

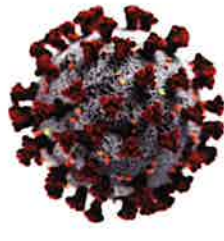
American Recovery Plan Act – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Update September 14, 2021

ARPA - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- ▶ Federal Government providing \$350 Billion in emergency funding to eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments
- ▶ Funding arriving in June after certification received from locality; currently going through identification process
- ▶ Prince George County share \$7,449,621 – TRANCHE 1 – \$3,724,810.50 (1st Half) – Received 08/05/2021
- ▶ Schools are receiving separate ARPA funding allocations directly; appropriated as requested by school division [\$123 Billion is being provided for K-12 Education (separate from Local Fiscal Recovery Funds)]

ARPA LFRF Funding



▶ Relief Targeted to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and,
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

ARPA LFRF Funding Allowable Uses

- ▶ **May be Used to:**
 - **Support public health expenditures**, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
 - **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
 - **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
 - **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
 - **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Act went into effect 3/3/2021 and is generally “forward looking” – covers expenditures 3/3/2021 and later

ARPA LFRF Funding Ineligible Uses



- **States and territories may not use this funding to directly or indirectly offset a reduction in net tax revenue due to a change in law from March 3, 2021 through the last day of the fiscal year in which the funds provided have been spent.** The American Rescue Plan ensures that funds needed to provide vital services and support public employees, small businesses, and families struggling to make it through the pandemic are not used to fund reductions in net tax revenue. Treasury’s Interim Final Rule implements this requirement. If a state or territory cuts taxes, they must demonstrate how they paid for the tax cuts from sources other than Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds—by enacting policies to raise other sources of revenue, by cutting spending, or through higher revenue due to economic growth. If the funds provided have been used to offset tax cuts, the amount used for this purpose must be paid back to the Treasury.
- **No recipient may use this funding to make a deposit to a pension fund.** Treasury’s Interim Final Rule defines a “deposit” as an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund for the purpose of reducing an accrued, unfunded liability. While pension deposits are prohibited, recipients may use funds for routine payroll contributions for employees whose wages and salaries are an eligible use of funds.

ARPA LFRF Funding - Board Consensus on Uses

APPROVED

- ▶ The Prince George County Board of Supervisors considered a list of requests made by Department Heads, including Constitutional Officers
- ▶ At a July 21 work session, the Board established priorities, committing most of Tranche 1
- ▶ Although Department Head requests had merit, the Board priorities leveraged the **majority** of the funds to needed water/wastewater projects to mitigate future tax and rate impacts to citizens

Approved Uses - Tranche 1 \$3,724,810.50

As Approved on 7/21/21

ITEM	COMMITTED:	AMOUNT	REMAINING [TRANCHE 1] - \$3,724,810.50	COUNT OF BOARD MEMBERS SELECTING	COMMENT	DOLLAR VALUE OF PROJECTS => 4 OR 5 SELECTED	Unanimous / 7/21/21 Consensus	MEETING NOTES 7/21/21
37	Swag-It - Board Meeting Platform	\$ 100,766.20	\$ 3,624,044.30	5		100,766.20	100,766.20	
13	Citizen Relief - Tax rebate for vehicles that increased in assessed value 2020 to 2021 [with possible part-time employee to assist in administering]	\$ 214,522.18		5		214,522.18	214,522.18	THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE APPLICATION BASED; UPDATED ESTIMATE IN PROGRESS - NOT ALL ELIGIBLE WILL APPLY
19	Air Filtration System for Courthouse	\$ 175,625.00		4		175,625.00	175,625.00	
29	Plexiglass partitions for jury box	\$ 12,000.00		5		12,000.00	12,000.00	
29A	Blinds / window coverings for Jury Assembly room	\$ 1,265.00		5		1,265.00	1,265.00	
77	Engineering costs for wastewater solution (PS & FM or WWTP)	\$ 2,500,000.00		4	Feedback from Board expected in August to Mr. Haltom	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	
81	New Water & Wastewater Master Plan	\$ 250,000.00		4		250,000.00	250,000.00	
						3,254,178.38	3,254,178.38	
							\$ 470,632.12	

