



Office of the
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board
of County Commissioners

FROM: John A. Titkanich, Jr.
County Administrator

PREPARED BY: Kristin Daniels
Director, Management & Budget

DATE: November 21, 2024

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Proposed Spending Plan Revisions

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) as it is normally referred to, is a COVID-19 stimulus package that was intended to speed up the United States' recovery from the negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19. Indian River County received \$31,063,168 in ARP funding. The County has until December 31, 2024 to encumber the funds, and until December 31, 2026 to fully exhaust all funding.

ANALYSIS:

The following table shows the proposed spending revisions per category.

Spending Plan			
Expense Category	Current Budget	Proposed Revisions	Revised Budget
Respond to the Public Health Emergency	\$3,829,615	\$500,000	\$4,329,615
Workers Performing Essential Work	\$918,841	\$0	\$918,841
Reduction in Revenues	\$8,344,494	(\$500,000)	\$7,844,494

Water/Sewer or Broadband Infrastructure	\$12,475,257	\$0	\$12,475,257
Constitutional Officer Expenses	\$5,494,961	\$0	\$5,494,961
Total	\$31,063,168	\$0	\$31,063,168

Respond to the Public Health Emergency

During the height of the pandemic, the County offered various housing, downpayment, and rehabilitation assistance programs funded with ARP dollars. The County had previously earmarked \$500,000 in ARP funding towards construction assistance for the Gifford Gardens project with Habitat for Humanity.

Staff proposes reducing the Reduction in Revenues (Road Resurfacing & Restriping) category by \$500,000 to fund this obligation. The revised budget of each spending category is listed in the table above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board consider the proposed spending plan (see attachment) as further detailed above totaling \$31,063,168, consider any changes, and approve the attached plan with any amendments as needed. Staff further proposes that any unencumbered funds in the proposed categories remaining as of December 23, 2024 be reallocated to Reduction in Revenues/Road Resurfacing and Restriping category in order to ensure all funds are encumbered by the December 31, 2024 deadline.

ATTACHMENTS:

ARP Proposed Spending Plan