



RESOLUTION # 16-9/22

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

AS Amended

ITEM # 9-8

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 15
Against: 9
Abstain: 3
Abs/Excd: 3
Vote Req: Majority
Other Action: —

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 6
Against: 3
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: APPROVING THE RESERVATION OF \$90,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS IMPACTED BY COVID

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 \$22.89 million, with \$11.445 million 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, and approved the allocation of \$22,225,000 for future disbursement to eight (8) program areas as described in Resolution #55-1-22; and

WHEREAS, ^{Nonprofit} community events in La Crosse County are a huge tourism draw for the County and region; and

WHEREAS, most community events are run by volunteers who spend countless hours planning and coordinating with civic organizations for assistance; and

WHEREAS, these community events incurred significant losses by not being able to hold their events during the COVID related "shut down".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$90,000 of La Crosse ^{non profit} County's ARPA funding will be reserved to establish a grant program for La Crosse County community events impacted by COVID of up to \$10,000 per event. Organizations will be required to describe and quantify how COVID financially impacted the community event and how County ARPA funding will sustain, enhance, or restabilize operations for any upcoming community event. The grant application would require disclosure of financial information, including other aid or federal assistance received, type of organization (non profit, ~~for-profit~~, etc), and description of how this community event contributes to La Crosse County's local economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$90,000 shall be allocated from any unspent ARPA funds or allocated pro rata from the total amount of funds received; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee shall serve as the oversight committee overseeing final program guidelines for operation of an ARPA Community Event Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if funds are not obligated to events through the ARPA Community Event Grant Program by the end of 2024, the County Board may reallocate the remaining funds to another ARPA eligible use of funds.

FISCAL NOTE: Grants totaling \$90,000 will be tracked in division 295.770.3744 within the County financial system, Account 64100.00 Grants to Others.

Date: 9/7/22
[Signature]
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 9-7-22
[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: Supervisor Hundt Date Requested: July 21, 2022 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 15 Day of September, 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 15th day of September 2022.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk