The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
Background

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

• Ineligible uses of funds are subject to repayment
ARPA Coordinating Committee

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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
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
  o Water quality
  o Treatment
  o Transmission and distribution

• Clean water
  o Pollution
  o Water treatment, collection, and conveyance
  o Storm sewer infrastructure
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**
  o Ashley Balius, Sonia Evans, Dawn Jindrich, Staci Meade

• **Category A – Public Health**
  o Pramod Dwivedi, Sonia Evans, Eric Bradley, Brent Oleson

• **Category A – Social Services**
  o David Thielen, Sonia Evans, Amy Grunewaldt, Sara Bearrows

• **Category A – Affordable Housing**
  o Ashley Balius, Sonia Evans, David Thielen

• **Category D – Water and Sewer**
  o Darrin Gage, Sonia Evans, Joi Alexander, Steve Estenson, Tam Marcus, Charlie Nichols
Review

• Final Rule – effective April 1, 2022
  o Established standard allowance
  o Clarified eligible capital expenditures
  o Expanded eligibility for “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted”
  o Added additional eligible water, sewer, and storm water investments

• CDBG-DR

• CDBG-CV
Funding Awards

• TBD