



## Deputy County Manager

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**FROM:** Jimmy Gisi, Deputy County Manager  
William Volckmann, Chief Financial Officer  
Debra Blair, Deputy County Attorney

**DATE:** February 14, 2023

### **PURPOSE**

To approve an appropriation of funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$19,346,000.00 for county infrastructure projects designed enhance the county's physical and/or structural capacity to meet operational responsibilities.

### **BACKGROUND**

Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, signed into law on March 11, 2021 ("ARPA"), to provide needed relief to state, local, and Tribal governments to enable them to continue to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts. The County has received two equal allocations of \$73,824,239.00 for a total of \$147,648,478.00.

Over the last several months, the County used a multi-step process to engage a broad range of stakeholders, analyze the needs that were identified, prioritize the resulting areas of need, and finalize investment guidance. This Investment Guidance Report was approved by the Board on April 12, 2022. The Guidance prioritizes five areas: community health, support services, economic development, county infrastructure, and public safety with twenty-one subtopics between those prioritized areas. A public application process opened on June 6, 2022 and closed on September 9, 2022. Each submitted application has been reviewed for eligibility and alignment with ARPA Regulations and the approved Investment Guidance Report.

The County Infrastructure Subcommittee reviewed twenty-seven applications and is recommending nine projects for funding that align with the County Infrastructure priority area. These fall into the County Facilities, Stormwater, and Broadband & Digital Equity subtopics.

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize an appropriation from funding distributed to Cobb County under this plan, in an amount not to exceed \$19,346,000.00, to support county infrastructure. Individual project budgets are proposed maximum awards based on information provided by the applicants; only ARPA eligible expenditures will be considered and permitted for funding reimbursements and advancements.

### **IMPACT STATEMENT**

Broadband in County parks will have a continuing cost of \$15,911.00 per year per location after five years, should the Board choose to continue the program.

### **FUNDING**

Funding Statement Attached

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board of Commissioners approve an appropriation of funds from funding received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$19,346,000.00 to support county infrastructure and to assist those negatively affected by COVID-19; authorize the corresponding budget transactions; and further authorize the Chairwoman to execute the agreement and any other necessary documents for said purpose.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. County Infrastructure Funding Statement
2. County Infrastructure Project Funding Summary
3. Recommended County Infrastructure Project Summaries

## FUNDING

Decrease Expenditure	279	499	CI00	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$19,346,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI01	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$799,303.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI02	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$5,800,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI03	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$3,000,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI04	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$1,565,065.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI05	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$899,152.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI06	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$7,000,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI07	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$20,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI08	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$242,480.00
Increase Expenditure:	279	499	CI09	8005	Preliminary Estimates	\$20,000.00

County Infrastructure Subcommittee - Recommended Projects		
Organization/Individual Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended
Cobb Senior Services	Project Senior S.A.F.E.T.Y. -Seniors to have Affordable housing & food, Facilities that are safe, Education & exercise, Transportation to medical appointments for a healthier YOU!	\$799,303
Cobb County Support Services Agency, as well as Property Management and Parks Departments	Healthy County Building Initiative	\$5,800,000
Cobb County, GA (Water System Agency)	Cobb County Water System Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract Work Orders	\$3,000,000
Cobb County, GA (Water System Agency)	FY21 Multiple Water Pump Stations Projects	\$1,565,065
Cobb County Government Information Services Department	Cobb County Broadband/Wi-Fi Enhancement and Expansion Program	\$899,152
Cobb County Board of Health (aka Cobb & Douglas Public Health)	CDPH South Cobb Public Health Center – Primary Care, Mental Health and Community Linkages Space	\$7,000,000
Cobb Emergency Management Agency	Cobb County Stockpile	\$20,000
Office of the District Attorney, Cobb Judicial Circuit	Cobb District Attorney - Infrastructure / County Facility Request	\$242,480
American Legion Paul E. Kelly Jr. Post 296 Inc.	Veterans Strengthening America	\$20,000
		<b>\$19,346,000</b>



# Recommended Project Summaries

Applications that passed initial review and were recommended by subcommittees as of December 2022

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## Considerations

When possible, language and information within this document has been pulled directly from application submissions or from the applicant. For consolidation purposes, language may have been summarized according to information provided in the original application submission or compiled from notes taken during the subcommittee evaluation process. Opinions stated within are not the personal opinions of the author or any member of the Cobb County ARPA team.

