

Richland County Committee

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Agenda Item Name: American Rescue Plan

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| Department | Administration | Presented By: | Administrator |
| Date of Meeting: | May 4 th , 2021 | Action Needed: | Vote |
| Disclosure: | Open Session | Authority: | Structure E |
| Date submitted: | May 3 rd , 2021 | Referred by: | |
| Action needed by no later than (date) | N/A | Resolution | <u>N/A</u> , prepared, reviewed |

Recommendation and/or action language:

Motion to ... accept the Administrator's report on American Rescue Plan.

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
- Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- Address Negative Economic Impacts (harms to workers, families, business, etc.)
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers
- Broadband Infrastructure
- Serving hardest-hit communities and families

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 expected in May of 2021, half in May of 2022)

This direct apportionment is to Richland County and does not include the estimated \$1,705,369.13 of funds released to cities, villages and towns of Richland County (see below).

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| Akan town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.04 | \$38,551.70 |
| Bloom town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$49,029.86 |
| Boaz village | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.01 | \$14,432.18 |
| Buena Vista town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.18 | \$179,907.94 |
| Cazenovia village | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.03 | \$29,655.16 |
| Dayton town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.07 | \$66,526.40 |
| Eagle town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$50,908.02 |
| Forest town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.03 | \$33,609.18 |
| Henrietta town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$47,250.55 |
| Ithaca town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.06 | \$59,804.56 |
| Lone Rock village | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.08 | \$82,540.18 |
| Marshall town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$54,268.93 |
| Orion town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.06 | \$55,553.99 |
| Richland Center city | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.49 | \$489,408.91 |
| Richland town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.12 | \$123,068.89 |
| Richwood town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$51,105.72 |
| Rockbridge town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.07 | \$68,997.66 |
| Sylvan town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$53,478.13 |
| Viola village | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.04 | \$43,593.08 |
| Westford town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.05 | \$50,710.32 |
| Willow town | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.06 | \$56,147.09 |
| Yuba village | Richland County | Wisconsin | 0.01 | \$6,820.69 |

Status on our request and receipt:

Our request through the US Treasury Department Portal has been submitted.

The screenshot shows the 'Treasury COVID-19 Relief Hub' interface. Under the 'Submissions' section, a table lists a submission with ID 'SLT-3717', type 'SLT', and recipient 'Richland County'. The status 'Submitted' is highlighted with a green circle. Links for 'View Submission' and 'Download PDF' are visible. The 'Compliance' section below indicates 'No current forms'.

| Submission ID | Submission Type | Recipient Name | Status | |
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| SLT-3717 | SLT | Richland County | Submitted | View Submission Download PDF |

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Current Proposed Projects and Initiatives:

The following list includes proposals and initiatives that are being explored, to date:

Tri-County Airport Improvements — Local share of improvement and drainage project. This project involves “managing drainage water,” and “impacts of climate change.” Consideration is also being explored under lost revenues at the airport as a result of the pandemic. Estimated: \$145,000+

MIS – Potential staffing increase to fill the growing needs of facilitating remote communications to support the local health response. Consideration of added overtime in responding to pandemic. Estimate: TBD

Fairgrounds — replace lost revenue from pandemic: Estimated: \$74,321.13

Highway — 1.) Sand shed as drinking water protection and protection of waterbodies from pollution. Estimated: \$300,000 2.) Consideration of road infrastructure.

Pine Valley — Many options with lost revenues being the most hopeful: Estimated: TBD

Symons Center — replace lost revenues from pandemic: TBD

Economic Development — Options in affordable housing: TBD Options regarding economic assistance to workers, families businesses etc. is a possibility, but will require significant administration process.

UW Food Service — replace lost revenue from pandemic: TBD

Radio Tower project — Investigating how this relates to Broadband and Supporting Public Health Response. Estimate: \$3,000,000

HHS — Many options with lost revenues being the most hopeful: Estimated: TBD

Administrative — Recoup added administrative costs associate with the pandemic as well as administration of the American Rescue Plan funds themselves. Estimated: TBD Additional considerations on offsetting existing findings is being explored.

—I will continue work with departments on exploring options, confirming figures, confirming eligible uses and approaching the Finance and Personnel Committee with recommendations.

Process for appropriations:

Exploring a combination of 2021 budget amendments and 2022 budget apportionment. This will depend on project eligibility and approval. Discussion and decision points with the committee will follow.

Attachments and References:

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| See references below | |
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Guidance from Treasury:

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>

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Treasury released their Interim Final Rule: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>

NACO: State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds:

<https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/state-and-local-coronavirus-fiscal-recovery-funds>

<https://www.naco.org/blog/treasury-opens-portal-counties-receive-fiscal-recovery-funds>

Financial Review:

(please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | In adopted budget | Fund Number | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apportionment needed | Requested Fund Number | |
| X | Other funding Source | American Rescue Plan: +\$3,350,999 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No financial impact | | |

(summary of current and future impacts)

Increase in \$3,350,999 to be utilized by Dec 31st, 2024.

Approval:

Review:

Clinton Langreck

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)
