

## Richland County Committee

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#### Agenda Item Name: American Rescue Plan

<b>Department</b>	Administration	<b>Presented By:</b>	Administrator
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	August 19 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>Action Needed:</b>	Vote
<b>Disclosure:</b>	Open Session	<b>Authority:</b>	Structure D + E
<b>Date submitted:</b>	August 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	<b>Referred by:</b>	
<b>Action needed by no later than (date)</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution</b>	<u>N/A</u> , prepared, reviewed

#### Recommendation and/or action language:

- 1.) Motion to....to accept the preliminary appropriations of the American Rescue Plan by the decided percentages of expenditures per category:

10%	Support Public Health Response efforts to decrease the spread
5%	Response to Negative Economic Impacts (assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries)
10%	Premium Pay for Eligible Essential Workers
25%	Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure Investments
50%	Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss (Provision of Government Services...continue to provide valuable services)

...with an understanding that further decisions will be needed on specifying projects within the categories.

- 2.) Motion to ... develop a competitive grant application, selection, awarding, and reporting process for awarding funds in support of a “local early childhood education” project/s.

#### **Background:** *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

The Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

#### Funding Objectives:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic

#### The general funding uses include:

- Support Public Health Response efforts to decrease the spread
- Response to Negative Economic Impacts (assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality...that experienced negative impact from the public health emergency)

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- Premium Pay for Eligible Essential Workers
- Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss (Provision of Government Services...continue to provide valuable services)
- Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure Investments; and
- Serving hardest-hit communities and families

#### Explicit items that the legislation prohibits:

- depositing funds into any pension fund; and
- directly or indirectly offset[ting] a reduction in the net tax revenue

Further definition of authorized projects, initiatives and purposes is provided through the Interim Final Rule guidance released by the Department of Treasury. This document attempts to give further detail on acceptable uses for the funding <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>. This 151 page document adds solidification to many projects and options, but also leaves many questions to be further defined by likely follow-up Q+A statements.

#### **Richland County's Direct apportionment is: \$3,350,999**

(Half received in May of 2021, the other half anticipated in May of 2022)

---Please reference the proposed plan (Attachment A---

#### Notes on the attachments:

1. It will be appropriate to develop a competitive grant application, selection, awarding, and reporting process for awarding funds in support of a "local early childhood education" project/s.
2. The bottom of the tracking matrix indicates: 1. Current proposals, 2. Apportionment per category, 3. Dollar value per category, and 4. Total committed per category. It is important to note that our proposed items far exceed the total funding. Further decisions will be needed to prioritize and select projects and initiatives.

#### **Attachments and References:**

ARP Funds Preliminary Plan	

#### **Financial Review:**

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source	American Rescue Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

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**Approval:**

**Review:**

*Clinton Langreck*

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Department Head

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Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

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