ARPA alignment categories indicate which expenditure categories align with the anticipated project costs. These alignments may be refined during the pre-award and reporting processes.

Any questions should be directed to the Cobb County ARPA team at [cobbcountyARPA@deloitte.com](mailto:cobbcountyARPA@deloitte.com).






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# Priority Areas

Outlined below are the designated priority areas and respective subtopics.

 <p><b>COMMUNITY HEALTH</b></p> <p>1.1 Mental Health</p> <p>1.2 Public Health Disparities</p> <p>1.3 Substance Abuse</p> <p>1.4 Healthcare Capacity</p> <p>1.5 COVID-19 Mitigation</p>	 <p><b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b></p> <p>2.1 Rental &amp; Mortgage Assistance</p> <p>2.2 Homelessness</p> <p>2.3 Food Security</p> <p>2.4 Affordable Housing</p>	 <p><b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>3.1 Workforce Development</p> <p>3.2 Small &amp; Minority-Owned Business</p> <p>3.3 Employee Retention</p> <p>3.4 Hospitality &amp; Tourism</p>	 <p><b>COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p> <p>4.1 County Facilities</p> <p>4.2 Stormwater</p> <p>4.3 Broadband &amp; Digital Equity</p> <p>4.4 Transportation</p>	 <p><b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p> <p>5.1 Mental Health Response</p> <p>5.2 Court Backlog</p> <p>5.3 Public Safety Hiring, Retention &amp; Staffing</p> <p>5.4 First Response</p>
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# Template Overview

Outlined below are explanations of the information included in each summary.

<b>Applicant Type</b>	<i>County government department, non-profit organization, Business, etc.</i>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<i>Name of applicant as written in the original application submission.</i>
<b>County Priorities</b>	<i>County priority and subtopic(s) that the application was determined to best fit within.</i>
<b>Project Name</b>	<i>Deloitte designated project number and name of project as written in the original application submission.</i>
<b>Project Summary</b>	<i>Summary of project using, when possible, language from the original application submission.</i>
<b>Budget</b>	<i>Amount of funding recommended by the subcommittee after evaluating the application.</i> This amount may be different from what the applicant requested on their original application. In parenthesis ( ) is the estimated project duration according to the application submission. In cases where applications have been funded using money from multiple priority areas, multiple budgets may be listed indicating the amounts recommended for each subcommittee for the expenses and project activities applicable to that specific priority area.

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule legislation outlines parameters for expenditure eligibility. Projects that have been determined to be in alignment with the legislation will receive a yes for this question.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	Using the information provided in the Project Scope section of the original project application and additional information provided in the project submission, the activities in the application have been summarized. When possible, language has been directly quoted from the original application.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	In accordance with the Final Rule, potential expenditure categories (e.g.; 1. Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention – 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.7) have been identified to determine a project's alignment with the legislation. In addition to the expenditure category, a direct quote from the Final Rule narrative that supports the projects alignment has been provided with a citation, e.g.; (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4353).  As per the final rule, certain populations including households, individuals, or organizations located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) may be presumed eligible for ARPA.*
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<i>Subcommittees evaluated projects based on 8 criteria to determine their funding recommendations. Specific criteria definitions are as follows:</i>  <b>Equity:</b> The extent to which a project demonstrates advancement of equity to cultivate the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals as defined in Executive Order 13985. <b>Program location:</b> If the project will take place in Cobb County as indicated in the original application submission and where the applicant organization is located. <b>Impact:</b> The extent to which a project has significant return on investment for the Cobb County community. <b>Financial continuity:</b> The extent to which a project's costs will be entirely carried by the program, at no continued cost to Cobb County.

\*The Final Rule defines a QCT in alignment with 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I): "The term "qualified census tract" means any census tract which is designated by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and, for the most recent year for which census data are available on household income in such tract, either in which 50 percent or more of the households have an income which is less than 60 percent of the area median gross income for such year or which has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent. If the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development determines that sufficient data for any period are not available to apply this clause on the basis of census tracts, such Secretary shall apply this clause for such period on the basis of enumeration districts."

