPACT**) was contracted to provide:
  - Grant administration & Project Management
  - Financial management; and
  - Technical assistance to the County and certain subrecipients

Consulting and advisory services for the COVID-19 emergency response is performed in conjunction with Fort Bend County administration, agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations, and other key stakeholders.



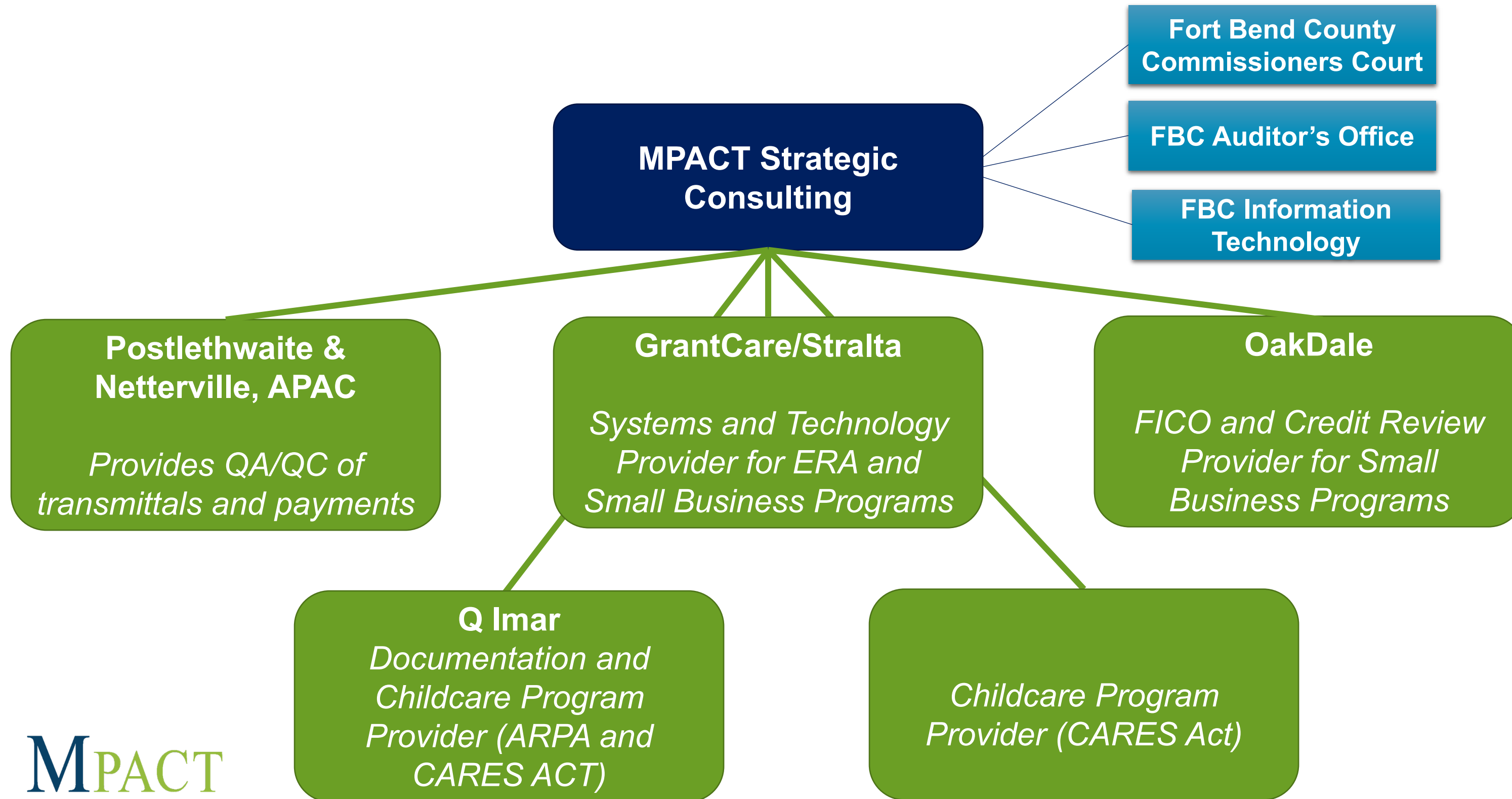
# COORDINATION ACROSS MULTIPLE FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT FBC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



\*Does not include ~\$42.9M in FEMA PA submissions



# Exceptional County Leadership, Coordination across multiple Subcontractors and Vendors to Support Program Administration and Oversight



