



**RESOLUTION #** 55-1/22

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ITEM #** 1-14

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 24 -  
Against: 2 -  
Abstain: 1  
Abs/Excd: 2  
Vote Req: Majority  
Other Action:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: APPROVING THE RESERVATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR EIGHT PROJECT AREAS, DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF TO CREATE IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS TO COMPLETE DETAILED PLANS FOR EACH PROJECT TOWARD FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNTY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion emergency legislative package to provide the resources needed to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and spur a strong economic recovery, into law on March 11, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, components of the act included \$242 billion in economic impact payments to individuals and families, an increase and expansion of the Child Tax Credit, \$10 billion for states, territories and Tribes to cover the cost of capital projects, \$21.6 billion for states, territories and local governments to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 crisis, \$10 billion to state and Tribal governments to fund small business credit expansion initiatives, and \$350 billion in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to remedy the mismatch between rising costs and falling revenues; and,

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County was allocated \$22,923,224, with \$11,461,612 received in June 2021 and the second allotment to be received in 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board has authorized \$705,950 for COVID related expenditures in 2021 as described in Resolution #44-12-21, leaving a total of \$22,217,274 for future disbursement; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, based on guiding values of quality of life, equity and collaboration, recommendations from a community survey with over 1,500 responses and seven task forces with more than 80 community members providing input, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors prioritized projects on December 6, 2021 that fall under ARPA's eligible categories.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County's ARPA funding will be reserved for the following projects and as described on the attached narrative document:

1. \$3,300,000 - New or expanded high-quality childcare: Childcare Neighborhood Model
2. \$3,000,000 - Affordable housing development: Bridge Housing for Families
3. \$2,425,000 - Economic impacts: Skilled Trades Training
4. \$3,000,000 - Affordable housing development: Bridge Housing for Adults with High Needs
5. \$2,000,000 - Affordable housing development: Grants for Housing Redevelopment
6. \$5,000,000 - Maintenance or building of infrastructure: Hillview Redesign and Rebuild
7. \$1,500,000 - Sustainability: Green Infrastructure - County Solar
8. \$2,000,000 - Sustainability: Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund

For a total of \$22,217,274 remaining La Crosse County ARPA allocation.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that County staff is directed to create implementation teams to ensure that projects move forward and other funding sources are pursued; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the expenditure of any of the reserved ARPA funds will require County Board approval by resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that implementation teams will report back to the County Board on progress on a quarterly basis, and that the County Board may consider potential reallocations of funding at that time based on new information or opportunities that could impact a particular project.

**FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County's received \$11,461,612 in 2021 and anticipates receiving the same amount in 2022, while a total of \$705,950 has been authorized for COVID related expenditures in 2021. The balance of \$22,217,274 is included in the 2022 budget. Any funds not expended in 2022 will be carried forward to future annual Budgets as considered by the County Board.

Date: 1/12/22  
[Signature]  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Date: 1-12-22  
[Signature]  
**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.				Requested By: Steve O'Malley and Jane Klekamp Date Requested: January 6, 2022 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>50</u>		
Corp. Counsel				
Board Chair				

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 20 Day of January, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk