ARPA Funding
Story County, Iowa
Pandemic Response and Recovery

June 2023

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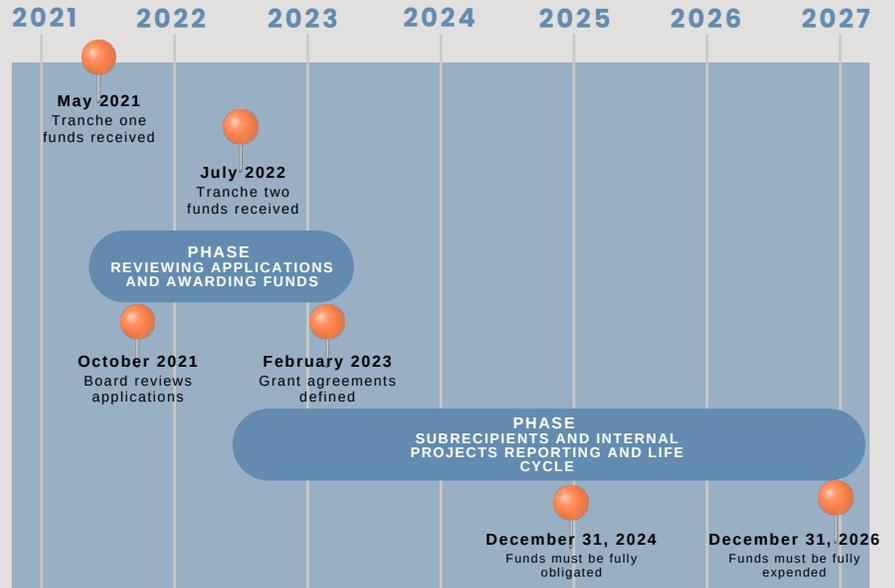
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Engaging our diverse communities to responsibly provide quality opportunities and services that matter.

Accountability | Collaboration | Environment | Equity | Inclusivity | Innovation | Wise Use of Resources

OUR APPROACH

Story County received $18.9 million in total funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Knowing that funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026, in the spring of 2021, the Board of Supervisors designed an approach to solicit input on the best use of the funding, accepted applications and approved projects. Throughout the summer of 2021, Story County reflected on specific community needs and lessons learned to date in pandemic response and recovery, asking the community for input on the funds.

Communities, organizations, external partners, and County elected offices and departments were invited to submit proposals in the fall of 2021. During several public worksessions, the Board determined the eligibility of the projects in accordance with U.S. Treasury guidelines. Submitted applications focused on water quality and wastewater projects, affordable housing solutions, projects addressing negative economic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic (social service agencies, food insecurity programs and childcare), and projects addressing the public health response for the safety and accessibility of County operations.

Timeline

2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027

May 2021 — Tranche one funds received

July 2022 — Tranche two funds received

PHASE — REVIEWING APPLICATIONS AND AWARDING FUNDS

October 2021 — Board reviews applications

February 2023 — Grant agreements defined

PHASE — SUBRECIPIENTS AND INTERNAL PROJECTS REPORTING AND LIFE CYCLE

December 31, 2024 — Funds must be fully obligated

December 31, 2026 — Funds must be fully expended

OUR PRIORITIES

The Story County Board of Supervisors identified the highest and best strategic uses of the funding to serve the citizens of the County to include the following three areas.

- Supporting the public health response
- Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

OUR PROJECTS

Investment Area Allocations

Revenue Replacement
Expenditure Category
$5.8M
32.5%

Negative Economic Impacts - Assistance to Households
Expenditure Category
$5.2M
29.0%

Infrastructure - Water and Sewer and Broadband
Expenditure Category
$4.2M
23.7%

Public Health - COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention
Expenditure Category
$2.16M
12.1%

Administrative
Expenditure Category
$470,000
2.6%

Story County-Led Projects and Investments

Project Name	Story County Office/Department	Amount Approved
Housing Action Plan	Board of Supervisors	$191,000
Climate Action Plan	Board of Supervisors	$75,000
Purchase of Mosaic Building	Board of Supervisors	$480,000
Heart of Iowa Nature Trail	Conservation	$3,000,000
Public Meeting Room/Camera Upgrades	Board of Supervisors	$62,017
COVID Testing - Jail	Sheriff	$20,000
Generator - Adminstration Building	Facilities Management	$686,968
Digitalize BOS minutes	Information Technology	$15,000
Skunk River Stabilization	Conservation	$49,667
Hickory Grove Sewer/Septic	Conservation	$535,000
Edge of Field Nutrient Removal Practices	Conservation	$40,000
Permanent Barriers	Facilities Management	$152,500
Scanning Project	Recorder	$125,000
Justice Center HVAC	Facilities Management	$1,347,000
Administration	Board of Supervisors/Auditor	$470,148

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OUR PROJECTS

Organization Name	Project Name	Amount Approved
The Whistle Stop Childcare Center and Preschool	Providing Premium Pay to Eligible Workers	$250,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Story County	Re-Building Great Futures for Story County Kids	$275,000
City of Collins	Collins Water Infrastructure Project	$340,000
City of Collins	Collins Wastewater System Revitalization Project	$277,500
City of Collins	Collins Economic Relief Program	$54,400
Nevada Food at First	Promote Nutritional Security in ESC	$45,650
City of Cambridge	Storm Sewer Extension to north sections of Cambridge	$250,000
Heartland Senior Services of Story County	HSS New Building Project	$300,000
Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.	Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc., - Navigator Position	$104,857
Youth and Shelter Services (DBA YSS)	YSS Story County ARPA Youth Rapid Rehousing Program	$1,100,000
City of Story City	Story City ARPA Projects	$302,500
United Way of Story County	Story County Childcare Coalition	$521,300
United Way of Story County	Reimagining What's Next for Story County: Emergency Food and 2-1-1 Supports	$182,610
City of Huxley	City of Huxley Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Well Field	$500,000
City of Slater	Wastewater Treatment Facility	$500,000
Project IOWA	Cultivating Careers - Workforce Retraining	$100,000
Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support	Story County Crime Victim Housing and Stabilization	$552,900
City of Zearing	City of Zearing Water Main Improvement	$134,330
Primary Health Care	PHC Dental Clinic Support & Medical Clinic Office Renovation	$525,094
Colo Development Group	New Affordable Housing Subdivision	$249,780
The Bridge Home	Finding Hope and a Home	$855,000
Home Allies, Inc.	913 and 915 Duff Avenue Studio Apartments (Ames)	$68,200
City of Roland	City of Roland Storm Sewer Upgrades and Water Main Looping	$1,000,000
Story County Housing Trust	Story County Housing and Direct Care Program	$470,000
Ames Chamber of Commerce	Workforce Development Initiatives	$610,450
City of Story City	Bertha Bartlett Public Library	$120,000
Ames Historical Society	Ames History Museum	$150,000
City of Ames	Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center	$500,000
ChildServe, Inc.	ChildServe - Kitchen Project	$178,000
Colo-NESCO Schools	Childcare Center - Colo	$50,000
Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance	Housing Action Plan Implementation	$191,000
Colo Telephone Company	Service Area Upgrades Between Nevada and Colo	$5,500
Huxley Communications	Service Area Upgrades Between Rural Maxwell and Iowa Center	$30,000
Stratford Regional Telephone	Service Area Upgrades Between Rural Roland, West to Hwy 69, South to 170th	$30,000

For more information on Story County's ARPA's program and approach, please visit www.storycountyiowa.gov or contact the Story County Board of Supervisors at 515-382-7200.