



## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 5/14/2021 Meeting Date: 5/20/2021

Name: David Kraus Department: BCC Administration

Division Manager's Signature:

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### 1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

The US Treasury has opened the portal that counties must use to receive the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan. Columbia County will receive \$13,924,165 directly from the US Treasury in payments once we complete the certification process. Staff is working with the Clerk's Office on this process. The Board of County Commissioners need to approve how these funds will be budgeted.

There are the 5 areas that the new funding can be used for:

1. Public health related
2. To address negative economic impacts
3. To address loss of public revenue
4. Premium pay for essential employees
5. Infrastructure investments

### 2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Motion to approve a spending plan.

### 3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

# Use of ARPA Funds



# Broad Uses for the ARPA Funds



Support Public  
Health  
Expenditures



Address  
Negative  
Economic  
Impacts



Replace Lost  
Public Sector  
Revenue



Premium Pay  
for Essential  
Workers



Infrastructure  
Investments



## Support Public Health Expenditures

### Funding COVID-19:

- Mitigation efforts,
- Medical expenses,
- Behavioral healthcare, and
- Certain public health and safety staff

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## Address Negative Impacts

Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including:

- economic harms to workers,
- households,
- small businesses,
- impacted industries, and
- the public sector

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## Replace Lost Public Sector Revenue

1. Identify revenue collected in the most recent fiscal year (Base Year)
2. Estimate counterfactual revenue (formula based on base year and growth)
3. Identify Actual revenues over past 12 months
4. Reduction in revenue is equal to Counterfactual (step 2) less actual revenue (step 3)

Using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic:

- Extent of the reduction in revenue due to COVID–19 public health emergency, and
- Relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency



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## Premium Pay for Eligible Workers

Offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors by:

- Providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that is performing such essential work, or
- Providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work

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## Infrastructure Investment

Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to:

- clean drinking water,
- support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure,
- and to expand access to broadband internet

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# Prohibited Use of ARPA Funds

- Net Reduction in Tax Revenue
- Deposits into Pension Funds
- Other Restrictions on Use

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