



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Overview and Direction

**County Administrator's
Response and Recovery Coordination Committee**

October 15, 2021

**Lake County
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Strategic Alignment

2019 Strategic Plan



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

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

Strategic Themes	
X	Inter-Organizational Cooperation
X	Quality of Life
X	Economic Development
X	Infrastructure
X	Environmental Sustainability
X	Non-Environmental Sustainability
X	Lake County Branding
X	Mental Health
X	Grants and Specialty Funding
X	Diversity and Inclusion

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- **Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) - ARPA Funds**
- **Lake County set to receive \$136M over two years**
 - **Municipalities receiving their own funds**
- **Guidance & application released May 10**
 - **Interim Final Rule**
 - **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**
- **Recovery Plan Performance Report due August 31, 2021**
 - **Annual report summarizing use of funds, documenting equitable outcomes, community engagement, labor practices, use of evidence, and performance**
- **Project & Expenditure Report due October 31, 2021**
 - **Quarterly report of projects, status, expenditures, demographic distribution, other data**

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- ARPA Fund Reporting Expenditure Categories

Public Health (PH)
Negative Economic Impacts (EI)
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Premium Pay (PP)
Revenue Replacement (RR)

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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**

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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**

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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**

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Infrastructure

- Clean Water Projects
- Drinking Water Projects
- Broadband Projects

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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**

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Revenue Replacement

- Provision of Government Services

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Strategic 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

Strategic Guidance

Guiding Tenets



- **Projects will consider (Federal Guidance):**
 - **Equitable Outcomes**
 - **Community Engagement**
 - **Underserved Community Support**
 - **Labor Requirements**
 - **Appropriate Internal Controls**

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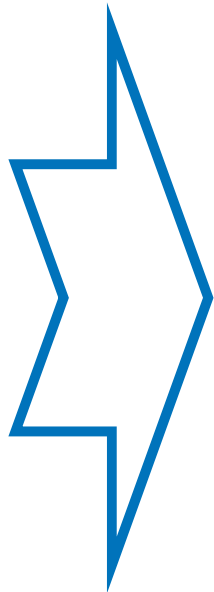
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Planning Teams

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- Public Health
- Economic and Business Investment
- Household Assistance
- Infrastructure and Capital Investment
- Investment in County Operations

Compliance
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Reporting

Outreach
and
Community
Engagement

Approved Expenditures

Time-Critical



- **Public Health**
 - Child Advocacy Center Mental Health Counselors
 - AllVax Renewal
 - Warehouse for PPE/Related Expenses
- **Negative Economic Impact**
 - Eviction Mediation
 - Food Insecurity
- **Disproportionately Impacted Communities**
 - Housing / Homeless Support
- **Administration**
 - Housing Support Services

Approved Expenditures

Time-Critical



	Total Approved
Public Health	\$ 556,687.00
Negative Economic Impacts	\$ 930,000.00
Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$ 90,000.00
Premium Pay	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -
Revenue Replacement	\$ -
Administration	\$ 55,860.00
	\$ 1,632,547.00

