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Commission approves additional ARPA awards for nonprofits

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission approved 31 awards on Thursday, Feb. 9, to Greene County nonprofits that applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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

1. \$100,000 to Advocates for Healthy Community (Jordan Valley Community Health Center) to implement the ‘Family Connects’ program which provides services to mothers and infants after birth, post-natal and pediatric care, nurse training, and transportation costs
2. \$150,000 to AIDS Project of the Ozarks to maintain and expand mental health services by funding the salary of a psychiatrist and other positions, if possible
3. \$86,400 to the Betty & Bobby Allison Ozarks Counseling Center to fund two additional full-time therapists
4. \$200,000 to Care to Learn for resources to meet the health, hunger, and hygiene needs of Greene County students
5. \$20,000 to Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to continue to provide housing, gas, and utility assistance, sober living fees, and meals for families
6. \$276,940 to the Child Advocacy Center for personnel support to match caseload needs and prevention education programming
7. \$150,000 to Community Foundation of the Ozarks to fund the ‘Let’s Get to Work’ program that assists people getting back into the workforce
8. \$90,000 to CASA for the salary of a Clubhouse Director
9. \$450,000 to the Developmental Center of the Ozarks to purchase and replace assistive and mobile technology

10. \$275,000 to the Drew Lewis Foundation to renovate six homes purchased in the Grant Beach area for individuals at or below 200% FPG or Zone 1 area citizens
11. \$250,000 to Drury University to preserve and renovate the Benton Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Church and Civil Rights Museum
12. \$60,000 to Dynamic Strides Therapy to cover the salary of one new employee
13. \$300,000 to the Ebenezer Historical Society to rebuild a one-room schoolhouse into a community center
14. \$32,000 to the Fair Grove Historical and Preservation Society to preserve a historical area including retaining wall repair, pavilion lighting, and construct rail fencing
15. \$158,845.65 to the Family Violence Center (Harmony House) to add an Outreach Victim Advocate to work in partnership with the Republic Police Department and fund initial startup costs including furniture and equipment
16. \$352,928 to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch to assist with the construction of a 36,000 square foot donation center to help older youth aging out of foster care by providing furniture, appliances, and other home essentials
17. \$100,000 to I Pour Life to fund the 'LifeStrengths' program for at-risk youth
18. \$133,000 to the James River Basin Partnership (additional partnership with three other organizations) to develop a homeowner education program and replace up to 15 septic systems
19. \$187,000 to the Lost & Found Grief Center to expand existing services, provide on-campus grief support groups and grief education, and increase staff education
20. \$150,000 to Mercy Hospital to expand its behavioral health program
21. \$100,000 to Missouri State University to expand and renovate Blunt Hall
22. \$75,000 to NAMI of Southwest Missouri to hire one additional staff member for one year
23. \$45,000 to New Growth Ministries International Church to expand its 'Practical Needs' program by upgrading the kitchen and offer dedicated case managers for household assistance
24. \$184,926.76 to North Point Church to cover costs of the Dream Center Academy, RISE, and other adult education and stability programs
25. \$105,000 to SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging to purchase a freezer truck to deliver meals to seniors
26. \$45,000 to the Springfield Regional Arts Council for overhead costs of the Creamery Arts Center and technology, transportation, and equipment costs for community events
27. \$390,995 to the Gillioz Center for Arts & Entertainment to replace failing HVAC equipment with ultraviolet sanitizing light systems
28. \$91,971.59 to The Victim Center to hire a full-time adult therapist to address a waitlist
29. \$150,000 to the United Way of the Ozarks to create the Springfield-area Talent Attraction & Retention (STAR) Project to increase workforce and talent attraction capacity
30. \$50,000 to the Vietnam War Memorial (American Legion Post 639) for building maintenance including improving floors, kitchen, parking lighting, and wiring

31. \$40,000 to the Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks to replenish the benevolence fund for specialty vision services

The 31 awards totaled \$4,800,007.

“The Commission is pleased to approve this second group of nonprofit funding under the American Recovery Plan Act,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “We commend all nonprofit organizations in our communities for the tremendous work they have done to help address the pandemic and to move beyond it into recovery.”

12 additional nonprofits were previously awarded county ARPA funds on Oct. 11, 2022.

Approximately \$5.9 million was allocated for nonprofits in this first round of funding. 100 eligible nonprofits applied for county ARPA funds totaling \$21,713,454.68 in requests.

ARPA funds are designed to help with recovery efforts of organizations and small businesses that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ARPA Advisory Council thoroughly reviewed nonprofit applications which were categorized by the organization’s operating budget.

The county used federal ARPA guidelines to determine award eligibility. Nonprofits had to be located and serve citizens in Greene County, and experience an impact by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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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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