# **Priority Area: County Infrastructure**

## County Infrastructure Funding Plan

The funding plan as recommended by the County Infrastructure Subcommittee

Project #	Project Name	Organization	Budget
1.249	CDPH South Cobb Public Health Center – Primary Care, Mental Health and Community Linkages Space	Cobb County Board of Health (aka Cobb & Douglas Public Health)	\$7,000,000
1.115	Healthy County Building Initiative	Cobb County Support Services Agency, as well as Property Management and Parks Departments	\$5,800,000
1.90	Project Senior S.A.F.E.T.Y.	Cobb Senior Services	\$799,303
1.61	Cobb District Attorney - Infrastructure / County Facility Request	Office of the District Attorney, Cobb Judicial Circuit	\$242,480
1.56.2	Cobb County Stockpile	Cobb Emergency Management Agency	\$20,000
County Facilities Total Recommended Amount:			<b>\$13,861,783</b>
1.45	Cobb County Water System Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract Work Orders	Cobb County, GA (Water System Agency)	\$3,000,000
1.50	FY21 Multiple Water Pump Stations Projects	Cobb County, GA (Water System Agency)	\$1,565,065
Storm Water Total Recommended Amount:			<b>\$4,565,065</b>
1.131	Cobb County Broadband/Wi-Fi Enhancement and Expansion Program	Cobb County Government Information Services Department	\$899,152
1.189.4	Veterans Strengthening America	American Legion Paul E. Kelly Jr. Post 296 Inc.	\$20,000
Broadband & Digital Equity Total Recommended Amount:			<b>\$919,152</b>

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

<b>Applicant Type</b>	County Government Organization
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb County Board of Health
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.1 County Facilities – Funding to provide better access and availability to healthcare services
<b>Project Name</b>	1.249 Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH) South Cobb Public Health Center – Primary Care, Mental Health and Community Linkages Space
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will renovate a new building for South Cobb County residents to access public health, adult and pediatric primary care, mental health services, HIV diagnosis and treatment, telehealth, and linkages to other community resources.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$7,000,000.00 Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$7,425,000.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the new facility will focus on mental health services and telehealth which have increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	The applicant originally requested total funding of \$7,425,000.00. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$7,000,000 in funding was recommended. The applicant will use the funding to build a new healthcare facility near the I-20 interchange. The South Cobb Redevelopment Authority (SCRA) will be donating the property to the project and serving as master developer for the 50-acre site. SCRA is also planning for 400-450 senior and workforce housing units adjacent to the health center. CDPH believes that this project will address many of the public health gaps that exist due to the pandemic and other historical circumstances. They see this health center as a way of bringing a solution to the disparities that exist by allowing Cobb County residents to have an option for affordable and accessible physical and mental healthcare and access to community health and social services linkages. The proposed complex will be approximately 30,000 square feet, single story with dedicated entrances to key areas. CDPH will occupy approximately 12,000 square feet of space and has secured the funding for that portion of the complex through Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and CDPH reserves. CDPH will also cover all operational/staffing costs through their regular budget.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 1. Public Health, Other – 1.14: Treasury received a few comments from recipients seeking to use SLFRF funds to build new medical facilities, such as hospitals or public health clinics, to serve disproportionately impacted communities. Given the central role of access to high-quality medical care in reducing health disparities and addressing the root causes that led to disproportionate impact COVID–19 health impacts in certain communities, the final rule recognizes that medical equipment and facilities designed to address disparities in public health outcomes are eligible capital expenditures. This includes primary care clinics, hospitals, or integrations of health services into other settings. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4372)
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents. <b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. <b>Impact:</b> This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant expects that by 2026, its primary care partner will be serving 2,000 unduplicated patients and CDPH will be serving 2,000 WIC clients and 350 Babies Born Healthy/Healthy Start clients. The applicant expects that increased access to healthcare will result in improved health outcomes for the community and decrease health disparities. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding. <b>Financial Continuity:</b> Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that requested funding will be utilized by 2026 to cover 75% of the capital construction costs of the project.

