

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION implementing an allocation methodology for the distribution of approximately \$70.4 million in remaining Jackson County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds by the end of 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 21811, November 18, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Jalen Anderson, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, enacted by the U.S. Congress, provided financial support to local governments responding to the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County received a total allocation of \$136,551,645.00 in ARPA funds, with approximately \$70,400,000 remaining for distribution; and,

WHEREAS, ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and fully expended by December 31, 2026, with strict adherence to federal requirements for eligibility; and,

WHEREAS, these remaining ARPA funds will support essential County Infrastructure projects and targeted Community Investments to benefit the residents of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the remaining \$70,400,000 in ARPA funds be allocated as follows:

County Infrastructure Investments: \$38.5 million

1. **Downtown Courthouse:**

- **Front Steps ADA, Safety, and Security Improvements – \$6.2 million**
Provides essential upgrades to ensure ADA compliance and enhance safety and security for courthouse visitors;
- **Jury Room Relocation – \$5.8 million**
Modernizes and repositions the jury room to improve functionality, space efficiency, and accessibility;
- **Ground Floor Safety and Operational Improvements – \$3 million**
Addresses safety and operational enhancements on the courthouse ground floor to improve the experience for both staff and the public;
- **Generator Replacement and Relocation – \$2.5 million**
Replaces and relocates the courthouse’s backup generator to ensure continuous, reliable power for critical operations;

2. University Health:

- **Lakewood Demolition and Stabilization – \$3.4 million**
Demolishes unsafe structures and stabilizes the area to improve health facilities and overall public safety;

3. 1300 Washington Renovation and Flex Space – \$17.6 million

Renovates 1300 Washington to provide accessible workspace, free parking, and enhanced efficiency and convenience for county services, while accommodating future needs;

Community Investments: \$31.9 million

1. Senior Home Repair Program – \$1 million

Provides funding for home repairs for seniors, allowing them to age safely in place and improving residential conditions;

2. Utility Assistance Program – \$2.5 million

Assists residents with utility costs to maintain stable access to heating, electricity, and water;

3. Food Insecurity Program – \$3 million

Funds initiatives to combat food insecurity, including food banks, meal delivery services, and community gardens;

4. Community Non-Profit and Governmental Facility Improvements – \$5 million

Enhances facilities of community-based non-profits and governmental entities to increase their capacity to serve residents;

5. Affordable Housing Initiatives – \$5 million

Invests in the expansion of affordable housing options to meet critical community needs for safe, stable housing;

6. County Parks and Unincorporated Park Properties – \$6.4 million

Supports improvements to parks in Jackson County and unincorporated areas, including specific enhancements to parks in Blue Summit, Tarsney Lake, and additional identified sites;

7. Public Health Department – \$5 million

Expands Health Department resources to ensure continued access to responsive public health services;

8. Behavioral Health Programming – \$3 million

Provides expanded mental health services to meet community needs, including support for local mental health resources and initiatives;

9. Broadband Access – \$1 million

Improves broadband infrastructure, addressing the digital divide in underserved

communities;

Total Allocation: \$70.4 million

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any unallocated or unspent funds as of the federal deadline shall be redirected to eligible expenses in accordance with ARPA guidelines, such as public health compensation, essential worker pay, or other allowable uses; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to allocate these funds in compliance with federal requirements, ensuring full use of available funds and preventing the return of any unspent allocations to the federal government.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Nov 18, 2024 13:07 CST)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21811 of November 18, 2024, was duly passed on Withdrawn December 9, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

WITHDRAWN DEC 09 2024

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Abstaining _____

Absent _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature