

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Adams County is expected to receive \$6.1 million in total funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. The County has received 50% of the funds in 2021 and the other half is expected in 2022.

Throughout the pandemic, Adams County has continued to provide services to our residents on an ongoing basis in rural areas and communities within the County providing the necessary steps to ensure public safety, maintaining public infrastructure as well as providing for a consistent tax revenue flow for continuing operations of our public entities, including our schools, fire districts and villages within Adams County. We also provide funding and support to our local health department and other needed services to our area seniors and vulnerable residents within Adams County.

This one-time federal government aid is considered an historic investment in counties on the front lines of our nation's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. The direct, flexible funding will help us improve the County and create long-term investments within Adams County.

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Covid guidelines for State and local governments to use the ARPA funds to cover costs associated with certain purposes, including:

- Responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including providing assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
- Responding to workers performing essential work during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing incentive(or retention?) pay to eligible workers;
- Strengthening support for vital public services by replacing lost public sector revenue; and
- Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure – allows for a broad range of necessary investments in projects that improve access to clean drinking water, improve wastewater and stormwater infrastructure systems, and make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure.

State and local governments must take action to obligate the funds by December 31, 2024, and all funds must be spent no later than December 31, 2026.