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

<b>Applicant Type</b>	County Government Organization
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb County Support Services Agency/Property Management and Parks Departments
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.1 County Facilities – Funding to upgrade HVAC system in select County facilities
<b>Project Name</b>	1.115 Healthy County Building Initiative
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project will select certain County facilities to receive HVAC upgrades focused on addressing science-based indoor air quality and COVID-19 mitigation measures
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (12-18 Months): \$5,800,000.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project focuses on COVID-19 mitigation measures in 1 or more of the following: increased ventilation for COVID-19 particulate dilution, increased filtration options, UV germicidal irradiation methods, HVAC duct cleanings, and temperature/humidity controls.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	Cobb County Support Services Agency/Property Management and Parks Department will partner with a HVAC company to evaluate, engineer, implement, and measure COVID-19 mitigation solutions within highly trafficked County buildings. Strategically selected facilities will receive HVAC upgrades focused on addressing science-based indoor air quality and COVID-19 mitigation. This project was built to provide equitable impact across the County. Selected highly trafficked buildings within identified underserved communities include South Cobb Rec Center, South Cobb Aquatic Center, and South Cobb Community Health Center. These buildings reside in Qualified Census Tract (QCT) 313.10 and include both impacted and disproportionately impacted communities. Additionally, the Superior Court, Cobb County Government, Juvenile Court, Public Safety/Sheriff, Magistrate/Probate Court, and West Park Government Center buildings have all been selected as they heavily service residents from every Qualified Census Tract (QCT), historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected groups. Four Senior Centers have been included to serve the high-risk communities throughout the County. Through before and after test and balance exercises, this project will include proven KPIs that provide measurable COVID-19 mitigation results. The County will also work with the HVAC company to create and distribute project press releases to increase community awareness of this project.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 1: Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention – 1.4: State, local, and Tribal governments have also supported major efforts to prevent COVID-19 spread through safety measures at key settings like nursing homes, schools, congregate living settings, dense worksites, incarceration settings, and in other public facilities. This has included, for example, implementing infection prevention measures or making ventilation improvements. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4350)
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents. <b>Program location:</b> The project and organization are located in Cobb County. <b>Impact:</b> The project aims to reduce the probability of infection of COVID-19 through the renovation of HVAC of strategically selected County facilities. <b>Financial Continuity:</b> Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that money will be used to finance necessary equipment and labor needed to renovate the HVAC systems of different buildings.

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

<b>Applicant Type</b>	Cobb County Government
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb Senior Services
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.1 County Facilities – Funding to help provide new air purifiers and other items to Senior Centers
<b>Project Name</b>	1.90 Project Senior S.A.F.E.T.Y. – Seniors to have Affordable housing & food, Facilities that are safe, Education & exercise, Transportation to medical appointments for a healthier YOU!
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project will expand on their public services for older adults, including support services, health and wellness, food insecurity, financial assistance, and transportation services.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (1-2 Years): \$799,303.06

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the applicant explains the need for several services that are necessary due to the pandemic and its negative economic impacts.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	Cobb Senior Services will expand their wellness programming, increase transportation services, and install air purifying filters. To enhance services in the areas of homelessness/housing and food security, the applicant will provide emergency financial assistance and healthy food options. To increase their capacity for physical distancing in their facilities, Cobb Senior Services are asking for equipment that would provide a safer and healthier environment for a more vulnerable and potentially immune-compromised population. In an effort to address the digital divide for older adults, the applicant will also provide digital literacy training/classes.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>1. Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention – 1.4</p> <p>1. Public Health, Other – 1.14:</p> <p>Treasury is maintaining an expansive list of enumerated eligible uses to mitigate and prevent COVID–19, given the wide-ranging activities that governments may take to further these goals, including other public health responses...As such, these eligible uses should help vulnerable or high-risk populations access services that mitigate COVID–19, for example, transportation assistance; Installation and improvements of ventilation systems. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4353-4354)</p> <p>2: Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.1, 2.2, 2.4:</p> <p>Enumerated eligible uses included: Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; ...; cash assistance; or job training to address negative economic or public health impacts experienced due to a worker’s occupation or level of training.</p> <p>Assistance to households for internet access and digital literacy programs. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4359, 4361)</p>
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<p><b>Equity:</b> The applicant states that the project will target underserved adults over 55 years old and those who are in the greatest economic and social need due to COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> The projects aims at improving the emotional well-being of participants, increase accessibility to in-house vaccination clinics, increase access to healthcare, increase access to transportation for critical medical appointments, reduce homelessness, prevent evictions, reduce food insecurity, reduce transmission of germs, and aim to combat social isolation.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that money will be used to finance necessary equipment needed to help the target population.</p>