# Supplemental Activities Provided to Support for County's COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- ❖ Emergency Rental Assistance I & II (ERA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- ❖ Non-Profit Application and Evaluation Procedures.
- ❖ US Treasury Reporting and Compliance.
- ❖ Website updates with FBC IT to provide all COVID-19 program metrics and data for transparency.
- ❖ New Training and webinars for Small Businesses and Employees (6 modules created).
- ❖ Coordination of PSAs and direct Outreach activities to ensure all eligible beneficiaries can access funds.
- ❖ Technical Assistance, guidance and regularity assessments of key County priorities for eligibility and use of ARPA funds.
- ❖ As needed - review and guidance to Commissioner's Court, subrecipients and other LGs.



# FEMA Public Assistance Summary



# FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE UPDATE



## TOTAL SUBMISSION (100% Cost Share)

- \$42,913,815.38
- Total cost may change, FEMA determines eligibility

## TDEM (STATE) REVIEW

- \$23,103,969.10
- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Project 895    | \$1,718,100     |
| Project 923    | \$2,679,255.81  |
| Project 951    | \$2,337,507.60  |
| Project 971    | \$12,828,948.67 |
| Project 549754 | \$3,540,157.02  |

## FEMA REVIEW

- \$19,809,846.28
- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Project 549759 | \$4,740,009.96  |
| Project 549742 | \$2,976,082.53  |
| Project 549748 | \$12,093,753.79 |

# FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE UPDATE – MORE TO COME

## Still To Be Submitted - 90/10 COST SHARE

Incident period end date – May 11, 2023

- Submission deadline has not been determined
- Project development (in progress)
- Donated Resource- will be used to offset cost share



# Fort Bend County Small Business Program Summary



# FBC SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

The **FBC Small Business Program** was launched to provide grants to small businesses significantly impacted by COVID-19 shutdown and on-going impacts.

- CARES Act small business recipients averaged \$17,200 in grantawards.
- ARPA small business recipients averaged \$15,300 in grant awards.
- Businesses were able to use the funds for eligible activities such as:
  - job retention, commercial leases, inventory, personal protective equipment, utilities, reopening supplies, and remote working.

*COVID-19*

SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF

Resources, loans, and grants to help  
keep your businesses thriving.

# FBC SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

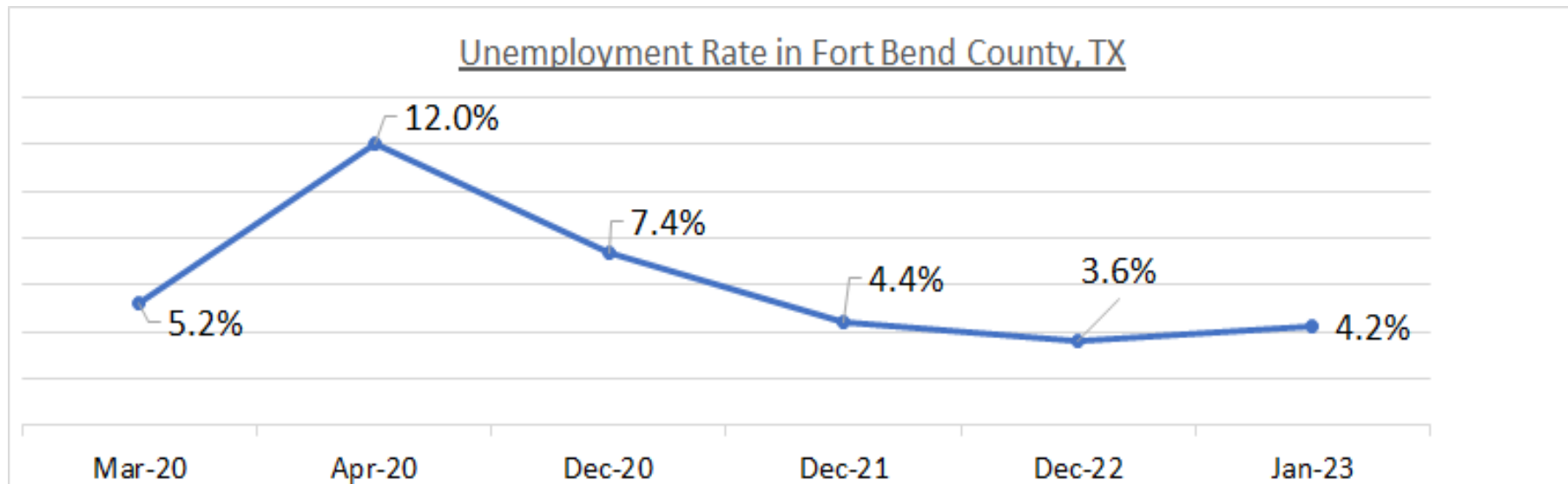
Over **6,000 small businesses applied** for the program and over **4,490 small businesses** received financial assistance.