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For Follow-up on 7/21/21

ITEMS FROM JULY 21 FOR WHICH FOLLOW-UP WAS REQUESTED:									
									RETURN TO THIS ITEM IF FUNDING ALLOWS AND NEED EXISTS
2	Financial Assistance to Local Food Bank	\$ 25,000.00			3				
63	Repair / Replace Dark Fiber - County Complex - Connections between buildings in the Admin Complex	\$ 60,000.00			3				COME BACK TO THIS ITEM WHEN BETTER QUOTE IS RECEIVED

Other Items - Actual Costs in Determination:				
93	Call Center Staff [3/3/21 - 7/2/21]	\$ 23,192.00	Estimated (June 17 - Jul 2 hours still pending payment)	
25A	Cleaning Staff [3/3/21 - duration]	TBD	To Be Determined - Services will end July 31, 2021	
	American Legion Transitional Housing Project		Mr. Ashcraft - \$250,000 Request to General Assembly	



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As Adjusted with Status Update

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37	Swag-it - Board Meeting Platform	\$ 100,766.20	\$ 3,624,044.30	Ordered	5		100,766.20	
	Citizen Relief - Tax rebate for vehicles that increased in assessed value 2020 to 2021 [with possible part-time employee to assist in administering]	\$ 214,522.18	\$ 3,409,522.12	Recommend rolling out after January 1, 2022 - to avoid providing a rebate for vehicle that could sell now until 12/31/2021 for which a prorated refund would be due	5		214,522.18	THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE APPLICATION BASED; UPDATED ESTIMATE IN PROGRESS - NOT ALL ELIGIBLE WILL APPLY
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19	Air Filtration System for Courthouse	\$ 175,625.00	\$ 3,233,897.12	Ordered	4		175,625.00	
29	Plexiglass partitions for jury box	\$ 16,075.00	\$ 3,217,822.12	Ordered; Amount updated from \$12,000; original quote did not contain delivery & installation	5		16,075.00	
29A	Blinds / window coverings for Jury Assembly room	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 3,216,557.12	Susan Fierro may be able to cover this with grant funds?	5		1,265.00	
77	Engineering costs for wastewater solution (PS & FM or WWTP)	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 716,557.12	Decision pending on solution	4	Board consensus on solution pending	2,500,000.00	
81	New Water & Wastewater Master Plan	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 466,557.12		4		250,000.00	
93	Call Center Employees - Compensation (3/3/21 - 7/2/2021)	22,208.53	\$ 444,348.59	Paid out	5		22,208.53	
25A	Cleaning Staff - Compensation (3/3/21 - 7/31/21)	27,873.13	\$ 416,475.46	Paid out	5		27,873.13	
							3,308,335.04	416,475.46

ARPA Approved Uses - Status Update

- ▶ #13 Citizen Relief - Car Tax Rebate if values increased [staff recommendation to roll out after January 1, 2022 - Proration - potential prorated refunds to taxpayers who sell vehicles now through December 31, 2021. Waiting would avoid possibly issuing a rebate to someone who doesn't own the vehicle for entirety of tax year.]



ARPA Approved Uses - Requested Follow-Up

- ▶ Food Bank - Ms. Barnes provided information mid-August on resources on hand (bank account balance) [will provide to Board members by email]. The Food Bank purchases \$350.00 in food monthly from retailers. With food donations, lasts approximately 3 weeks. Food distributions to citizens have increased 150% in last year.
- ▶ Repair / Replace Dark Fiber - County Complex - vendor visited and quote for *testing* is pending as of 9/07/2021.

ARPA LFRF Funding – Wrap Up

- ▶ Timing of funding covers costs incurred 3/3/2021 – 12/31/2024
 - Fully Obligated by 12/31/2024; if obligated 12/31/2024 expended by 12/31/2026
- ▶ Unspent funds must be returned to the federal government
- ▶ Expenditures for unallowable purchases will have to be repaid to the federal government



ARPA LFRF Funding- Wrap Up

- ▶ More updates will follow
- ▶ Questions?

