



Sarpy County ARPA Task Force

American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF Funds
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- Established a webpage on Sarpy.gov with information at <https://www.sarpy.gov/799/American-Rescue-Plan-Act>
- Formed a Sarpy County Task Force to:
 1. Establish priorities
 2. Review funding requests; and
 3. Recommend use of ARPA funds.
- Adopted the GFOA's guiding principles for use of ARPA funds, which are:
 - **ARPA funds are non-recurring, so their use should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures.**
 - **Care should be taken to avoid creating new programs or add-ons to existing programs that require an ongoing financial commitment.**
 - **Investment in critical infrastructure is a particularly well-suited use of ARPA funds.**

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- Requested the public to submit funding requests through October 31, 2021
- Identified possible uses of ARPA for county projects (ongoing).
- Monitored & reviewed the U.S. Treasury Department guidelines (Interim Final regulations) and recent amendments (SS. 3011/HR 5735). The recent amendment passed by the Senate and currently in the House, will provide more flexibility for the use of ARPA funds by counties.
- Spent/committed \$509,176 (1.4%) of the \$36,360,628 that we expect to get.
 - \$300,000 of this was to Lift-up Sarpy, a local non-profit, for use, at the direction of Sarpy County Human Services, specifically for rent assistance, food, clothing, and other emergency assistance for residents.
 - \$199,207 for tourism improvements at Werner Park
- No plans to utilize any ARPA funds for premium pay


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Source of Requests	Description	Amount (\$ in 000's)
Sarpy County	Correctional Center Project	\$ 13,000
Sarpy County	Road Projects	10,000
Sarpy County	Sewer Project (non-Sewer Agency)	7,850
Sarpy County	JJC Expansion Design & Construction	6,100
Sarpy County	Other Requests	11,533
Community [20 organizations]	Various	22,863
Subtotal		\$ 71,346
ARPA FUNDING	½ Received, other ½ to be received in May, 2022	36,360
Requests in excess of funding		\$ 34,986


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EVALUATION CRITERIA



- 1. Meets GFOA Guiding Principles**
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- 2. Meets ARPA Spending Requirements**

- 3. Best Serves Sarpy County & Residents**

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Category	Amount (\$ in 000's)
Phase 1 – Recommended Commitments	\$ 14,402
Phase 2 – Probable Future Commitments	15,986
Phase 3 – Consider Further	29,515
SUBTOTAL	59,903
Fund From Other Sources	8,236
Do Not Fund	3,207
Total	\$ 71,346
ARPA FUNDING	36,360
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Activity	Department	Description	Amount	Comment
Public Safety	Correctional Center	Covid prevention and mental/medical health components	\$ 13,000,000	Portion of costs of new correctional center
Public Welfare	Human Services	Rent & other assistance to residents via Lift-Up Sarpy	\$ 500,000	\$300,000 of this has already provided to Lift-up Sarpy
Public Safety	Sheriff	Replacement of 11 Sheriff vehicles	\$ 300,377	Vehicles have been ordered
Tourism	Stadium - Capital	Replacement of turf at Werner Park	\$ 200,000	Turf was recently replaced
Public Health	Mental Health Board	Mental health needs assessment study	\$ 125,000	
Administrative	Fiscal	Engaging Kutak Rock & other consultants for ARPA assistance	\$ 100,000	Contract with Kutak approved by Board on 11/16/21
Public Safety	Juvenile Justice Center	Design of expansion of JJC, including juvenile courts	\$ 100,000	Contract with CWP approved by Board on 11/2/21
Public Health	Correctional Center	Covid testing & vaccinations	\$ 75,000	\$10,000 already spent
Public Safety	Juvenile Justice Center	Purchase of medical refrigerator to store vaccinations	\$ 2,000	Already purchased
TOTAL			\$ 14,402,377	

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- Next Steps:
 - **Monitor legislative changes to allowable ARPA spending:**
 - U.S. Senate S. 3011 (passed 10/19/21)
 - U.S. House H.R. 5735 (introduced 10/26/21)
 - Would allow greater flexibility in use of funds:
 - For Transportation & Infrastructure: \$10,908,188
 - For Government Services: \$10,000,000
 - **Document compliance with ARPA & submit reports**
 - **Continue to review requests against evaluation criteria**
 - **Phase 2 Commitment Recommendations in March/April 2022**

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