Each Small Business Grant Program offered three (3) levels of grant awards based on the annual income of the applicant within the County.

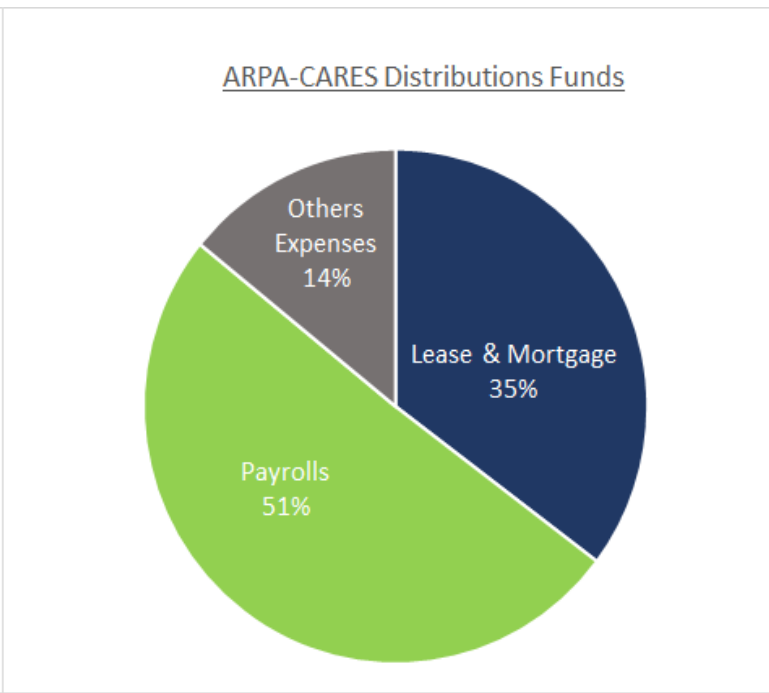
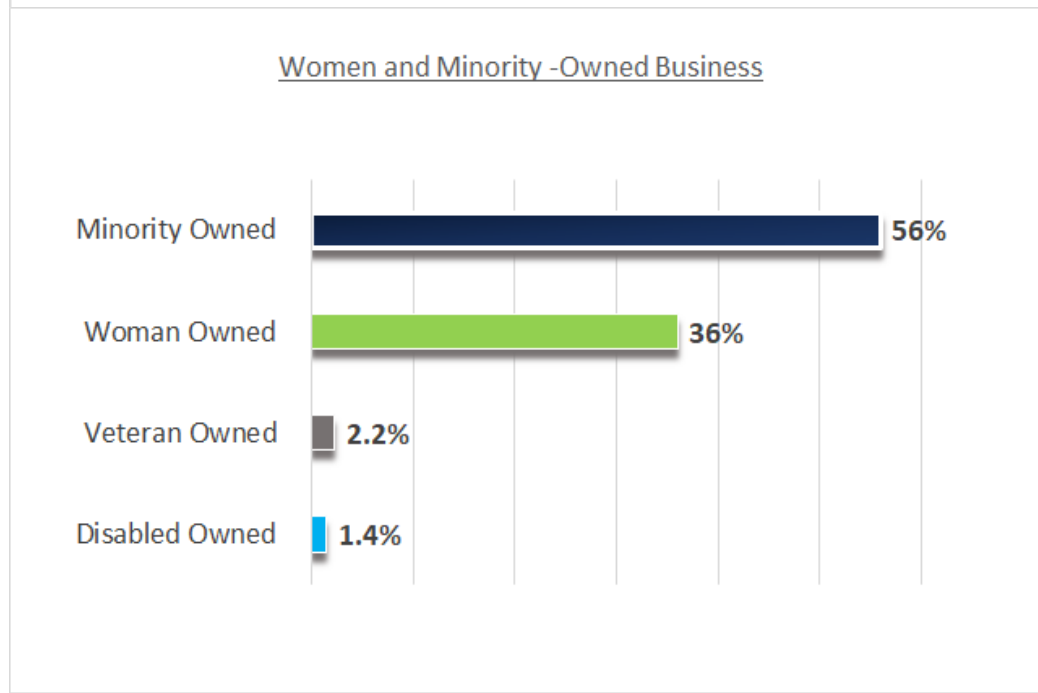
Grant Awards Issued per Level					
	Level	CARES	ARPA	Total	
	Level 1	(\$5000.00)	862	344	1206
	Level 2	(\$15000.00)	2376	720	3096
	Level 3	(\$25000.00)	168	21	189