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

<b>Applicant Type</b>	Cobb County Government
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Office of the District Attorney, Cobb Judicial Circuit
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.1 County Facilities – Improves structure capacity for operational responsibilities and social distancing
<b>Project Name</b>	1.61 Cobb District Attorney - Infrastructure / County Facility Request
<b>Project Summary</b>	The District Attorney (DA) is requesting funds for two projects to enhance physical space and improve structural capacity to meet their operational responsibilities and allow for social distancing due to COVID-19.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (30 Months): \$242,480.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project includes necessary expenditures to facilitate a safe environment that helps mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	The project aims to renovate four existing areas in the DA's Office to meet health and safety needs. The first space will convert and outfit an existing office to a nursing room for new mothers. The second space will update and renovate an existing employee breakroom with new furniture and appliances to provide for social distancing needs for staff utilizing this room and will provide a safer and more comfortable environment. This existing space will be painted and equipped with new tables, seating options, and appliances. The third space will update and renovate the entry lobby for the DA's Office which will allow space for social distancing for visitors to the Office and will result in a more comfortable, safer entry and seating environment for visitors. The fourth space will update and renovate a small conference room for the DA's Office staff. The DA also aims to renovate and outfit the Family Advocacy Center (FAC) with furnishings and equipment.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 1: Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention – 1.4 State, local, and Tribal governments have also supported major efforts to prevent COVID-19 spread through safety measures at key settings like nursing homes, schools, congregate living settings, dense worksites, incarceration settings, and in other public facilities. This has included, for example, implementing infection prevention measures or making ventilation improvements. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4350)
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<b>Equity:</b> The applicant states that they use several resources to deliver services to target populations, including advocates specializing in working with certain marginalized or underserved victim populations, bi-lingual victim advocates, and language line services and interpreters to communicate with non-English speaking victims, witnesses, and the public. <b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. <b>Impact:</b> The project will address safety, economic and health concerns with staff and visitors to the office that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 health epidemic. Changes will allow space to lessen the fear of exposure to illness and address concerns about social distancing and privacy in public settings within both the Office and the FAC. <b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project may impose additional costs to the County. The applicant states that the DA's Office will work with Property Management for several renovations and refurbishment projects and will thus be dependent upon another County department's time and resources as well. Additionally, the applicant notes concerns with access to supplies due to supply chain issues caused by COVID-19, which could impact the current project timeline.

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

<b>Applicant Type</b>	County Government Organization
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb Emergency Management Agency
<b>County Priorities</b>	<b>County Infrastructure</b> , Community Health <b>4.1 County Facilities</b> , 1.5 COVID-19 Mitigation – Provides a shelter space for COVID-19 stockpile equipment
<b>Project Name</b>	1.56.2 Cobb County Stockpile
<b>Project Summary</b>	Continue supporting Cobb County Government Agencies by providing PPE and purchase necessary items to enhance the current stockpile. EMA will acquire the currently vacant Fire Station 30; the building will need some renovations to include a new roof and heating and air conditioning.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (17 Months): \$250,000.00 <b>(Recommended Funding for Subtopic 4.1 – \$20,000.00)</b> (Recommended Funding for Subtopic 1.5 – \$230,000.00)

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; purchasing products that will be used to directly mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	The project will continue supporting Cobb County Government Agencies by providing PPE and purchase necessary items to enhance the current stockpile. The applicant will determine the items most needed during surges of COVID-19 cases and the items most needed during surges that were difficult to obtain due to supply chain interruptions. Cobb Emergency Management Agency will purchase stockpile needs to maintain a supply that will support the COVID-19 response and improve upon the dissemination of PPE. Once funding is available, the EMA will follow County procurement processes and obtain competitive quotes from vendors with immediate supply instead of those that have a limited inventory or extended delivery times. The supply of disinfectant, hand sanitizer, wipes, 3-ply masks, and gloves will be purchased immediately to ensure there is a three-month supply on hand. Space is currently limited at the Fire Annex and an overflow location is necessary to properly maintain supplies. EMA will acquire the currently vacant Fire Station 30 off Austell Road and Windy Hill in Marietta, GA to expand the space for storage of current and acquired items. The initial acquisition will have no cost to this project; however, the building will need some renovations to include a new roof and heating and air conditioning. Control access and fencing will be added at the existing stockpile location to enhance security to stockpile supplies and equipment.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 1. Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention – 1.5, 1.7: Enumerated eligible uses of funds in this category included:...purchases of personal protective equipment. (Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4353)  Capital expenditures, in certain cases, can be appropriate responses to the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic, in addition to programs and services. Capital expenditures should be a related and reasonably proportional response to a public health or negative economic impact of the pandemic. (Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4389)
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents. <b>Program Location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. <b>Impact:</b> Applicant will provide approximately 5,000 employees and the general public entering all Cobb County Government agencies and court system with necessary PPE to respond to COVID-19 pandemic. By maintaining a 60-to-90-day stockpile of necessary PPE items, Cobb County Government agencies can continue serving all County citizens. <b>Financial Continuity:</b> Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used for PPE stockpile needs to address an increased need created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

