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ARPA Community Impact Program proposals now available

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – In the \$56.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds awarded to Greene County, the Commissioners have announced the first initiative in the grant cycle program will be the Community Impact Program (CIP).

These funds will be separate from future small business and nonprofit allocations. The CIP is envisioned as signature or lasting projects that will benefit the community for years to come and at the same time provide multiple levels of benefit to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

These projects are intended to be solution based or transformational. They must be sufficiently aligned with the Greene County Needs Assessment and priorities of the County. Request for Proposals for CIP projects are now available by clicking the orange ‘ARPA’ button on the www.greencountymo.gov homepage. The proposals are not formal applications, rather, will be individually selected to present to the Commission. Here is the list of requirements to submit:

- These projects will generally involve capital expenditures and may often consist of a multi-year effort.
- CIP projects may not occur without substantial financial support, collaboration efforts and county participation and leadership.
- It is anticipated these projects may require a minimum threshold of \$500,000 to substantially implement.
- These projects must strongly respond to pandemic impacts and improve the quality of life and public well being of Greene County residents.
- The proposal must address and include equity element that benefit underserved and underrepresented sector our community.

- Submissions should have a long-term impact for the overall community and would be difficult to accomplish without this funding mechanism.
- Projects must have justification to be funded in a separate application process primarily due to the multi-year nature of the projects and complexities of getting these types of projects accomplished.
- In many instances, these projects will need additional layers of funding.
- The projects will require conditional funding levels and commitment.

CIP Request for Proposals are due to the County by March 18 at 5:00 p.m. They should be addressed to Dr. Lyle Q. Foster and emailed to ARPinfo@greencountymo.gov. If applicants wish to mail their proposals, please call the Greene County ARPA team at 417-799-1563 for further instructions.

If applicants need help drafting their proposal or need technical assistance, there will be a virtual meeting to respond to questions on March 9 at 2:00 p.m. Use this link: <https://meet.goto.com/GCCCommissionOffice>.

Organizations whose funding proposals don't meet the listed recommendations will still have the opportunity to apply for County ARPA funds. The applications for small businesses and nonprofits are still under construction with an anticipated completion in the spring of 2022.

More information about ARPA funding can be found at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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