

**RESOLUTION**

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**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

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## **Resolution Implementing Livingston County’s Strategic Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funding – Board of Commissioners**

**WHEREAS,** Livingston County will receive \$ 37,292,778.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** ARPA funding has certain allowable uses, and allows for designation of up-to \$10 Million for lost-revenue expenses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners intends to utilize ARPA funding strategically in order to have the largest impact and benefit to Livingston County citizens and Livingston County as an organization; and

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners adopted its Vision Tour for the Strategic Use of ARPA-funds consisting of strategic-initiative categories and potential spending allocations in Resolution 2022-03-040, to guide project selection and use of ARPA-funds and to create a Vision Tour Contingency fund; and

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners requested input from county department leadership as well as the public on how to use ARPA-funds in the county; and

**WHEREAS,** Livingston County received many requests for projects to be funded by ARPA-funds, including projects eligible for coverage by lost-revenue funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners opened up requests for several months to allow for internal Livingston County government proposals, and external community proposals, and received more than 120 requests, totaling over \$85,000,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners held several open discussions as a full board and in the Finance and Asset Management Committee to discuss priorities, opportunities, and requests for ARPA-funds, and further implemented changes into the Capital Improvement Plan, to monitor and consider ARPA projects now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS,** Livingston County previously \$10 Million for lost-revenue expenses in accordance with ARPA, subject to further action by the Finance and Asset Management Committee and the Board of Commissioners for allocation and use; and

**WHEREAS,** Livingston County is projected to pay for General-Fund-budgeted ARPA-eligible expenses with ARPA-funds in excess of over \$18,000,000, which will then be reclassified to the Vision-Tour Contingency fund in accordance with Resolution 2022-03-040; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners have previously approved ARPA-funding for the following projects:

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| IT              | IT Equipment (only)           | \$ | 98,130.00  |
| IT              | Cybersecurity Upgrade (only)  | \$ | 685,000.00 |
| Clerk           | Vital Records Projects (only) | \$ | 120,000.00 |
| Administration  | Guidehouse ARPA Consulting    | \$ | 300,000.00 |
| Human Resources | Wage Study (only)             | \$ | 86,405.00  |
| Fiscal Services | Covid Sick-Leave (only)       | \$ | 553,724.45 |

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| Drain | Howell City Drain                           | \$ 125,000.00 |
| IT    | Broadband Survey                            | \$ 80,559.00  |
| IT    | E-Rate Consulting (TripleR)                 | \$ 25,000.00  |
| IT    | Fiber Optic Planning and Consulting (MERIT) | \$ 125,000.00 |

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners approves additional ARPA-funds and Vision-Tour Contingency funds for use in the amounts listed for the following departments:

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| Drain               | Infrastructure Projects                                 | \$ 6,675,870.00  |
| Sheriff             | Service Enhancement Projects                            | \$ 1,750,000.00  |
| Clerk               | Microfilm Conversion                                    | \$ 243,125.00    |
| Fiscal Services     | County Services Addressing Legacy Costs                 | \$ 5,000,000.00  |
| Facilities Services | Facilities Replacement Projects                         | \$ 1,622,147.00  |
| Animal Shelter      | Animal Shelter New-Facility Expansion (only)            | \$ 1,750,000.00  |
| Courts              | On Base Implementation (only)                           | \$ 1,235,936.00  |
| EMS                 | Rural Ambulance Bases (only)                            | \$ 1,750,000.00  |
| IT                  | Safety/Education/Municipal Open Access Broadband (only) | \$ 14,051,365.00 |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, except as expressly identified as “only” herein, which shall mean approved funds for that project may only be used for that project, that department directors or elected officials in charge of departments may allocate funding received as between all previously requested ARPA-fund projects (excluding requests for Hazard Pay, or similar), including as between previously approved projects listed herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Resolution 2022-03-040 shall remain in effect and be followed for purposes of reclassification of general fund budget savings and applied in order to fund the projects within this resolution, funding for position 26700120 in Resolution 2022-12-294 (which identifies ARPA as the funding source) is rescinded; and authorized spending for Guidehouse Consulting is reduced to \$295,048.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE**, that each of the five school districts in Livingston County shall receive \$30,000 for the sole and distinct purpose of implementing Reaching Higher, Inc. programs; and \$810,000.00 in funds shall be allocated by further action of the Finance and Asset Management Committee and the Board of Commissioners for use in external community projects.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator shall direct the \$10 Million for lost-revenue expenses on budgeted expenditures in the general fund in accordance with ARPA for use to accomplish the expenditures set forth in this resolution.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that once the County Administrator directs the \$10 Million for lost-revenue expenses on budgeted expenditures in the general fund in accordance with ARPA, County Administration is authorized to use the Vision-Tour Contingency to pay \$5,000,000.00 to MERS, as “surplus unassociated” funds to pay down the Livingston County pension unfunded liability.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that \$60,468.55 remains un-allocated for use by the County Administrator to reconcile spending on the approved project for Covid-Sick Leave for 2022 first, and then to allocate as necessary to accomplish projects covered by funding approval in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to use, reallocate, and reclassify ARPA-funds and Vision-Tour Contingency Funds as necessary to accomplish the resolutions contained herein, all in accordance with the rules, regulations, and procedures of ARPA.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Finance and Asset Management Committee and the Livingston County Board of Commissioners shall retain responsibility for ARPA-funds and Vision-Tour contingency funds, and utilize this Resolution Implementing the Strategic Use of ARPA Funding, in accordance with Resolution 2022-03-040, to assess and prescribe the use of any excess funds available as ARPA-funds and Vision-Tour contingency funds in related to the resolutions herein.

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