



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

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**2021 American Rescue (ARP)
Preliminary Fiscal Recovery Plan**

July 31, 2021

Executive Summary

- A. County to form working group consisting of 4 Councilmen, 1 Commissioner, the Auditor, finance and legal advisors
- B. Working group to make a call for applications for grants to County departments and outside organizations in June 2021
- C. Working group to provide recommendations to full County Council on projects approved, denied, or needing more information during summer 2021 on round one
- D. First year only work with first half of ARP funds - begin round two in late fall 2021

Uses of Funds

- A. 1. Public Health
- B. 2. Negative Economic Impacts
- C. 3. Services to impacted groups
- D. 5. Infrastructure
- E. 6. Revenue Replacement
- F. 7. Administration

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

- A. Working group will prioritize projects and investments that emphasize attention to adversely affected groups including:
 - A. Homeless
 - B. Crisis Mental Health
 - C. Unemployed
 - D. Crisis Juveniles
 - E. Hotels and Restaurants
 - F. Public Safety
 - G. Elder Care

Community Engagement

- A. Media to be provided plan and updates
- B. All County Council meetings are open to the public for comment
- C. All appropriations are required by Indiana law to request public comment prior to enactment
- D. No project will be committed without County Council appropriation and public hearing

Labor and Procurement Practices

- A. St. Joseph County will follow State and Federal laws regarding procurement and labor practices
- B. Any project which involves contracting will need subsequent approval after County Council by the County Commissioners per Indiana statute.

American Rescue Plan Local Government Fiscal Recovery Fund

50% in May 2021 and 50% in May 2022

- Roughly \$26 Million will be received into new fund in May 2021
- ARP working group to draft Fiscal Recovery Plan
- Fiscal Recovery Plan presented to Council in June
- No spending until Council appropriates

Fiscal Recovery Plan Priorities - Solutions from Data

- Replacing lost revenues
- Public Health COVID investments
- Housing Sustainability and Homeless Solutions
- Leveraging mental health for public safety outcomes
- Wellness and planning for health outcomes
- Infrastructure investments for quality of life

1. Public Health Related to COVID

- A. Types of potential projects/investments:
 - A. Vaccination
 - B. Testing and Contact Tracing
 - C. Prevention in Portage Manor, Jail, Ducomb and JJC
 - D. PPE
 - E. Medical Expenses
 - F. Capital Investments in buildings and parks
 - G. Mental Health

\$6,000,000 Target

2 and 3. Assistance to Affected Populations

- A. Types of Potential Projects/Investments:
 - A. Homeless Assistance
 - B. Supplement Emergency Rental Assistance
 - C. Aid to Tourism, Travel or Hospitality
 - D. Community Policing body cams
 - E. Emergency Response Vehicle for Health
 - F. Juvenile transition programs
 - G. Sub-recipient projects engaged in support of affected populations

\$8,000,000 Target

5. Eligible Infrastructure

- A. Types of potential projects/investments:
 - A. Wastewater
 - B. Stormwater
 - C. Drinking Water
 - D. Broadband

\$5,000,000 Target

6 and 7. Revenue Replacement and Admin

- A. Types of potential projects/Investments:
 - A. Roads
 - B. Bridges
 - C. Facilities
 - D. Other capital projects
 - E. Legal and Financial Professional Services
 - F. Data Analysis Services
 - G. Grant Administration
 - H. Other general government services

\$9,400,000 Target

Timeline

