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of the OZARKS

Connecting passion to purpose.

The American Rescue Plan Act

*Possibilities for a more equitable
and sustainable future*

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- ARPA (HR1319): 3rd round of stimulus funding
- While providing additional short-term relief for individuals and businesses, unlike the prior two stimulus packages, ARPA focuses on long-term, sustainable recovery.
- ARPA funds are available over a longer period of time.

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Five major local recipient organizations

- Missouri State University, \$41.2 million
- Ozarks Technical Community College, \$29.7 million
- Springfield R-12 School District, \$60.7 million
- City of Springfield, \$40.3 million, fiscal relief funds
 - \$3.8 million, Homelessness Assistance
- Greene County, \$56.8 million, fiscal relief funds
 - \$6.9 million, Emergency Rental Assistance

Combined total: \$235 million

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Role of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks

- “To serve as a coordinator between the five major local recipient institutions”

Role of the CFO’s Community Coordinator

- Review the Act, identify funding opportunities
- Develop a catalog/site for funding opportunities
- Coordinate communication between the five institutions
- Develop a final report summarizing findings

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ARPA Working Group

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Allowable uses for direct fiscal relief funds received by Springfield and Greene County

1. Response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and non-profits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
2. Respond to essential workers by providing premium pay to those eligible or by providing grants to employers of eligible essential workers;
3. Provide government services in a way that makes up the reduction in revenue caused by the COVID-19 emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year; or
4. Make necessary investments into water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

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Reporting requirements for direct fiscal relief funds

- 1) Interim Report detailing expenditures of funds received through July 31, 2021 by Aug. 31, 2021.
- 2) Recovery Plan Performance Report providing information on the projects that large recipients are undertaking with program funding and how they plan to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient and equitable manner. The report must include key performance indicators identified by the recipient and mandatory indicators identified by the Treasury Department. The first report is due Aug. 31, 2021.
- 3) Project and Expenditure Report for projects and expenditures more than \$50,000. These reports are due quarterly with the first report due Oct. 31, 2021.

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Springfield Public Schools

- Elementary & Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund
- (ESSER III)
- Distributed by the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)
- Funds will not be distributed until appropriated by the Missouri Legislature

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MSU and OTC

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)
- Distributions received directly from U.S. Department of Education
- One-half designated for emergency direct student financial aid

Allowable uses for HEERF III funds

- 1) defraying expenses associated with coronavirus, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology expenses associated with transition to distance education, faculty and staff training and payroll,
- 2) carrying out student support activities that address needs related to coronavirus,
- 3) providing financial aid grants to students to be used for component of the students cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arrive due to coronavirus, including tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

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Funding for other cities in Greene County

Municipalities	Amount Allocated
Ash Grove	\$ 291,378
Battlefield	\$1,336,224
Fair Grove	\$ 308,530
Republic	\$3,417,844
Rogersville	\$ 779,498
Strafford	\$ 496,393
Walnut Grove	\$ 157,595
Willard	\$1,136,456
Total	\$7,923,918

**Dependent on action by the Missouri Legislature*

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Funding for other school districts in Greene County

School District	Amount Allocated
Ash Grove School District	\$ 1,164,975
Fair Grove School District	\$ 1,208,803
Logan-Rogersville School District	\$ 2,004,381
Republic School District	\$ 5,866,332
Strafford School District	\$ 2,068,529
Walnut Grove School District	\$ 648,408
Willard School District	\$ 5,149,328
Total	\$18,110,756

**Dependent on action by the Missouri Legislature*

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State of Missouri

- \$2.19 billion in direct fiscal relief funding
- Must be spent in the same four broad categories as fiscal relief funding for the city and county.
 - *The Missouri Legislature has not appropriated these funds into the state budget.*
- Many other ARPA programs must be distributed through State programs and grants.
 - *We estimate that an additional \$3.2 billion is available for State programs and grants*

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Programs receiving direct Federal funding

- National Endowment for the Arts (Section 2021)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (Section 2022)
- Head Start (Section 2203)
- Americorps (Section 2206)
- FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund (Section 4005)
- Community Navigator Program (Section 5004)
- National Institute of Science and Technology and National Science Foundation (Sections 7501, 7502)

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Guide to funds

- Visit cfozarks.org/arpareport for full spreadsheet

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- Federal guidance has been slower than expected
- State agencies are not able to provide much guidance at this time.
- Dynamic situation at present with guidance being issued by Federal agencies.
- Great potential remains to secure additional funds through State and Federal programs