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RE: Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Dear Town/City Clerk:

On behalf of the York County Commissioners, I am writing to notify and update you on the federal funds that have been received by York County under the American Rescue Plan Act, the projects which have been approved for funding from those sources, the allocations that have been made, and the process for the expenditure of these funds going forward.

By way of background, the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. Under this law, fiscal recovery funds were allocated to state, county and municipal governments, among other entities. While each municipality in York County received separate and independent funding, York County, as a separate governmental entity, was also designated to receive funding in the amount of \$40,331,830. Of that amount, York County received \$20,165,915.00 in June 2021 and should receive a similar payment by June of 2022.

ARPA is extremely specific in how the money is used and specifies that funds may only be spent on projects within the four eligible use categories which are: a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers; c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Given the timing of the enactment of the law and the issuance of the federal guidance on permissible expenditures in May 2021, the precise amount of federal funding and the possible projects for the allocation of those funds were not able to be reasonably estimated and ascertained in time for any discussion, consideration, and inclusion in the County's regular budgetary process. Indeed, the work on the precise allocation of those funds to unknown projects that may be eligible for funding under the Act had not even started when the budgetary process concluded. In short, without having actually received a finite amount of funds months earlier in the County's budgetary process and without having determined which eligible and appropriate projects should and could receive funding, the County was unable to include the expenditure of any of the federal funds and their anticipated allocation and use in the County's budget.

As a result, and given the timing of the County budget process, the actual receipt of the funds, and the purpose of the funding under ARPA, the County considered the federal funding as unanticipated and embarked on a transparent process to solicit input throughout York County on the needs for the expenditure of these funds in the permissible areas. In this regard, York County embarked on a program of community notifications and involvement to identify needs and to solicit and receive community feedback, ideas and perspectives on the potential uses of the funds. The initial focus in June and July 2021 after the receipt of the funds was to identify County needs. In addition to staff generated assessments, the Commissioners conducted public hearings on June 16 and 23 to solicit comments from interested parties and stakeholders. A formal public comment period was opened through July 23, 2021 for comments and input and for the submission of initial proposals for funding.

The Commissioners subsequently conducted public workshops and hearings on June 16, June 23, August 4, September 1, September 15, October 6, October 13, October 20 and January 19, 2022.

In addition, in an effort to provide complete transparency, the County expanded the County Government website to include a page focused exclusively on ARPA related meetings, workshops, funding requests, and expenditures. <https://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/general-6>. The page includes separate sub- pages that contain the following:

- Comments, proposals and/or requests for funding, supplemental information and letters of support were posted separately as well on the County's ARPA page. [ARP Requests | yorkcountymaine](#).
- General correspondence and notices. [ARP Notices | yorkcountymaine](#)
- Financial reports and periodic reports on requested and actual expenditures. [ARP Financial Reports | yorkcountymaine](#)
- Committee and organizational process related documentation on individual projects. [Committee Charge Sheets for Projects | yorkcountymaine](#)

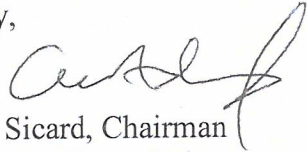
The list of projects which were submitted for consideration and/or have been approved are listed in the spreadsheet provided with this letter, a copy of which is also on the County's ARPA website: [\(yorkcountymaine.gov|ARPA\)](#). The list will be periodically updated and posted on the website.

The total cost of the projects that have been proposed is \$43,760,669.64, which is in excess of the County's total ARPA funding. As of today's date, however, York County has encumbered \$8,194,330.66 of the ARPA funding, leaving a balance of \$32,137,499.34.

The York County Commissioners intend to continue to evaluate the remaining proposals, approve specific projects and expend the remaining federal funds in a manner that is consistent with letter and spirit of ARPA and with the interests of the citizens of York County foremost in mind.

Any questions related to this communication may be submitted in writing or raised at any upcoming meeting of the York County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Sicard', written in a cursive style.

Allen R. Sicard, Chairman
York County Commissioners

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cc: York County Commissioners

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WORKSHOP INFORMATION
MEMO: JULY 30, 2021 From COUNTY MANAGER to YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Recorded action of County Commissioners through 02/11/2022