The ARPA Small Business Grant Program ended in March 31,2023 due to all allocated funds being exhausted. The program is in closeout phase to prepare documentation on the program eligible activities.

# SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS ECONOMIC IMPACT



Month	Rate (%)	Unemployment	Employment	Labor Force
April-20	12.0%	46,933	313,842	380,575
December-20	7.4%	29,216	363,849	393,065
December-21	4.4%	18,046	394,068	412,114
December-22	3.6%	15,368	409,951	425,319
January-23	4.2%	17,815	408,000	423,815



- Fort Bend County's December 2022 unemployment rate was **3.6%**, showing a significant reduction compared to **12%** at the height of the pandemic and **5.2%** reported before the pandemic.
- Approximately **56%** of the businesses assisted were **minority owned** and **36% women owned**.
- Create entrepreneurship and training opportunities through business training courses.
- Grants provided approximately **\$27 million** for job creation and retention.
- Roughly **\$19 million** was provided for lease and mortgage payments to keep the doors open for small businesses.
- FBC has provided emergency assistance to more than **2750** businesses, distributing **\$57 million** for relief operations through the ARPA program.
- FBC's Employment Incentive Program has enabled businesses to hire and retain **202 employees** benefiting a total of **63 businesses**





# Fort Bend County Rental Assistance Program Summary

# FBC Rental and Utility Assistance Program Impact



Emergency Rental  
Assistance  
Program

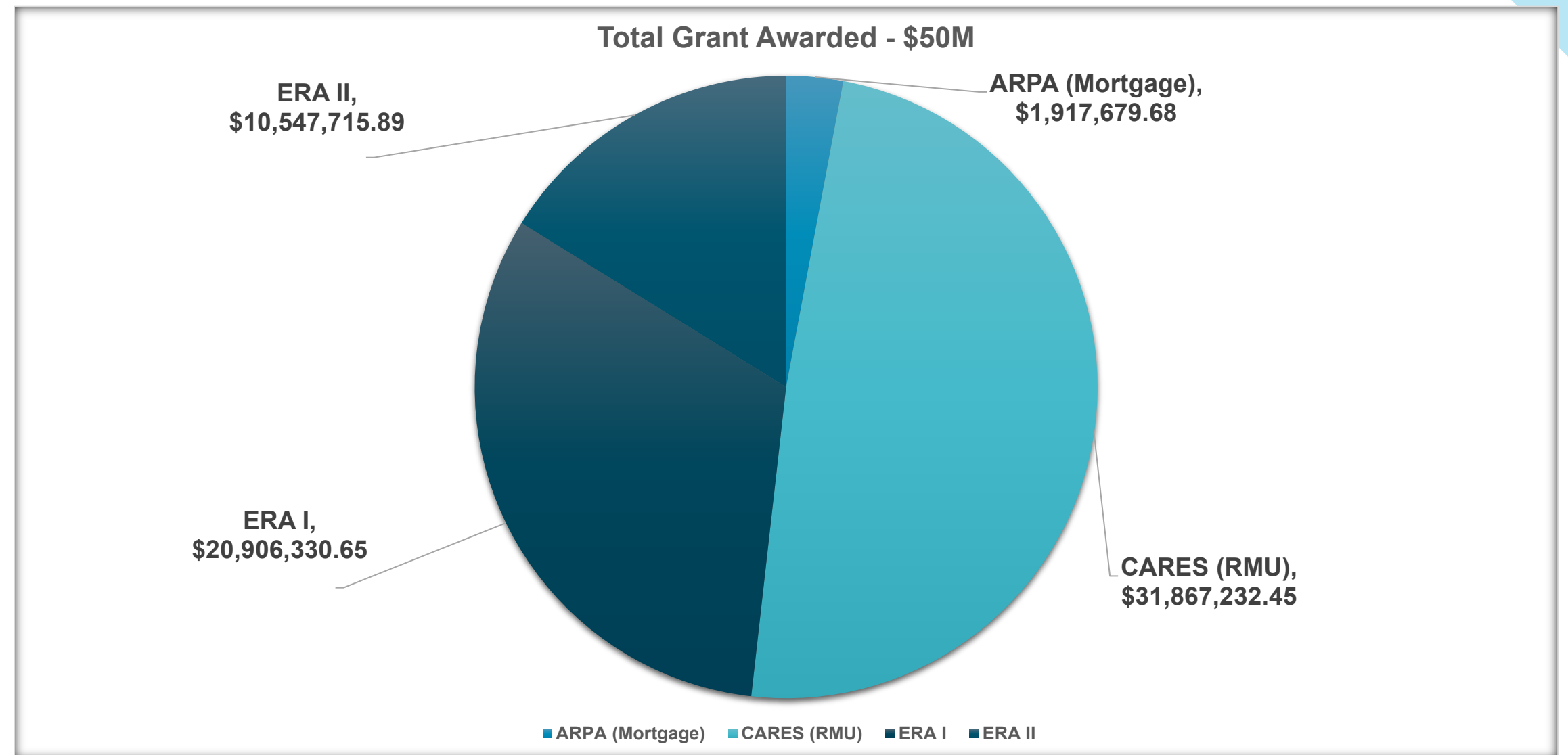
## Financial Impact

- In Fort Bend County, **over \$50 million** has been distributed in the last three years to assist with rental assistance programs to prevent evictions and foreclosures.
- In addition to tenants, FBC's program has provided stability and security to landlords and property managers to avoid evictions. So far, we have assisted **over 1,300 landlords and property managers** to date

## Eviction Prevention

- During the last two years, the Eviction Prevention team has paid over **\$2 Million** on behalf of hundreds of families facing eviction.
- This allowed FBC families to keep roofs over their heads, but also alleviated the burden of facing housing instability and homelessness.

# FBC Rental/Mortgage Assistance Programs



- Over **20,000** applicants to programs
- Approximately **10,000** individual County residents received assistance
- Over **1,500** Evictions avoided
  - Over \$3 million in evictions cases adjudicated.
  - **JP Court #2** assistance alone was over \$2.0 million.



