



AGENDA ITEM

Consent Agenda

REPORT TO: Work Session (11/12/24)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (11/14/24)

ITEM NO: 574/2024

SUBJECT: Approve the ratification of the 2025 Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding application for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to address case backlogs in the amount of \$1,120,739.00, 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: 11/12/24

Voting Meeting Date: 11/14/24

Executive Summary:

Presenter: JS

Recommendation:
Approval.

Purpose of Request:

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History:

The Northeastern Judicial Circuit was awarded a total of \$1,680,497.00 in 2022; \$2,500,000.00 in 2023; and \$749,692.00 in 2024.

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 September 30, 2026, unless otherwise extended. This item ratifies the application submitted by the Northeastern Judicial Circuit on October 16, 2024 seeking funds to be awarded in calendar year 2025. We also have a planned rollover from CY2024 ARPA grant of approximately \$549,681 to cover all personnel expenses for one year as well as other expenses related to the backlog of cases. We are requesting the ARPA grant fund the following positions which are currently paid out of restricted funds: (1) staff accountant, (1) operations coordinator and (1) case manager. We are requesting ARPA continue to fund the following positions *currently* paid out of ARPA grant funds: (1) court reporter, (1) administrative assistant - District Attorney, (1) administrative secretary - Pretrial Services, (5) bailiffs, and (1) case manager. Lastly, we are requesting one net new position be funded by ARPA in 2025 which will increase position control: (1) judicial assistant. We are also requesting three positions for Dawson County.

Funding Requested \$ 1,120,739.00
Are funds within current budget? No
Source of Funds American Rescue Plan
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? 2024-12-31

Approvals:

Submit	Approve	Grants	Budget
KM	JS	SG	EW
Finance	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
TS	WLI	CR	AD

Attachments:

- Financial Supplement
- Chief Judge Justification Letter
- Budget Form
- ARPA Application



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

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Funds Requested: \$ 1,120,739.00

Request Budgeted: No

Proposed Source of Funding:

Budget Transfer Requested:

American Rescue Plan

No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511100-SALARIES	\$387,304.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511101-PART-TIME SALARIES	\$150,818.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512100-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$140,147.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512102-LIFE INSURANCE	\$2,870.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512200-FICA	\$40,911.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512400-RETIREMENT	\$31,984.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521000-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$81,705.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521300-TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$165,000.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	571000-INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYMENTS	\$120,000.00
2025	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	331110-FEDERAL OPERATING DIRECT	\$-1,120,739.00

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 \$248,837 in funding from ARPA grant. Intergovernmental Payments, 571000, has been utilized for their reimbursements. We are requesting the ARPA grant fund the following positions which are currently paid out of restricted funds: (1) staff accountant, (1) operations coordinator and (1) case manager. We are requesting ARPA continue to fund the following positions currently paid out of ARPA grant funds: (1) court reporter, (1) administrative assistant - District Attorney, (1) administrative secretary - Pretrial Services, (5) bailiffs, and (1) case manager. Lastly, we are requesting one net new position be funded by ARPA in 2025 which will increase position control: (1) judicial assistant.

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