



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

November 23, 2021



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

ARPA Overview

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law on March 11, 2021
- Charlotte County allocated \$36,693,553
- Eligible expenses encumbered between March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- Interim Final Rule released by U.S. Department of Treasury on May 10, 2021

Eligible Expenses under ARPA

ARPA Eligible Expenses (Per Sec. 602(c)(1) and 603(c)(1) of interim final guidance):

1. To respond to the 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 eligible workers;
3. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and,
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Public Health Emergency

- Services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
- Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs
- Services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic
- Payroll and covered benefit expenses for staff primarily dedicated to pandemic response

Negative Economic Impacts

- Individual, small business and nonprofit assistance
- Recovery of tourism, travel and hospitality sectors
- Serving hardest-hit communities & families in qualified census tracts or disproportionately impacted

Provision of Government Services

- Replacing lost public sector revenue
- Providing premium pay for essential workers (can include private sector)
- Reemployment of public sector employees

Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

- Investment in water infrastructure
- Investment in wastewater infrastructure
- Investment in stormwater treatment
- Facilitating water reuse
- Investment in broadband for unserved or underserved



Charlotte County ARPA Spending Plan

- Workshop October 16, 2021
- Recommend annual review and spending plan for each of the 4 years
- Incorporates expenses already incurred
- Incorporates commitments already made

Year 1 Draft Spending Plan

• Public Health Response	\$5,935,838
• Vaccination/Testing: \$400,000	
• Public Safety Payroll: \$5,313, 338	
• COVID Isolation/Leave: \$10,000*	
• CCSO Co-Responder Program: \$212,500	
• Negative Economic Impacts	<u>\$31,250</u>
• Assistance to Individuals: \$31,250	
Total Year 1 Spending Plan (3/3/21 – 12/31/21)	\$5,967,088

**indicates estimated, variable cost*

Year 2 Draft Spending Plan

• Public Health Response	\$1,562,500
• CCSO Co-Responder Program: \$1,062,500	
• Retrofit of Rm 119: \$500,000	
• Negative Economic Impacts	\$156,250
• Assistance to Individuals: \$156,250	
• Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$935,098
• Water and Sewer line extension for affordable housing	
• Infrastructure	<u>\$7,588,240</u>
• WRF Expansion: \$7,588,240	
 Total Y2 Spending Plan (01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022)	 \$9,173,338

Year 3-4 Spending Plan

- Strategic Investments in Infrastructure
- Continued support, expansion of CCSO Co-responder program
- Revenue Replacement ???



Next Steps

- Approval of Spending Plan
- Implementation with procurement under required federal provisions
- Regular updates to BCC