

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021

\$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local govts.

- \$65.1 billion is provided in direct aid to counties
(Jefferson County - \$2,370,188 over two years)
- \$1.5 billion for public land counties.
(Distribution Formula Being Developed)
- HB632 provides \$3 billion statewide
(Available funds to assist the County)

The final bill outlines that funds may be used by counties to:

- 1. Respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts**, assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, aid to impacted industries tourism, travel, and hospitality
- 2. Respond to workers performing essential** work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work
- 3. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue** due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency (I.e. January 20, 2020)
- 4. Make necessary investments** in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

GUARDRAILS FOR RECOVERY FUNDS

- 1. Not Allowed to Use Funds to Either Directly or Indirectly Offset a Reduction in the Tax Revenue**
- 2. No Funds Shall be Deposited Into any Pension Funds**
- 3. Any Government Failing to Comply with the Guidelines Shall be Required to Repay the Funds.**

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT: SUMMARY OF THE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

- Treasury has NOT yet released specific submission instructions for the Recovery Fund, as of April 21, 2021.
- Deadline to spend funds is December 21, 2024.
- First payment not later than 60-days after enactment, second payment 12 months after the first payment.
- Required to provide periodic reports how funds were used and detailed accounting of the use of funds.
- Additional \$1.5 billion (public lands counties).



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Other Funding Opportunities

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

\$211.57 BILLION

ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

\$56.27 BILLION

HEALTH

\$86.24 BILLION

TRANSPORTATION

\$40.16 BILLION

OTHER PROGRAMS

\$61.32 BILLION



FUNDING PLAN

Social Safety-Net Services (1) (2)

Childcare

\$100,000

- Support existing facilities and help bring new services to the county.

Health Department

\$100,000

- Purchase PPE and continued vaccination support.
- Implement County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

County ARPA/Grants Administrator

\$ 75,000

- This position will be responsible for tracking and administering ARPA.
- Provide grant writing services for the County and citizens.

Assisted Living Support

\$ 50,000

- Grants to assist facilities with ongoing expenses
- Funds will help with health and safety concerns related to the pandemic.



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FUNDING PLAN

Small Business Support (1)

County Wide Business Revolving Loan Fund

\$200,000

- Establishment of two RLF's to serve the County's unique geography.
- Regional Partners will administer the funds, attract private investment, and other funds.

Business Improvement Grants

\$100,000

- Provide business improvement grants throughout the County.



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NON-PROFIT SUPPORT (1)(2)

Organizational Support

\$100,000

- Provide one-time grants to non profit organizations to cover unanticipated expenses, revenue losses, and business expenses incurred due to COVID-19.
- The County would work with the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation and the Elkhorn Community Foundation.



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FUNDING PLAN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (1)

Entrepreneurship & Incubation Development **\$250,000**

- Funds will be allocated to support business recovery and resilience.
- Provide technical assistance, financial management training, workforce recovery etc.
- Help new and existing businesses gain access to capital.

Brownfields - South Campus **\$150,000**

- Hazardous material abatement and removal.
- Leverage outside investment and resources to redevelop historic buildings.

Land Development **\$150,000**

- Develop underutilized properties for housing and workforce attraction.
- Work with State and regional housing partners to expand affordable options.



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FUNDING PLAN

HOSPITALITY/TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (1)

Tourism & Area Attraction Center

\$300,000

- Create a visitor and recreational attraction center that will provide information regarding points of interest, local businesses, lodging etc.
- Partner with MT Department of Commerce and U.S. Economic Development Admin to promote regional tourism opportunities.

County Wide Tourism Support

\$ 50,000

- Partner with the Boulder and Whitehall Chambers of Commerce, and Discover Jefferson County to boost tourism and spending throughout the County.
- Leverage additional state and federal funds to create self-sustaining efforts.



FUNDING PLAN

INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION (4)

Broadband Expansion

\$200,000

- Increase connectivity throughout the County.
- Faster speeds via new technology.
- Leverage additional state and federal funds.

Planning & Engineering

\$100,000

- Assist communities with on-going design and planning costs.
- Leverage additional state and federal funds.

Water & Sewer District Support

\$ 75,000

- Provide an allocation to existing districts (i.e., matching funds).
- The County has experienced significant growth as a result of the pandemic.



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FUNDING PLAN

TOTAL PLAN ALLOCATION **\$2,000,000**

REMAINING FOR ALLOCATION **\$370,188**

(Note: First year allocation is \$1,185,094 and second year is \$1,185,094)

Public comment will be accepted until June, 4. Information will be available on the County's website.