



AGENDA ITEM

Consent

REPORT TO: Work Session (12/11/23)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (12/14/23)

ITEM NO: 624/2023

SUBJECT: Approve the ratification of the 2024 Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding application for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to address case backlogs in the amount of \$749,692.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. No cash or in-kind match is required.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 12/11/23

Voting Meeting Date: 12/14/23

Executive Summary:

Presenter:

JS

Recommendation:

Approval.

Purpose of Request:

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History:

The Northeastern Judicial Circuit was awarded a total of \$1,680,497 in 2022 and \$2,500,000 in 2023.

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, 2026, unless otherwise extended. This item ratifies the application submitted by the Northeastern Judicial Circuit on October 6, 2023 seeking funds to be awarded in calendar year 2024. We also have a planned rollover from CY2023 ARPA grant of approximately \$332,965 to cover all personnel expenses for one year as well as other expenses related to the backlog of cases. All current positions will remain intact with the exception of the following: (1) full-time judicial assistant, (1) full-time grant specialist, (1) full-time program counselor, (1) full-time assistant district attorney, (1) full-time staff accountant, (1) full-time Juvenile Judge, and (1) full-time Associate Probate Judge. Juvenile Judge and Associate Probate Judge will become County funded effective January 1, 2024. Staff Accountant will move to Restricted Funds effective January 1, 2024. The other four positions will be eliminated.

Funding Requested \$ 1,082,657.00
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? 2023-12-31

Approvals:

Submit	Approve	Grants	Budget
KM	JS	PS	EW
Finance	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
WG	WLI	CR	JR

Attachments:

Financial Supplement
 2024 ARPA Budget Form - Revised



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

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Funds Requested: \$ 1,082,657.00

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	511100-SALARIES	\$178,258.75
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512100-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$136,753.21
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512102-LIFE INSURANCE	\$462.05
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512200-FICA	\$13,636.79
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512400-RETIREMENT	\$14,260.70
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521000-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$15,000.00
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521300-TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$69,941.50
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511100-SALARIES	\$178,258.75
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2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	571000-INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYMENTS	\$87,466.45
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	571000-INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYMENTS	\$87,466.44
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	331110-FEDERALâ€OPERATING DIRECT	\$-541,328.50
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	331110-FEDERALâ€OPERATING DIRECT	\$-541,328.50
2024	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511101-PARTâ€TIME SALARIES	\$25,558.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511101-PARTâ€TIME SALARIES	\$25,558.00

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

This grant is calendar year. We've split out the funding to account for the crossing of fiscal years. Dawson County will receive approximately \$174,932.89 in funding from ARPA grant. Intergovernmental Payments, 571000, has been utilized for their reimbursements. Four full-time positions have been eliminated in FY2024/FY2025 (1) judicial assistant, (1) program counselor, (1) grant specialist, and (1) assistant district attorney. The full-time staff accountant position will be transferred to restricted funds and (1) full-time Juvenile Judge as well as (1) full-time Associate Probate Judge will be transferred to the County. Note: We received an award of \$749,692 for CY2024 and will rollover approximately \$332,965 to fund remaining positions.

Contact for Questions: KAM

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