

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

**Date of Meeting:** December 7, 2023  
**Date Submitted:** December 19, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board  
**From:** Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator  
Georgette Daniels, Assistant County Administrator  
**Subject:** Approval of Allocation of remaining funds for American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This item seeks Board approval for the allocation of the remaining funds for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

### **Background:**

As a result of Public Law 117-2 (the America Rescue Plan), Gadsden County was awarded a total of \$8,868,920 related to COVID-19. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) requires all funds to be obligated by December 31, 2024. Under certain conditions, the funds may be expended [or used] by December 31, 2026, if obligated by December 31, 2024.

### **Analysis:**

The County received \$8,868,920 in ARPA funds. This funding was divided into two equal allocations. The county received \$4,434,460 (FY21/22) in the first tranche of funding and another \$4,434,460 in the second tranche of funding (FY22/23). Three workshops were held during May and August 2023 to discuss the allocation of the remaining ARPA Funds.

- Of the total \$8,868,920 ARPA fund, a total of \$5,595,467.78 has been spent/Obligated.
- During the initial allocation of ARPA funds, the Department of Elderly Affairs received an allocation of \$475,000 which was transferred to the General Fund. For FY 2022-23, the Department of Elderly Affairs spent \$282,936.43, therefore the remaining balance of unspent funds is: \$192,063.57. A budget amendment would be needed to be approved by the Board to move the unspent funds from FY 2022-23 from the General Fund into the ARPA fund.

- The ARPA funds already expended/obligated equals: \$5,595,467.78. If the board approves the remaining unspent balance of \$192,063.57 from the Department of Elderly Affairs to be transferred back from the General Fund into the ARPA Fund, the remaining ARPA funds pending allocation would be: \$3,465,515.79.

<b>Total ARPA Funds Awarded</b>	<b>\$8,868,920.00</b>
<b>Less Funds Already Expended</b>	<b>(\$5,523,020.78)</b>
<b>Less Remaining Funds Previously Obligated</b>	<b>(\$72,447.00)</b>
ARPA Funds Pending Allocation	\$3,273,452.22
Remaining Funds from Elderly Affairs	\$192,063.57
<b>Total ARPA Funds Pending Allocation</b>	<b>\$3,465,515.79</b>

**Fiscal Impact:**

Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

**Options:**

1. Approve the attached funding allocation for American Rescue Plan Act funds.
2. Do not approve the request.
3. Board Direction

**County Administrator’s Recommendation:**

Option 1.

**Attachment**

ARPA Funds Allocation Spreadsheet

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Remaining Funds Allocation**

<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>Funding Allocation</b>
Industrial Park & Pat Thomas Park expansion	\$100,000.00
EMS Ambulance Remount (2 units)	\$360,000.00
Fire Service Improvements	\$150,000.00
Emergency Housing	\$200,000.00
Simon Scott (Elderly Affairs) Building Expansion	\$200,000.00
Record Storage Building and Document Scanning	\$100,000.00
Community Business Lighting Feasibility Study	\$20,000.00
Community Camera Pilot Program	\$100,000.00
Railroad Crossing	\$75,000.00
Parks Upgrade and Expansion	\$350,000.00
Develop Park Masterplan for Future Development	\$70,000.00
Infrastructure Feasibility Study	\$130,000.00
<b>Total FY 2023-24</b>	<b>\$1,855,000.00</b>
<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Funding Allocation</b>
EMS Ambulance Remount (2 units)	\$360,000.00
Fire Service Improvements	\$150,000.00
Record Storage Building and Document Scanning	\$50,000.00
Railroad Crossing	\$75,000.00
Parks Upgrade and Expansion	\$400,000.00
Lighting	\$250,000.00
Economic Development	\$225,000.00
<b>Total FY 2024-25</b>	<b>\$1,510,000.00</b>
<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Funding Allocation</b>
Parks Upgrade and Expansion	\$100,515.79
<b>Total FY 2025-26</b>	<b>\$100,515.79</b>
<b>Total ARPA Allocation (including unspent funds from Elderly Affairs)</b>	<b>\$3,465,515.79</b>