



**Horry County
American Rescue Plan Framework
Public Hearing
August 12, 2021**

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American Rescue Plan (ARP)

- American Rescue Plan signed by President Biden March 11, 2021
- \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief funding
- \$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local governments
- \$65.1 billion is provided in direct aid to counties for public health and vaccines, assistance for vulnerable populations, education and housing stabilization, economic recovery assistance and direct assistance for families and individuals.

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- ARP funding is based largely on population.

State of South Carolina	Horry County	City of Myrtle Beach	City of Conway	North Myrtle Beach
\$8.8 Billion	\$68.8 Million	\$7.92 Million	\$4.37 Million	\$1.95 Million

- Funds will be disbursed in two equal payments.
 - June 2021 and June 2022
 - Funds must be spent by June 2024

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ARP Goals

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequitable impact of the pandemic.

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Investment Strategy

- ✓ Maximize community impact;
- ✓ Meet a critical need and leverage strategic plans;
- ✓ Avoid creating new programs that require ongoing financial commitment;
- ✓ Avoid duplication of resources by leveraging existing efforts and infrastructure;
- ✓ Maintain flexibility to reallocate funding as needed as federal guidance evolves
- ✓ Use one-time funds for one-time uses, or have a path to sustainability

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Ineligible Uses

- ✘ Deposits into pension funds,
- ✘ Debt service,
- ✘ Legal settlement or judgments,
- ✘ Deposits to rainy day funds or financial reserves,
- ✘ Grant matching funds.

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Provision of Government Services: Public Health

\$3.4 Million	5%
Public Health & Emergency Personnel Payroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› COVID-19 Mitigation & Containment: vaccination programs, ventilation improvements in congregate or health care settings, contact tracing› Medical Expenses: care and services to address near-and longer-term needs› Behavioral Healthcare: mental health treatment, crisis intervention, substance misuse treatment› Public Health & Safety Staff: payroll & benefits
Local Project Examples:	Payroll for emergency personnel

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Negative Economic Impacts

\$31 Million	45%
Economic Support & Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	Small Business: loans, grants, in-kind and technical assistance Public Sector: economic relief programs Impacted Industries: tourism, travel and hospitality, and other affected sectors
Local Projects:	Beach Bathrooms, Beach Parking, Rural Civic/ Equestrian Center; Industrial Park Infrastructure

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Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

\$6.9 Million	10%
Affordable Housing/ Community Open Space	Support to Residents: assistance to unemployed workers, job training, food, housing, survivor's benefits, affordable housing, educational disparities. Provide community open space to provide additional areas to congregate safely.
Local Projects:	public transportation touchless payment system acquisition. Solicitation for community impact grants and affordable housing development; community pocket parks.

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Infrastructure

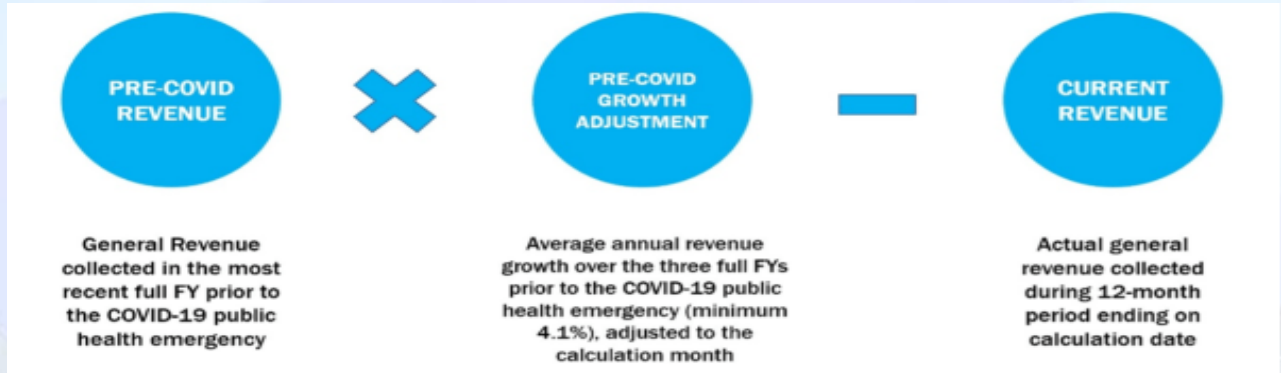
\$6.8 Million	10%
Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution	Make necessary investment to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure Eligible uses aligned to EPA project categories in: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
Local Projects:	Little River Neck Road, and solicitation for viable projects

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Revenue Replacement



\$12.7 million	18.5%
Government Services	Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic. Lost revenues may be used to support general government services and infrastructure
Local Projects:	Cyber Security, remote working capabilities, facility security and upgrades to county facilities (air quality projects)

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- Administrative Expenses & Leveraging Funds

Administrative Expenses & Project Contingency	\$8 Million	11.5%
HUD & Treasury Community Development Funds	\$28.6 Million	

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Appropriation #1	
Public Health	
Public Health – COVID Overtime	\$3,438,804.15
Provision of Government Services	
CyberSecurity	\$2,000,000.00
Remote Work Capabilities	\$511,787.68
DHEC South Strand	\$100,000.00
COVID Impacts – Waste Management	\$400,000.00
Facility Information Technology Enhancements	\$100,000.00
County Facility Security and Upgrades	\$550,000.00
Total	\$7,100,591.83

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Planning Process & Citizen Participation

- Similar to the HUD Community Development Programs, ARP provides substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs within a Federal framework.
- Annually, the County will update and annual action plan that provides an update of the ARP Plan implementation.
- Projects Areas will be identified and County sponsored programs may be allocated funding.
- Leverage Impact through strategic partnerships: Implement solicitation process where required.
- County Administrator will select solicitation review committees who will make recommendations to Administration committee.
- Citizen participation process will align with council approved HUD sponsored programs.

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Planning Process

Date	Task
July 27	Review ARP components
July 30 – August 17	Public Comment Process
August 12 @3pm	Public Hearing Multipurpose Room B
August 24	Present Plan to Administration Committee
August 31	Initial Report Due to Treasury
September 7	County Council Considers Recovery Plan

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- Questions
- Public Input

Note: Input can also be provided by email to arpa@horrycounty.org

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