



AGENDA ITEM

Court Administration

REPORT TO: Work Session (10/20/25)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (10/23/25)

ITEM NO: 610/2025

SUBJECT: Approve the ratification of the 2026 Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding application for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to address case backlogs in the amount of \$1,319,689.00, 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: 10/20/25

Voting Meeting Date: 10/23/25

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; \$749,692.00 in 2024; and \$1,120,739 in 2025.

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 September 17, 2025 seeking funds to be awarded in calendar year 2026. We are requesting ARPA continue to fund the following positions *currently* paid out of ARPA grant funds: (1) staff accountant, (1) court reporter, (1) administrative assistant - District Attorney, (5) bailiffs, (1) Probation sentence writer, (2) case managers, (1) operations coordinator, and (1) Treatment Services coordinator. We are also requesting an extension of funds for contract clinical supervision and new funds for contract counseling services. All positions currently exist on position control; therefore, no new positions are being requested. We are also requesting three positions for Dawson County.

Additional funds are being requested to cover juror expenses, court reporter transcripts as well as interpreters.

Funding Requested	\$ 0.00
Are funds within current budget?	Yes
Source of Funds	Grants
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?	2025-12-31

Approvals:

Submit	Approve	Grants	Budget
KM	JS	SG	DA
Finance	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
TS	JL	CR	JR

Attachments:

CY2026 ARPA Packet



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

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Funds Requested: \$ 0.00

Proposed Source of Funding:

Grants

Funding Source Items:

Request Budgeted: Yes

Budget Transfer Requested:

No

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511100-SALARIES	\$326,331.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511100-SALARIES	\$108,777.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511101-PART-TIME SALARIES	\$78,517.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	511101-PART-TIME SALARIES	\$26,172.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512200-FICA	\$27,030.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512200-FICA	\$9,009.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512400-RETIREMENT	\$38,895.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512400-RETIREMENT	\$12,964.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512100-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$100,240.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512100-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$33,413.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512102-LIFE INSURANCE	\$6,256.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	512102-LIFE INSURANCE	\$2,085.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521000-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$26,250.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521000-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$8,750.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521300-TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$236,250.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	521300-TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$78,750.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	531105-JURY SUPPLIES	\$150,000.00
2027	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	531105-JURY SUPPLIES	\$50,000.00
2026	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	331110-FEDERAL-OPERATING DIRECT	\$-989,769.00
2027	230-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	3921-COVID RELIEF	331110-FEDERAL-OPERATING DIRECT	\$-329,920.00

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

This grant is calendar year and will come to an end on 9/30/2026. We've split out the funding to account for the crossing of fiscal years. Dawson County will receive approximately \$162,000 in funding from ARPA grant. Intergovernmental Payments, 571000, has been utilized for their reimbursements. No new positions are being requested.

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