



American Rescue Plan Act Update

> September 3, 2024



Discussion Topics

>ARPA Projects Status Update

>Impending Board Actions

>Board Discussion

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Categories



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

Key Dates – Recap

DECEMBER 31, 2024: Funds must be *incurred* and obligated

DECEMBER 31, 2026: Funds must be *expended* to cover obligations and all work must be completed

[Overview for America's Counties: U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule & Guidance For State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds \(naco.org\)](#)



**American
Rescue Plan Act
Highlights**

> March 2021

**US Treasury Establishes Interim
Rule for ARPA fund use**

> June 2021

**BOCC Adopts Guiding Principles
for ARPA Funds Use**

**> July 2021 to
February 2022**

**Community engagement including
joint efforts with the City of Durham**

> April 2022

**US Treasury Establishes Final
Rule for ARPA fund use**

> May 2022

**BOCC Adopts Spending
Strategy for ARPA Funds Use**



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Highlights

- > **All funds must be encumbered by December 31, 2024**
 - > **Funding supports 49 projects**
 - > **Expanded compliance infrastructure to support fiscal and programmatic reporting requirements**
 - > **On-going evaluation of best practices to refine approaches used for expenditure use.**
 - > **Remaining RFPs scheduled for contract authorization no later than October 2024.**
 - > **All contract adjustments should occur by November 2024 to comply with the December 31, 2024 encumbrance deadline.**

Project Updates



ARPA Land Trust Investment (\$1,500,000) – Status Update

- Board approved contract with Durham Community Land Trustees, Inc. (DCLT) for \$1,500,000 at August 12th Regular Session
- In their proposal, DCLT included a plan to utilize a portion of the total contract amount (\$200,000) to acquire existing multifamily housing to be included in the community land trust.
- On August 22nd, DCLT completed the acquisition of Anderson Street Apartments (1600 Anderson St.), which will add **48 units (1-3 bedrooms) of permanently affordable multifamily housing** to the community land trust.
 - \$200,000 from the County's ARPA contract will be used to support this purchase





ARPA Land Trust Investment (\$1,500,000) – Status Update

- DCLT also acquired an adjacent 2.28 acre undeveloped property that will be used for the development of additional housing units (estimated at least another 48 units) to be included in the community land trust
 - County ARPA funds will be used to support the purchase and potentially the development of the units themselves.
- Additional County funding will be utilized for further efforts over the next 24 months





ILAs with Durham Public Schools (Pre-K and School Capital) – Status Update

- Two ILAs have been developed to provide the planned ARPA funds to Durham Public Schools
 - **Funding for School Capital Projects at Title I Schools**
 - DPS is still finalizing the initial list of projects that will be supported with these funds and the specific budgets for each individual project.
 - No project will exceed \$1,000,000 in total cost (per project) without prior County approval due to US Treasury reporting requirements.





ILAs with Durham Public Schools (Pre-K and School Capital) – Status Update

- **Funding to Support Title I Schools and Pre-K Education in the District**
 - Because of ARPA requirements, it was determined that it would not be possible to *directly* fund Pre-K classrooms at Murray-Massenburg Elementary Schools using the ARPA funds.
 - Together, County and DPS decided to utilize the ARPA Funds to support educational and other expenses planned to be paid from local appropriations using the ARPA funds, with DPS committing to using the local funds freed up by the ARPA funds to support the classroom expenses at Murray-Massenburg Elementary
 - The ILA includes a commitment on the part of DPS to use the funds for Pre-K at Murray-Massenburg Elementary School
- **Copies of current versions of both ILAs have been provided for Commissioner review**
 - ILAs will be updated with any feedback from DPS and with specifics on details for School Capital projects
 - Goal is to bring final versions for Commissioner Approval no later than September 23rd Regular Session





Upcoming Approvals – Digital Equity ILA and Selection of Grant Recipient for ARPA Homeless Services Grant Program

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- At September 9th Regular Session, County Manager’s Office intends to present two items for Board approval:
 - **Digital Equity ILA with City of Durham**
 - Draft ILA was presented at August Work Session
 - Final document is attached to this agenda item but will be brought for formal approval next week.
 - **Approval of Intent to Fund Selected Recipient for ARPA Homeless Services Grant Program**
 - In early June, County received four proposals in response to the Subgrant RFP published for the ARPA Homeless Services Grant Program
 - Each of the four proposals presented a different vision for providing daytime services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Durham County.
 - A panel of staff from the County Manager’s Office, Grant Administration Department, Equitable Well-Being Department, and Public Health Department evaluated the four proposals to identify and select a grant recipient.
 - Request for Board to approve Intent to Fund to be brought to the Regular Session on September 9th.
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