



American Rescue Plan Act Overview

September 9, 2021



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

- Intended to provide direct relief, contain COVID-19 and help improve and stabilize the economy
- Significant focus on utilizing funds to strengthen communities and make important changes for future generations
- Eligible Use period: March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2026
 - All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024
 - Exception: premium pay can be retroactive to any point from January 27, 2020



ELIGIBLE USES

- To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.



ELIGIBLE USES

- The prior slide highlights the eligible spending areas for ARPA funds. Unlike CARES funding, ARPA funding was designed to focus on longer term issues and concerns related to the pandemic
- Strong emphasis on data based funding and transformative or generational projects that have significant impact on residents
- Specific categories may require the use and implementation of evidence based interventions or projects designed to primarily serve disadvantaged populations
- Certain expenditure categories require both evidence based interventions and demonstration of serving disadvantaged populations



ELIGIBLE USES

- Eligible use guidelines are still based on the interim rule; final guidance is not anticipated until early-to-mid Fall
- Both State and local governments have the exact same guidelines
- To maximize funding for priority projects at the local level, County is waiting on some additional information about the State allocated funds



STATE ARPA DOLLARS

Broadband Access

- Combination of Fiscal Recovery Funds and the Capital Projects fund allocation for broadband totaling \$700.7 million
- \$16 million is set aside for expansion to low-to moderate income residents across two years

Wastewater and Drinking Water Improvements

- \$100 million for capital costs related to the design and installation of nutrient removal technology
- \$75 million for septic, straight pipe and sewer system collection repair, replacement and upgrades



STATE ARPA DOLLARS

- Public Safety
 - \$33.2 million for a \$3,000 bonus for state-supported sworn officers of sheriffs' departments and regional jails
 - Bonus must be implemented by November 30, 2021
- Assistance to businesses
 - \$250 million for the Rebuild VA grant program for small business and non-profits
 - \$8 million for the Virginia Main Street Program for businesses recovering from the pandemic
 - \$50 million for Virginia Tourism Authority for local domestic marketing organizations and incentive programs



STATE ARPA DOLLARS

- Utility Assistance
 - \$120 million to provide direct assistance to residential utility customers
 - \$9.9 million in Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program funds to the Department of Social Services
 - \$90.2 million in Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds to the Department of Social Services
- Housing
 - \$465 million for Emergency Rental Assistance
 - \$39.7 million in HOME Investment Partnership Program (HUD)



STATE ARPA DOLLARS

- Behavioral Health
 - \$30 million Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for expansion of community-based crisis services, which may include mobile crisis services and crisis receiving facilities.
 - \$4 million to the DCJS for crisis intervention team training for law enforcement offices and dispatchers
 - Provides \$10 million to VDH for substance misuse and suicide prevention efforts, and \$10 million to DBHDS to expand community-based substance use disorder treatment services.



STATE ARPA DOLLARS

- Unemployment Trust Fund
 - \$862 million for the trust fund
 - \$91.2 million for technology improvements for Virginia Employment Commission
- Ventilation Improvements for Schools
 - \$250 million for qualification projects based on FY 2022 projected March 31 ADM
 - Minimum allocation is \$200,000 per division on a reimbursement basis, local match is required



LOCAL ARPA ALLOCATIONS

- County received the first allocation of funding on May 19
 - Funding came directly from U.S. Treasury
 - County is a primary grant recipient of ARPA funding
 - ARPA guidance allows entities to earn interest on cash dollars
 - Interest can be applied to outstanding ARPA projects and commitments

- Towns received their first allocation of funding in late June
 - Funding came from the State
 - Towns are sub-recipients of ARPA funding

- County and Towns have different audit and reporting requirements for this funding



LOCAL ARPA ALLOCATIONS

Fauquier County	\$ 13,834,039
Warrenton	\$ 10,403,180
Remington	\$ 682,686
The Plains	\$ 244,854
Schools	\$ 5,899,550



CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Public Health

Custodial Positions

\$ 502,000

- Provides two custodial positions beginning September 2021 through December 2026

Public Health

Personal Protective Equipment

\$1,000,000

- Placeholder, may not use all funds
- Continue to monitor needs and current supplies

CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Mental Health Services

Crisis Invention Team Assessment Center (CITAC) \$ 268,000

- Transfer of Custody and Emergency Custody Order Evaluations
- Pilot would occur at Fauquier Health
- Partners: Hospital, Warrenton PD and Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Costs include 24-hour support, 365 days a year

Substance Use Services

CSB Building Renovation	\$ 100,000
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- Provides \$100,000 of County support to renovate the former CSB building located at 340 Hospital Drive into a residential step-down clinic
- Placeholder allocation as the County will attempt to secure State ARPA dollars for this project first



CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Last Mile and Other Projects

Broadband

\$4,000,000

- Focus on unserved and underserved areas of the County
- Goal of ARPA funding is to meet or exceed symmetrical 100 mbps download and upload speeds
 - Exceptions are granted for certain geographical and topographical challenges that make projects excessive in cost
 - Communities are discussing ways to make these efforts expandable in the future as technology continues to improve
- Applying for a VATI Grant through the State
 - Total project is \$64 million; \$38.8 million partner and \$17.8 million State
 - County match is \$10.5 million (ARPA eligible)
 - Other County dollars and potential donations and grants
 - This project, due to its size and status, must adhere to Davis Bacon rules



CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Administrative Expenses

Oversight

\$1,383,400

- To ensure compliance with federal reporting
 - Some governments are utilizing consultants and firms to verify revenue calculations and reporting compliance
- To ensure compliance with project requirements
 - Additional project management staff or contracts may be required to ensure timely delivery of projects and correct oversight
- Amount represents 10% of total award to the County



CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Total Award		13,834,039
Public Health	Custodial Positions	502,000
Public Health	Personal Protective Equipment	1,000,000
Mental Health Services	CITAC Pilot	268,000
Substance Abuse Services	CSB Building Renovation	100,000
Last Mile Project	Broadband	4,000,000
Administrative	Reporting and Compliance	1,383,400
Remaining Dollars		6,580,639



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- ARPA requires many social program areas utilize proven evidenced based practices
- ARPA encourages many, and requires some spending categories, to be designed to specifically address disadvantaged populations
- Categories such as household assistance, education, housing support and small business economic assistance require the use of both evidenced based practices and assistance for disadvantaged populations
- Certain spending categories may require third party providers or contracts with outside entities to ensure compliance



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION