



**PULASKI
COUNTY**

**Administrative Services
COMPTROLLER**

To: Department of Treasury
From: Michael Hutchens, Director of Administrative Services
Date: July 12, 2022
RE: ARPA

Pulaski County intends, and has used, the ARPA monies to make a difference in the community where affected by Covid-19. Food insecurities, premium pay, PPE, child protective services, and mental health services.

Pulaski County moved court hearings off-site to allow for proper spacing and used ZOOM/WebEx applications when applicable to ensure the safety of the public and the county employees during Covid-19 pandemic.

Upgrades to the HVAC systems were made to help ensure the safety of the public and employees and lessen the possible expose to the virus.

Repairs and upgrades were made in the detention facilities to lessen the interaction between employees/detainees and detainee/detainee.

Local organizations were contracted to help address the food insecurity problem caused by the pandemic.

A county wide broadband network is planned to give low cost access to internet access to everyone inside Pulaski County. This will assist those working from home and children attending school remotely.

To address homelessness, a "chronically unhoused" village is being studied to help provide a safe, affordable community to live.

Premium pay was provide to essential county employees that worked during the pandemic.

Local organizations were contracted to help with mental health services of teachers and students affected during the pandemic. Also, children were assisted/helped that had been effected by the increased domestic violence that occurred during the pandemic.

PPE was provide to employees, and the public, during the pandemic to help lessen the spread of the virus. Home tests were distributed through local health departments.

Low income communities were a focus during the pandemic.