

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: March 1, 2022
DEPARTMENT: County Manager
REQUESTER: Roger Desjarlais
TITLE: Authorize Phase Two Investments for American Rescue Plan Act Funding

I. MOTION REQUESTED

Authorize the County Manager to implement Phase Two American Rescue Plan Act Recovery & Resilience programs enumerated in the attached document. The County Manager is further authorized to make such adjustments to the program as may be necessary or prudent within the guidelines established by Treasury as they may be amended or supplemented from time to time. Additional program expenditures will be proposed throughout the period in which ARPA funds must be obligated (December 31, 2024).

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Directs staff to implement Phase Two of Lee County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery & Resilience Plan using \$91.8M of the \$149,675,549 in direct federal assistance provided to Lee County under ARPA. Investments will be made in allowable ARPA Expenditure Categories to address: Public Health, Negative Economic Impacts (of the pandemic), Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Infrastructure and Administrative needs. The time horizon for obligating these funds extends through 2024, so additional investments will be approved by the BoCC as/when appropriate. Additionally, individual subrecipient agreements with selected grant awardees will be presented to the BoCC throughout the ARPA implementation phases.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A) Board Action and Other History

The BoCC participated in an ARPA workshop on September 7, 2021. On October 19, 2021 the BoCC authorized Phase One investments for American Rescue Plan Act Funding. On December 7, 2021 the BoCC approved a contract for ARPA management consulting with Ernst & Young U.S. LLP. On February 11, 2022 during its Strategic Planning session the BoCC provided consensus policy direction for Phase Two investments under the American Rescue Plan Act. Lee County has submitted all required reports to US Treasury.

B) Policy Issues

C) BoCC Goals

D) Analysis

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides \$149,675,549 in direct local funding assistance for Lee County. The first half of the County's award has been received and the second half is expected in mid-2022.

In conformance with the Department of the Treasury Interim Final Rule, Lee County's ARPA Plan will encompass programs and projects to address the approved areas: public health response; negative economic impacts to households, small businesses, and nonprofits; services to disproportionately impacted communities; core government services; and infrastructure needs.

More detail on Phase Two options and proposals are included in the attached spreadsheet.

Proposed Phase Two Projects	Recommended Funding
Emergency Operations Center Expansion Project	\$16,426,525
Lee County Sheriff traffic detail at Covid testing site (CenturyLink)and monoclonal antibody site(Old Bonita Library)	\$100,000
Behavioral Health Coordinated Care System	\$5,000,000
Workforce Training and Certification Grant (Phase 2)	\$5,000,000

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Affordable Housing Grants to NonProfits	\$5,000,000
Cyber Security Risk Assessment and Hardware Software Improvements	\$2,100,000
Fort Myers Beach Water Reclamation Facility Major Improvements	\$ 8,489,875
Big Carlos Bridge Project	\$48,241,146
Administrative Expenses	\$1,496,756
TOTAL PHASE TWO RECOMMENDED FUNDING	\$91,854,302

Pursuant to the Behavioral Health Coordinated Care System project, implementation proposals will be solicited through the attached Notice of Funding Availability. Eligible proposals would be evaluated and a recommended implementation partner submitted to the BoCC for consideration.

E) Options

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	See Comments below.
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?	No
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	Expense
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Discretionary
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	Yes
F)	Fund: Program: Project: Account Strings: 11129500100	
G)	Fund Type?	Other: American Rescue Plan Act: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
H)	Comments: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides \$149,675,549 in direct local funding assistance for Lee County. The funds need to be obligated by 2024 and expended by 2026.	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

VII. FOLLOW UP

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Notice of Funding Availability - Behavioral Health Coordinated Care System	2/17/2022	Backup Material
Proposed ARPA Phase II	2/18/2022	Backup Material

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	2/18/2022 - 2:46 PM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	2/18/2022 - 3:08 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	2/18/2022 - 3:30 PM
County Attorney	Fraser, Andrea	Approved	2/21/2022 - 7:46 AM
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	2/21/2022 - 9:20 AM