

Rescue Plan Act

Timing Allocations

October 15, 2021



Funding Details

- Union County allocated \$46.6 million
 - ½ now and the remaining ½ in approximately 6-18 months
- Funding Objectives:
 - 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
 - Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic
- Municipalities received funds directly

Potential Uses

- Opportunities to leverage with municipal partners
- Grant opportunities for small businesses/non-profits
- Property tax relief
- Water, sewer, storm water
- Broadband (state law restrictions)
- Public health programs
- Behavioral health programs
- Very broad uses allowed ...

Recovery Act Committee Recommendations

Level 1

- *Behavioral Health*
- *Broadband*
- *Public Health*

Level 2

- *Affordable Housing*
- *Public Safety*
- *Sewer*
- *Transportation/ Transit*
- *Water*

Level 3

- *Library*
- *Parks*
- *Stormwater*

Revised Recommendations

A. COVID-19 Mitigation

9% Allocation; \$4.5M

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.

B. Strategic Investments in County Services

65% Allocation; \$30M

Invest to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

C. Community and Economic Support

10% Allocation; \$4.8M

Address negative economic and supply chain impacts to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and County programs (library, park/recreation, food hub)

D. Administration

5% Allocation; \$2.3M

Manage and coordinate use of funds to ensure transparency and public accountability while maintaining a robust documentation and compliance methodology.

E. Hold-Back

11% Allocation; \$5M

Set aside as a contingency/reserve fund to provide flexibility over the period the funds are available to most appropriately respond to the changing regulatory, economic and public health environment brought on by the pandemic.

High-Level Implementation Timeframe

2021				2022				2023				2024				2025				2026				2027
Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			

Near Term
Recovery

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC SUPPORT

Planning, contracting → Reimbursement

Long Term
Growth

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN COUNTY SERVICES

Planning, design, contracting → Permitting, acquisition → Construction

Ongoing
Support

COVID-19 MITIGATION

COVID-19 related expenditures reimbursed as needed

ADMINISTRATION

Staff augmentation → Monitoring, compliance, reporting → Grant closeout activities

✕ Receive 2nd Tranche

✕ All funds obligated

✕ All funds spent

Uncertain Environment

- Rules are not final
- Ongoing congressional efforts
- Lack of State budget



Next Steps

- Internal Support/Governance Structure
 - Will be important to make funding decisions that clearly follow Treasury guidelines
 - Rating agencies will evaluate a government's use of the ARPA funds in formulating its credit opinion
 - Will consider government's level of reserves and structural budget balance, or efforts to return to structural balance, as part of their credit analysis

Governance Structure

- Staff from budget, finance, procurement and manager's office to serve in oversight capacity
- Programs/projects for approval in each category will come to the Board for approval
- Monthly report to Board regarding programs/projects and use of funds



