

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Resolution 2021-16

Resolution Approving American Rescue Plan

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury has allocated the sum of \$7,446,707 to Montgomery County from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has received its first payment of these funds and will receive the remaining funds in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in order to use these funds, Montgomery County is required to develop, adopt and implement a plan for the use of these funds which complies with the guidance from the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has analyzed the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic on Montgomery County and the acute response needed and developed the attached plan for the funds; and

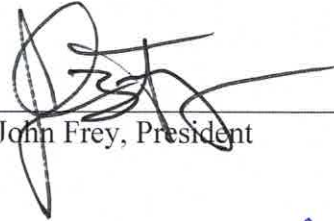
WHEREAS, the Board finds that the attached plan should be approved and implemented.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

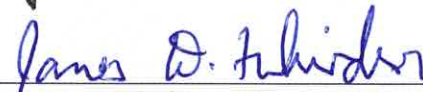
1. The attached plan for the use of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is hereby approved;
2. The County Administrator will implement this plan in compliance with guidance from the United States Department of the Treasury; and
3. The Board reserves the right to amend the plan.

ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2021.

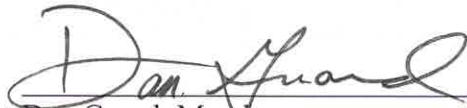
Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County



John Frey, President



James D. Fulwider, Vice President



Dan Guard, Member
Constituting a majority of the Board

ATTEST:



Jennifer Andel, Auditor

MONTGOMERY COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PLAN

Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), in order to provide \$350 Billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial and tribal governments. The Department of Treasury has released details regarding how these funds may be used to respond to acute pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among these governments, and support the communities and populations hit hardest by the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

The Department of Treasury has allocated the sum of \$7,446,707 to Montgomery County from these funds to be used for eligible costs. Montgomery County has received a portion of these funds and will receive the remaining allocation in 2022.

Montgomery County is required to develop, adopt and implement a plan for the use of these funds which comply with guidance from the Department of Treasury. The funds may be used to:

1. Support public health expenditures, by, for example funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small business, impacted industries, and the public sector;
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure; and
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

ARPA Use of Funds Plan

Given the eligible uses and the acute pandemic response needs of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County government plans to use the ARPA funds consistent with the rules, regulations and guidance of the Department of Treasurer and the Indiana Finance Administration for the following eligible expenses:

1. **Water Infrastructure:** An amount up to \$5,000,000 for the extension of water infrastructure to rural areas which are underserved in order to provide clean drinking water and other water services. This extension will be from existing water service infrastructure along Nucor Road, extending south on Nucor Road and west from Nucor Road along Comfort Drive;

2. **Replacement of Lost Public Sector Revenue:** An amount up to \$2,246,707 to replace lost public sector revenues which will be used to provide government services; and

3. **Address Negative Economic Impacts:** An amount of up to \$200,000 to address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency. These funds will be granted to small businesses, impacted industries, and not-for-profit organizations which suffered negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 crisis.

If there are any remaining unused funds, such funds will be used for any of the three uses, or any combination thereof, identified in this plan.