



AGENDA ITEM

Consent Agenda

REPORT TO: Work Session (06/19/23)

REPORT TO: Meeting (06/21/23)

ITEM NO: 349/2023

SUBJECT: Approve the ratification of the amended application and award of the 2023 Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to address case backlogs in the amount of \$512,000.00 and appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. No match is required.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 06/19/23

Voting Meeting Date: 06/21/23

Executive Summary:

Presenter: JS

Recommendation:
Approval

Purpose of Request:

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History:

The Northeastern Judicial Circuit was awarded a total of \$1,988,000 for calendar year 2023, after Hall County approved the original application and submission in October 2022.

Thereafter, in December 2022, the Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) Committee approved an additional category of eligible expense and raised the circuit cap from \$2M to \$2.5M. This new category was audio-visual equipment modernization projects in existing courtrooms, subject to certain rules and procedures.

Facts and Issues:

Options:

Governor Brian P. Kemp has allocated up to \$110 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to address backlogs of court cases, prioritizing cases involving serious violent felonies. The Judicial Council of Georgia and its Administrative Office of the Courts will administer up to \$96 million in grants to authorized classes of court, prosecutors, and related agencies. The Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act Funding will exist from the date of October 28th, 2021 until December 31, 2024, unless otherwise extended. This item ratifies the amended application submitted by the Northeastern Judicial Circuit on April 14, 2023 seeking funds to be awarded in calendar year 2023.

Funding Requested \$ 0.00
Are funds within current budget? Yes
Source of Funds ARPA Fund
Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.? No
Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney? Yes
Is there a deadline for this item?

Approvals:

Submit	Approve	Grants	Budget
JS	JS	NB	TS
Finance	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
WG	WLI	CR	JR

Attachments:

- 2023 Amended ARPA Budget Form
- 2023 Amended ARPA Application
- Combined Quotes for Court Upgrades



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

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Funds Requested: \$ 0.00

Request Budgeted: Yes

Proposed Source of Funding:

Budget Transfer Requested:

ARPA Fund

No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521300-TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$100,343.00
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	542500-OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$565,657.00
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	331110-FEDERAL OPERATING DIRECT	\$-512,000.00
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511100-SALARIES	\$-154,000.00

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

Grant budget was amended with amended application and award. All personnel related costs were reduced by a cumulative total of \$(154,000) while lines in the administrative costs were increased by a cumulative total of \$666,000, for a net total change of \$512,000. See attachment for additional details in line item changes.

Contact for Questions: KM

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