# American Rescue Plan Funds



# Background Information

Supports Discussion at July 1 F&A Committee Meeting

**County Administrator's Office** 



- Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) ARPA Funds
- Lake County set to receive \$136M
  - Municipalities receiving their own funds
- Guidance & application released May 10
  - Interim Final Rule requesting public comment
  - Fact sheet
  - FAQ document (updated multiple times)
- Compliance & Reporting Guidance (released June 17)



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  - Interim Report due August 31, 2021
    - One-time report with expenditures through July 30 and summary of revenue replacement inputs
  - Project & Expenditure Report due October 31, 2021
    - Quarterly report of projects, status, expenditures, demographic distribution, other data
  - Recovery Plan Performance Report due August 31, 2021
    - Annual report summarizing use of funds in detail, documenting equitable outcomes, community engagement, labor practices, use of evidence, and performance



ARPA Fund Reporting Expenditure Categories

**Public Health** 

**Negative Economic Impacts** 

**Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities** 

**Premium Pay** 

Infrastructure

**Revenue Replacement** 



#### **Public Health**

- COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing
- COVID-19 Contact Tracing
- Prevention in Congregate Settings
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Medical Expenses
- Capital Investments to Public Facilities that Respond to COVID-19
- Payroll for Public Safety and Public Health Employees (COVID-19)
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Use Services



#### **Negative Economic Impacts**

- Household Assistance Food, Rent, Eviction Protection\*
- Unemployment Benefits
- Job Training Assistance
- Small Business Assistance
- Aid to Nonprofit Organizations
- Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality
- Aid to Impacted Industries
- Rehiring Public Sector Staff



#### **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

- Education Assistance
- Healthy Childhood Environments Childcare, Home Visits, Services to Foster Youth or Families in Child Welfare System
- Housing Support Affordable Housing, Services for Unhoused Persons
- Social Determinants of Health Lead Remediation, Community Health Workers, Benefits Navigators, Community Violence Interventions



#### **Premium Pay**

- May provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during COVID-19
  - "Work involving regular in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others"
  - Individual who teleworked from a residence may not receive premium pay
  - Janitors, sanitation, public health & safety, human services, etc.
- Can be retroactive



#### Infrastructure

- Clean Water Projects
- Drinking Water Projects
- Broadband Projects



#### **Revenue Replacement**

• Provision of Government Services

# **Strategy Framing Guidance**



Start with and align with Lake County's Strategic Plan

- "Our Values"
  - Environmental Stewardship
  - Leadership
  - Exceptional Service
  - Fiscal Responsibility
  - Operational Excellence

# Strategic Alignment 2019 Strategic Plan



# <u>County's Mission</u>: Deliver exceptional, financially and environmentally responsive / responsible services that promote a safe, affordable, healthy, and resilient community

Strategic Initiatives		
	Regional Leadership	
	Fiscal Responsibility	
	Exceptional Service and Operational Excellence	
Strategic Goals		
	Public Safety and Integrated, Data-Driven Justice System	
	Enhance Economic Opportunities	
	Improve Infrastructure	
	Promote a Sustainable Environment	
	Build Healthy, Inclusive, and Resilient Communities	

Strategic Themes		
I	nter-Organizational Cooperation	
	Quality of Life	
E	Economic Development	
I	nfrastructure	
E	Environmental Sustainability	
ı	Non-Environmental Sustainability	
L	ake County Branding	
ı	Mental Health	
•	Grants and Specialty Funding	
	Diversity and Inclusion	

# **Strategy Framing Guidance Guiding Tenets**



- Investments will align with the County's Strategic Plan
- Evaluate use of ARPA against all other funding sources and target ARPA funds on investments that are not eligible for other funding
- Focus on regional investments, especially in critical infrastructure
  - Non-recurring, targeted
  - Provides long term benefits
- Investments take into consideration future years, post-ARPA to ensure able to sustain any new programs or services
- Coordinate with and be cognizant of other partner local governments in and surrounding Lake County and plan use of funds accordingly
- County Administration will be central point of contact and coordinator for requests and discussions related to proposed options and planning