# Technical and Contractor Reimbursement Assistance Summary

# Grant Administration Services

- ✓ **Mobilization and Project Development**
  - Comprehensive recovery assistance programs and reimbursement strategy
  - Based on CARES Act/ERA and ARPA guidelines and regulations
  - Flexible and scalable

- ✓ **Collaborative Planning with Fort Bend County LGs**
  - Data and process driven approach
  - Weighted criteria for decision making

- ✓ **Compliance and Reimbursement**
  - Accurate accounting of funds and disbursements
  - Subrecipient Monitoring
  - US Treasury Quarterly and Annual Reporting

- ✓ **Programmatic and Documentation Controls**



**Financial Management**



**Project Management & Controls**



**QA/QC and Verification**



**Call Center**



**Outreach & Communications**



**Training**



# On-Going Support

**MPACT's current engagement and Task Order is to provide the following through 2024:**

- Closeout of the Small Business Program (April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023)
- Closeout of the ERA Programs (May/June 2023)
- Continued FEMA Reimbursement Assistance and Application Submissions (Dec 2023)
- Limited Technical Assistance (December 2024)

## **Proposed on-going services that may need Court approval**

- Monitoring and Compliance of the HGAC Triple R Program
  - Currently performing monitoring activities, however this will need to be funded going forward for oversight and compliance to ARPA guidelines and contract
- Oversight compliance of planned housing development program with designated ERA and ARPA funds



# MPACT thanks FORT BEND County for trusting us to assist its residents and businesses in its significant efforts to respond, recover and become more resilient during the COVID-19 pandemic.





# \*FBC PROGRAM APPLICANT TESTIMONIALS



**“Thank you MPACT for the update.  
Again, Your staff is going above and Beyond”**

**“Thank you! This grant will allow me to keep my business  
open and employees working. God Bless”**

**“Good morning, Thank you for the support. My family truly  
appreciates all efforts and initiatives of Fort Bend County  
Officials to improving the lives of residents.”**

**This was absolutely amazing, refreshing, thought provoking, engaging and fire! I am so very  
honored to be within this space and look forward to the transformation that shall arise out of the  
entire experience.**

**Thank you!!!! You've just relieved a lot of financial stress. Have a great day!! :)**





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**We appreciate the opportunity to  
continue to serve Fort Bend**



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