Public Engagement

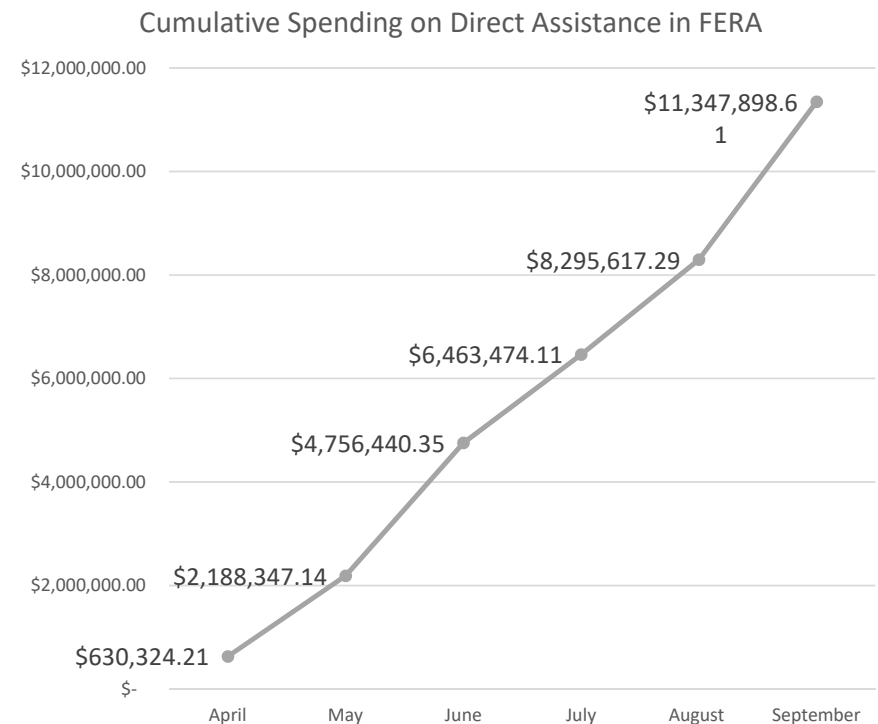


- **State and local governments are required to report on methods used to engage communities**
- **Draft engagement plan has been created**
 - Aims to educate residents and gather input using various methods
 - Includes strategies for broad audiences and targeted audiences
- **For the Committee to Consider**
 - Inviting community groups to speak at Special Committee Meetings (similar to CARES strategy)
 - Creating an additional committee/group comprised of community members (similar to CARES strategy)
 - **Non-Scientific Engagement vs Scientific Engagement**
 - “Non-Scientific” = Staff handles public engagement - digitally-based
 - “Scientific” = County outsources portions or all public engagement - cost varies depending on level of engagement

Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (Not Part of ARPA)



- **\$36 million available through Treasury (ERA1 and ERA2), subcontracted to 15 community partners**
- **Follows 2020 rental assistance program, COVID Housing Relief Program (CHRP)**
- **Program features rolling applications, up to 12 months of rental and utility assistance to low-income renters impacted by COVID-19**
- **Streamlined access with application on website and information available through 211**
- **Staff at eviction court to assist with applications**
- **Total households served:**
 - **1498 (ERA, Apr - Sept 2021)**
 - **769 (CHRP Jul 2020 - Mar 2021)**



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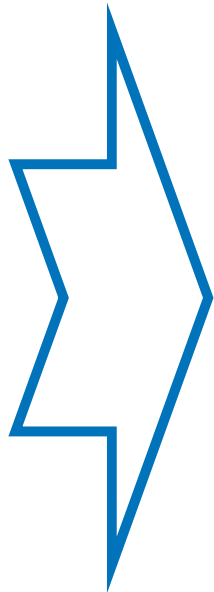
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Public Health Response

Possible Projects



- Support mental health initiatives
 - Youth / Children
 - Substance use / abuse
- Continued COVID response

Economy & Business Investment

Possible Projects



- **Fund initiatives in Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2022)**
- **Regional Economic Action Plan**
- **Expand current Workforce Development employment and training programs**
- **Support hospitality and tourism industry**
- **Small Business Assistance**
- **Aid to Nonprofit Organizations**
- **Clean up properties (blight / environmental) for development**

Household Assistance

Possible Projects



- Develop / build affordable housing
- Food assistance (on-going program)
- Eviction Protection
 - Rental assistance (FERA / on-going program)
 - Enable / enhance 19th Circuit Court
- Homeless assistance

Infrastructure & Capital Investment

Possible Projects



- **Water / Sewer projects**
- **Lead pipe replacement**
 - **Migrate communities from wells to Lake Michigan water sources**
 - **Replace sanitary systems approaching end of life**
 - **Build water and sewer infrastructure for areas that can be developed**
- **Build / expand public facilities that respond to COVID-19 and general disasters**
 - **Build the Consolidated 9-1-1, EOC, and ETSB Facility**
- **Technology Infrastructure**
- **Purchase facilities for partners to support mental health, address homelessness, etc.**
- **Develop clean / green energy sources**

Invest in County (Local) Operations

Possible Projects



- Premium Pay for authorized employees
- Technology to further integrate and expand remote workforce
- Enterprise-wide cyber-security resources and capabilities
- County-wide call center capability (research possibility of a 3-1-1 system)
- Revenue Replacement / Provision of Government Services
 - Funds for smaller, one-time departmental expenses (“NPR” list)
 - Funds for local entities / districts that did not receive ARPA funding (match?)

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Guidance & Direction



- **Received to date:**
 - **Align planning with Guiding Tenets**
 - **Focus on projects that can be directly funded with ARPA funds**
 - **Maximize revenue replacement (provision of gov. services)**
- **For discussion**
 - **Meeting frequency**
 - **Engagement plan**
 - **Project priorities**
 - **Project selection process**



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Questions