

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Mark McCauley, County Administrator

DATE: January 17, 2023

RE: Priorities for Allocating Remaining County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

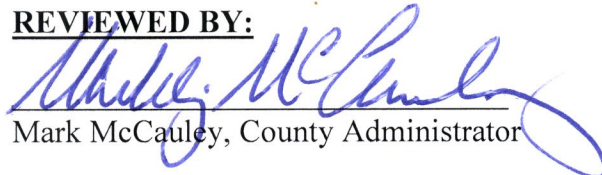
STATEMENT OF ISSUE: The County conducted a workshop on ARPA funds on Monday, January 9, 2023. The workshop included a review of projects previously funded with ARPA, a review of available funds, a discussion regarding the use of additional funds for the Hadlock sewer project and discussion of four new ARPA funding requests.

ANALYSIS: During the discussion of the four new funding requests the Board approved the south county broadband request from Mason County Public Utility District for \$100,000 but determined that priorities for allocating remaining ARPA funds needed to be developed before funding any additional projects. Commissioner Brotherton offered to develop those priorities, which are attached for discussion purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT: This request has no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of County Commissioners adopt the attached ARPA funding priorities or a variation thereof.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

1/11/23
Date

Last Call for Proposals

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is accepting proposals from nonprofit and public sector organizations for \$835,000 in unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. We are looking to maximize these funds for projects that serve the public good. Interested organizations are asked to submit a letter of interest, project details and budget by 1/31/2023. The BoCC is looking for requests from \$20,000-\$100,000 and the priorities used to select awards are as follows:

The BoCC is looking for projects that move the needle on housing, economic development and public benefit in Jefferson County and leverage other funding sources such as matching funds for a grant-funded project. We are looking for projects that reflect geographic diversity throughout Jefferson County, and will focus generally on organizations that have not received previous ARPA or Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) awards from Jefferson County, though previous awardees are welcome to apply.

The BoCC recognizes that many worthy projects will qualify for these last ARPA dollars, and we will not be able to fund every project. Ultimate funding decisions will be based on Commissioner priorities and requests will be assessed qualitatively by the BoCC.

Proposal Deadline: On or before 4:00 p.m. January 31, 2023 (received in County Administrator's Office, not postmarked)