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## **Commission approves ARPA awards for Tier 3 nonprofits**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – The Greene County Commission approved 12 awards on Tuesday, October 11, to Greene County nonprofits that applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

This group of nonprofits are in the county's Tier 3 ARPA designation, which have been categorized by the organization's operating budget. The remaining Tier 3 nonprofit applications will be reviewed on Oct. 13. Tier 1 and 2 nonprofit applications are also being reviewed and will be awarded in the future.

The following is a list of the approved Tier 3 nonprofits, awards in their dollar amount, and a brief project description:

1. \$16,500 to Be a Jewel Inc. to provide services for children placed in emergency care
2. \$35,490 to Doula Foundation of Mid-America, Inc. for the training and certification of community-based doulas that provide prevention and case management programs
3. \$45,253 to Good Dads, Inc. to update their fatherhood curriculum that reaches at-risk youth and underserved fathers
4. \$36,000 to Leadership Springfield Inc. to launch a virtual leadership development and community engagement program
5. \$30,000 to Ozarks Literacy Council to purchase new books and literacy materials for the Reading Resource Program
6. \$40,000 to Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church for community outreach and restorations to the historic church's structure
7. \$40,000 to Rebound Foundation Inc. to purchase a transitional home for victims of domestic violence

8. \$25,000 to Schuyler Community Center for new siding, guttering, landscaping, and soffit for their school house
9. \$20,000 to Sister Cities Assoc. of Springfield, MO to maintain the Kite and Pinata Festival, Japanese Fall Festival, and Taste of Tlaquepaque Festival
10. \$14,400 to Smitty's Mid-West Boxing Gym and Youth Center, Inc. to offset increased occupancy costs through rental assistance
11. \$10,000 to Ujima Language and Literacy for a new playground
12. \$32,450 to Women's Medical Respite to expand a housing project that includes more beds, privacy, and quarantine space

The 12 awards totaled \$345,093. Approximately \$5.9 million has been allocated for nonprofits in this first round of funding. The application period was open for three weeks from Aug. 24 to Sept. 14, 2022.

“The Commission is pleased to award approval to this first round of nonprofit funding under ARPA,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “We thank and commend these organizations in our communities for the tremendous work they have done to help address the pandemic and to move beyond it into recovery.”

Applications were thoroughly reviewed by the county's internal ARPA team and the ARPA Advisory Committee, formed on Jan. 19, 2022.

The county used federal ARPA guidelines to determine award eligibility. Nonprofits must be located and serve citizens in Greene County, and have experienced an impact by the COVID-19 pandemic. A full list of eligibility requirements can be found at [arp.greenecountymo.gov](http://arp.greenecountymo.gov).

Greene County has received a total of \$56.9 million in ARPA funds to support recovery efforts from the pandemic.

All ARPA funds must be allocated by Dec. 31, 2024 and all projects funded by the county must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

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