

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Winnebago County's American Rescue Plan Act Allocation is \$54,843,149; the Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024, and fully spent by December 31, 2026. The first half of the County's allotment was received on June 1, 2021. The second half is expected not earlier than one year from June 1, 2022.

The intent of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 legislation is designed to address the unprecedented coronavirus health and economic recovery. The legislation provides broad statements regarding the use of these funds:

- Respond to public health emergency
- Respond to workers performing essential work
- Recover revenue losses
- Investments in sewer, water, or broadband
- Transfer funds to not-for-profit or special purpose units of state or local government

Under the act, the following are broad restrictions in using these funds:

- Cannot be spent on pension funds
- Cannot be spent to pay down debt
- Cannot be deposited into fund balance
- Cannot be used to offset property tax levies
- Cannot be used for roads, bridges, and other infrastructure projects
- Cannot be used to match federal grant (i.e., 80/20 grant)
- Cannot be used to pay for legal settlements

Winnebago County is working with the County Board, Elected Officials, Department Heads and our external auditors Baker Tilly to utilize these funds over the next three years to strengthen our County and address areas negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Additional details for the administration and timing for each program or project will be determined after this plan is approved by the County Board.



American Rescue Plan (ARP)

FY 2021

What is the American Rescue Plan?

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, is a \$ 1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021 to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Winnebago County's ARP Allocation

Total ARP Allocation	\$54,843,149
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1st installment (June 1, 2021)	\$27,443,149
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2nd installment (June 1, 2022)	\$27,400,000
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ARP was signed into law on March 11, 2021
Deadline to spend ALL funds is Dec. 31, 2024

Permitted Uses of Funding

- Supporting the public health response to COVID-19
- Addressing negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19
- Serving the hardest-hit communities and families
- Replacing lost public sector revenue
- Providing premium pay for essential workers
- Investing in water and sewer infrastructure
- Investing in broadband infrastructure

Winnebago County

2018 Strategic Planning and Goal Development Report

Goal Snapshot:

- ✓ Promote fiscal soundness
- ✓ Improve intergovernmental partnerships
- ✓ Develop a long-term capital improvement plan (CIP)
- ✓ Invest in infrastructure
- ✓ Properly manage county assets

Winnebago County's ARP Timeline for Board Approval

Phase 1: County ARP Capital Plan *NOW*

Phase 2: Family Law Center *3-6 Months*

Phase 3: Public Safety Initiative *2-4 Months*

Phase 4: Neighborhood Improvement Plan *1-3 Months*

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County's ARP - Capital Plan

Capital Improvements	2,997,393
Public Safety	2,972,521
Technology Infrastructure	5,826,066
Community Grants	1,000,000
*Revenue Replacement	600,000
(We anticipate a significant upward revision in this number)	
Election\Public Records Infrastructure	3,000,000
Project Administration	532,880
Contingency	3,071,141
Total for Phase 1	\$20,000,000

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Capital Improvements	2,997,393
Public Safety	2,972,521
Technology Infrastructure	4,855,345
Technology Infrastructure	970,721
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ARP Timeline

✓ American Rescue Plan Signed	Mar	11
✓ Sort CIP projects based on suitability for ARP	Mar	26
✓ First Review of CIP/ARP Capital Requests	Apr	22
✓ American Rescue Plan Funds Received	June	1
✓ ARP presentation with County Administrator	June	7
✓ ARP presentation with County Chairman	June	8
✓ ARP presentation Caucus Leaders	June	21
✓ ARP presentation Finance Committee	July	1
✓ ARP Budget Ordinance presented Finance Committee	July	1
✓ ARP Budget Ordinance presented County Board for Lay Over	July	8
✓ ARP presentation to County Board	July	14
ARP Budget Ordinance Vote County Board	July	22

Other Considerations of ARP Capital Plan

- ✓ All ARP expenditures must comply with guidelines from the U.S. Treasury Department
- ✓ All ARP expenditures must comply with the County Purchasing Policy
- ✓ All ARP funded purchases that require County Board approval will be brought to the Board



QUESTIONS?

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