



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation of \$300,000 of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for temporary staff to support the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) Program.

- The ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021. On May 19, 2021 the County received \$67,646,879, half of the amount the County will receive in total from the US Treasury.
- The funds can be used for needs associated with public health, to counteract negative economic impacts, provide services to disproportionately impacted communities, for infrastructure, to provide premium pay, to replace lost revenue, and for administrative purposes during a period from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024.
- Lake County's Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) Program consists of \$20,646,762.50 from Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and \$16,336,816.90 from Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) for a total of \$36,983,579.40.
- FERA staff currently consists of 2 FTE and 6 full time temporary employees. These funds would allow for temporary staff to continue into 2022 and phase out as the program winds down.
- As of October 31, 2021, Lake County has provided over \$13,000,000 in rent and utility assistance to Lake County low-income renters and their landlords.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the incomes of a great number of tenants residing in Lake County such that they are eligible to receive emergency rental and utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, Lake County received ARPA funds from the federal government to help support Lake County recover from and respond to the negative impacts caused by this and future pandemics; and

WHEREAS, Lake County believes it is an appropriate use of ARPA funds to support the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) Program staffing model to ensure timely processing of FERA funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 is approved in both revenue and expense in the FERA Program Fund is hereby authorized as indicated in the attachment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority to spend funds in accordance with the FERA Fund budget and execute any and all agreements related to the allocation and distribution of

funds within a FERA Program Fund account category is hereby delegated to the County Administrator or his designee(s) because the exact nature of the program expenses is unknown upon appropriation.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on December 14, 2021.