



The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021



Background

- \$1.9 trillion funding to facilitate recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19
 - Direct financial payments to qualifying families
 - Extended unemployment assistance
 - Emergency rental assistance, housing vouchers, and utility assistance
 - Food aid and nutrition assistance
 - Increased child tax credit
 - School and child care block grants
 - Restaurant revitalization fund and Paycheck Protection Program

Background

\$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

- Support to state, local, and tribal governments to help the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency
 - Fight the pandemic
 - Support organizations struggling with public health and economic impacts
 - Maintain public services
 - Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery

Linn County

- \$44,034,983
 - Two installments
 - May cover costs incurred beginning March 3, 2021
 - Deadline to incur costs December 31, 2024
 - Deadline to spend funds December 31, 2026
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Linn County Cities – ARPA Funding

Cedar Rapids	\$ 28,000,000
Alburnett	\$ 104,000
Bertram	\$ 43,000
Center Point	\$ 381,000
Central City	\$ 193,000
Coggon	\$ 99,000
Ely	\$ 349,000
Fairfax	\$ 426,000
Hiawatha	\$ 1,106,000
Lisbon	\$ 335,000
Marion	\$ 6,014,000
Mount Vernon	\$ 666,000
Palo	\$ 159,000
Prairieburg	\$ 28,000
Robins	\$ 527,000
Springville	\$ 169,000
Walford	\$ 215,000
Walker	\$ 118,000
	\$ 10,932,000

Eligible Uses

- A. Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response
- B. Provide premium pay for eligible workers doing essential work
- C. Replace lost public sector revenue
- D. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Ineligible Uses

- A. Deposits into pension funds
 - B. Offsetting a reduction in tax revenue
 - C. Paying off debt
 - D. Establishing “rainy day” reserve funds
 - E. Matching funds for other federal programs
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- Ineligible uses of funds are subject to repayment
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Assessing Local Needs

- Three public engagement forums
- Community impact survey
- Online surveys
- Linn County cities
- Ongoing community meetings
- Linn County departments

Available Funding (Round 1)

(Prior to issuance of the Final Rule)

ARPA first federal installment - \$22 million

Lost revenue - \$7 million

Administration - \$4 million

Available for distribution - \$11 million

Round 1 Funding Objectives

- Prioritize public health, negative economic impacts, and water and sewer infrastructure
- Distribute funds across a variety of uses throughout Linn County
- Invest in one-time uses that leverage other funding sources

Round 1 Funding Categories

Responding to the Public Health Emergency and its Negative Economic Impacts

\$5,500,000

Investing in Water and Sewer Infrastructure

\$5,500,000

Funding Categories – Round 1

Responding to the Public Health Emergency

- COVID-19 mitigation and prevention
 - Public health services
 - Medical expenses
 - Behavioral health care and services
 - Mental health treatment
 - Crisis care
 - Substance use treatment
 - Preventing and responding to violence and victims of crime
 - Investments in facilities that respond to COVID-19
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Funding Categories – Round 1

Responding to Negative Economic Impacts

- Households and Communities
 - Food assistance
 - Housing, rent, and utility assistance
 - Legal aid
 - Education assistance
 - Job training assistance
 - Childcare supports
- Small Businesses
 - Loans or grants for financial hardship
- Nonprofit Organizations
 - Loans or grants for financial hardship
- Impacted Industries
 - Travel, tourism, hospitality

Funding Categories – Round 1

Investing in Water and Sewer Infrastructure

- Drinking water
 - Water quality
 - Treatment
 - Transmission and distribution
 - Clean water
 - Pollution
 - Water treatment, collection, and conveyance
 - Storm sewer infrastructure
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Eligible Applicants

- Non-profits
- Businesses
- Cities
- Schools
- Linn County departments
- Non-profits with a religious affiliation must serve the general public
- Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)
 - Entities doing business with the federal government
 - Sam.gov

Application – Key Questions

- Describe the project, location, and population served
- Describe the project timeline and milestones
- Describe the COVID-19 connection
- Describe the project goals and objectives
- Provide a project budget and describe funding of future operations

Applications

119 applications

\$76,786,462.96

Applications

- **Category A – Negative Economic Impacts**
16 applications totaling \$7,120,819.42
- **Category A – Affordable Housing**
4 applications totaling \$1,988,621.00
- **Category A – Public Health**
7 applications totaling \$3,356,817.00
- **Category A – Social Services**
17 applications totaling \$3,529,194.00
- **Category A – Capital Investments**
21 applications totaling \$27,126,673.15
- **Category D – Water and Sewer**
25 applications totaling \$21,504,473.39

City of Cedar Rapids
10 funded - \$3,000,000.00

Ineligible
17 applications totaling \$7,411,065.00

Withdrawn
1 application totaling \$748,800.00

PATCH Program
\$1,000,000.00

Review

- **Category A – Negative Economic Impacts**
 - Ashley Balius, Sonia Evans, Dawn Jindrich, Staci Meade
- **Category A – Public Health**
 - Pramod Dwivedi, Sonia Evans, Eric Bradley, Brent Oleson
- **Category A – Social Services**
 - David Thielen, Sonia Evans, Amy Grunewaldt, Sara Bearrows
- **Category A – Affordable Housing**
 - Ashley Balius, Sonia Evans, David Thielen
- **Category D – Water and Sewer**
 - Darrin Gage, Sonia Evans, Joi Alexander, Steve Estenson, Tam Marcus, Charlie Nichols

Review

- Final Rule – effective April 1, 2022
 - Established standard allowance
 - Clarified eligible capital expenditures
 - Expanded eligibility for “*impacted*” and “*disproportionately impacted*”
 - Added additional eligible water, sewer, and storm water investments
 - CDBG-DR
 - CDBG-CV
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Funding Awards

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