

AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Phase 2 Spending Plan

BRIEF OVERVIEW

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which together make up the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") program. This program is intended to provide support to State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments in responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain impacts on their communities, residents, and businesses.

On May 20, 2021, Hernando County received the first half of the allocation in the amount of \$18,833,344.00. May 2022, Hernando County has requested and is due to receive the second half of the allocation in the amount of \$18,833,344.00. In collaboration with the Balmoral Group, the County has created a list of projects using the following four statutory categories:

1. To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to such eligible workers of the recipient or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work.
3. For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency.
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

The County Administration is recommending to:

1. Provide Revenue Replacement for minimizing future debt service for citizens.
2. Increase funding for projects approved in Phase 1 of the Recovery Funds.
3. Essential Worker premium pay for all regular employees of the Board of County

Commissioners, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Clerk of Court that did not receive the First Responder payments from the Governor of Florida for work during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

4. Salvation Army - Water and Sewer System Overhaul project.

Other projects or initiatives listed are recommended for discussion, direction and future approval by Board of County Commissioners.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds totaling \$37,666,688 is available within Fund 1555 American Rescue for the various approved projects from Phase I and Phase II.

LEGAL NOTE

Pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, the Board has the authority to take the recommended action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board approve the recommended projects and discuss and prioritize the listing of alternative projects or other projects relating to American Rescue Act funding presented today.

REVIEW PROCESS

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wayne Dukes, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Narverud, Second Vice Chairman
AYES:	Champion, Allocco, Narverud, Dukes, Holcomb