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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

October 19, 2021



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

ARPA Overview

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law on March 11, 2021
- Charlotte County allocated \$36,693,553
- Funds expenses encumbered between March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- Interim Final Rule released by U.S. Department of Treasury on May 10, 2021

Eligible Expenses under ARPA

ARPA Eligible Expenses (Per Sec. 602(c)(1) and 603(c)(1) of interim final guidance):

1. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
3. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and,
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Public Health Emergency

- Services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
- Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs
- Services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic
- Payroll and covered benefit expenses for staff primarily dedicated to pandemic response



Negative Economic Impacts

- Individual, small business and nonprofit assistance
- Recovery of tourism, travel and hospitality sectors
- Serving hardest-hit communities & families in qualified census tracts or disproportionately impacted

Provision of Government Services

- Replacing lost public sector revenue
- Providing premium pay for essential workers (can include private sector)
- Reemployment of public sector employees

Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

- Investment in water infrastructure
- Investment in wastewater infrastructure
- Investment in stormwater treatment
- Facilitating water reuse
- Investment in broadband for unserved or underserved

Charlotte County ARPA Spending Plan

- Recommend annual review and spending plan for each of the 4 years
- Incorporates expenses already incurred
- Incorporates commitments already made

Year 1 Draft Spending Plan

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| • Public Health Response | \$8,373,338 |
| • Vaccination/Testing: \$400,000 | |
| • Public Safety Payroll: \$5,313, 338 | |
| • COVID Isolation/Leave: \$10,000* | |
| • CCSO Co-Responder Program: \$850,000 | |
| • Retrofit of Rm 119: \$1,800,000* | |
| • Negative Economic Impacts | \$500,000 |
| • Assistance to Individuals: \$500,000 | |
| • Infrastructure | <u>\$300,000</u> |
| • AWT Design for Eastport WRF: \$300,000 | |
| Total Spending Plan | \$9,173,338 |

**indicates estimated, variable cost*

Year 2-4 Spending Plan

- Focus on Infrastructure
 - Advanced Treatment for East Port WRF
 - Advanced Treatment for Burnt Store WRF
 - Sewer Expansion program
- Continued support, expansion of CCSO Co-responder program
- Revenue Replacement ???

Discussion and Direction Needed

- Individual Assistance
- Nonprofit Assistance
- Priorities for infrastructure investment

Next Steps

- Final review by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson
- Approval of Spending Plan
- Implementation with procurement under required federal provisions
- Regular updates to BCC