PHASE	BUDGET	PROJECT	REQUESTED	ADJUST	REVISED	OTHER FUNDING	GUIDANCE Section/Budget	ARPA Appropriated	VARIANCE GUIDANCE/ARPA
SECTION 1	1	Sheriff's Office/jail HVAC upgrades, med Wing neg. pressure rms, roof units	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00
	2	Sheriff's Office/jail Septic Upgrades	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00
	3	Government Building-Rooftop Ventilation upgrades	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	83,909.00	116,091.00
	4	Government Building - Pandemic operations improvements/collaborations	3,000,000.00	-	3,000,000.00	400,000.00	3,000,000.00	770,024.00	2,229,976.00
	5	Courthouse - Air quality upgrades	750,000.00	-	750,000.00	-	750,000.00	-	750,000.00
	6	Courthouse - Temperature sensing camera's	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-	250,000.00
	7	Premium Pay - Corrections NCEU Contract	2,400,000.00	355,240.00	2,755,240.00	-	2,400,000.00	2,755,240.00	(355,240.00)
	8	Recovery Center-Air Quality Upgrades	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-	250,000.00
	9	Deeds Room Layout - Public safety concerns pandemic	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
	10	Sheriff's room layout	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
	11	ARP Fund Manager/financial support(3 yr or possibly longer, if longer more funds	255,000.00	-	255,000.00	-	255,000.00	255,000.00	-
	13	Vehicle for Mobile Vaccinations	38,000.00	-	38,000.00	-	38,000.00	38,000.00	-
	14	Engineering/Planning/Design (Global Pool - will have to assign ACTUAL to Definec	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-
SECTION 1 Total			12,670,000.00	355,240.00	13,025,240.00	400,000.00	12,670,000.00	4,414,173.00	-

PHASE	BUDGET	PROJECT	REQUESTED	ADJUST	REVISED	OTHER FUNDING	GUIDANCE Section/Budget	ARPA Appropriated	VARIANCE GUIDANCE/ARPA
SECTION 2	1	Housing Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	New Drug Treatment and Recovery Center	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00
	3	"CONVERSION" of Layman Way to Detox (requires development of pgm, licensin&	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-	250,000.00
	4	Regional Strategic Planning Training Center	6,500,000.00	-	6,500,000.00	-	6,500,000.00	-	6,500,000.00
	5	Engineering/Planning/Design (Global Pool - will have to assign ACTUAL to Definec	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	400,000.00	-
	6	Behavioral Health Logistics (CAHOOTS COMPARISON) FAIRTIDE	1,450,000.00	-	1,450,000.00	-	1,450,000.00	750,000.00	-
	6	Behavioral Health - My Teens Place Center (Renovation of former church)	1,500,000.00	-	1,500,000.00	-	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-
		Sub-Total Budget 6	2,950,000.00	-	2,950,000.00	-	1,450,000.00	2,250,000.00	(800,000.00)
	7	Prevention/Education	-	-	-	-	500,000.00	-	500,000.00
	8	Sewer Infrastructure	9,000,000.00	-	9,000,000.00	-	9,000,000.00	-	9,000,000.00
	9	Unallocated	2,830,000.00	-	2,830,000.00	-	2,830,000.00	-	2,830,000.00
SECTION 2 Total			26,930,000.00	-	26,930,000.00	-	25,930,000.00	2,650,000.00	-

PHASE	BUDGET	PROJECT	REQUESTED	ADJUST	REVISED	OTHER FUNDING	GUIDANCE Section/Budget	ARPA Appropriated	VARIANCE GUIDANCE/ARPA
SECTION 3	EMS	Backup Dispatch/PSAP terminals/communications improvements	524,730.00	-	524,730.00	-	-	524,728.02	1.98
	EMS	Communications improvements (tower, land acc/replacement)	875,270.00	-	875,270.00	-	1,400,000.00	-	875,270.00
SECTION 3 Total			1,400,000.00	-	1,400,000.00	-	1,400,000.00	524,728.02	875,270.00

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PHASE	BUDGET PROJECT	REQUESTED	ADJUST	REVISED	OTHER FUNDING	GUIDANCE Section/Budget	ARPA Appropriated	VARIANCE GUIDANCE/ARPA
SECTION 4	DREDGE Purchase of Dredging Machine	-	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	-	-	-	-
	JAIL Body Scanner for Jail	-	159,000.00	159,000.00	-	-	159,000.00	(159,000.00)
	JAIL Video Surveillance System Replace and Improvement	-	446,429.64	446,429.64	555,510.74	-	446,429.64	(446,429.64)
	HEALTH York Hospital Choose to Be Healthy	-	499,997.77	499,997.77	CC Meeting 02/02/2022	-	Failed/Declined	
	HEALTH York Hospital Recovery Center (Opioid Response)	-	679,500.00	679,500.00	CC Meeting 02/02/2022	-	Failed/Declined	
SECTION 4 Total		-	3,584,927.41	3,584,927.41	555,510.74	-	605,429.64	
Grand Total		41,000,000.00	3,940,167.41	44,940,167.41	955,510.74	40,000,000.00	8,194,330.66	

	Funding Sources	Appropriated	Available Sources
FEMA Grant	400,000.00	400,000.00	-
JAIL RESERVE	555,510.74	555,510.74	-
ARPA 2021	40,331,830.00	8,194,330.66	32,137,499.34
Total	41,287,340.74	9,149,841.40	32,137,499.34