<b>Applicant Type</b>	Cobb County Government
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb County Water System
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.2 Stormwater- Addresses stormwater infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.
<b>Project Name</b>	1.45 Cobb County Water System Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract Work Orders
<b>Project Summary</b>	Stormwater pipe repairs and replacements; typically include supplying all labor, materials, and equipment to remove a failed stormwater pipe and replace it.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (3.5 Years): \$3,000,000.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Program aligns with water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure expense category.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract Work Orders are repairs or replacement of Water System maintained stormwater pipes by contractors contracted for this work under the Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract. There are currently six contractors under contract for this program. Work orders are issued for a specific group of work tasks to the contractor with the lowest bid, determined by multiplying each contractor's unit prices by the estimated quantities for that specific group of work tasks. The contractor that has the lowest resultant cost and can perform the work within the required schedule is issued the work order for that specific group of work tasks. Board of Commissioners approval is required for work orders exceeding \$50,000. Stormwater pipe repairs and replacements completed under this program typically include supplying all labor, materials, and equipment to remove a failed stormwater pipe and replace it. Depending on the location of the pipe, the work may also include replacing curb and gutter, sidewalk, and landscaping impacted by the construction work. Sometimes the repair is made by lining the pipe instead of replacing it. Work order costs typically range from \$10,000 to \$200,000.
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	Yes; per the Final Rule 5: Infrastructure, Water and Sewer – 5.6: Treasury is expanding the eligible uses under the final rule to include stormwater system infrastructure projects regardless of whether there is an expected water quality benefit from the project. (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4414)
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<b>Equity:</b> The target population is Cobb County residents. <b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. <b>Impact:</b> This project will impact nearly all Cobb County residents and will decrease future infrastructure expenditures that would be exacerbated by a failing stormwater system. <b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will cover work orders for approximately three years and when all grant funding is expended, County funds will once again be used.

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<b>Applicant Type</b>	County Government Organization
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb County Water System
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.2 Stormwater– Funding to improve wastewater and drinking water
<b>Project Name</b>	1.50 FY21 Multiple Water Pump Stations Projects
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project consists of rehabilitation of seven wastewater pump stations and one drinking water pump station.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (19 Months): \$1,565,065.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the program aligns with water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure expense category.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	<p>This project consists of rehabilitating seven wastewater pump stations and one drinking water pump station. The wastewater pump stations are Allatoona Beach, Brushy Mountain Pump House, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1, West Hampton #2, and the Wood Valley pump stations. Brushy Mountain is the drinking water pump station included in the project. FY21 Multiple Pump Stations Projects includes rehabilitation work as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove and replace pumps at the Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, and Six Flags Pump Stations.</li> <li>• Install new electrical buildings at the Marina Trace and Plant Atkinson Pump Stations.</li> <li>• Remove and replace standby generators and automated transfer switches at the Allatoona Beach, Brushy Mountain, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1 and #2, and Wood Valley Pump Stations.</li> <li>• Install new concrete pads at Allatoona Beach, Brushy Mountain, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1 and #2, and Wood Valley Pump Stations.</li> <li>• Install new fences at the Brushy Mountain, Marina Trace, Plant Atkinson, West Hampton #1 and #2, and Wood Valley Pump Stations.</li> </ul>
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>5: Infrastructure, Water and Sewer – 5.5, 5.13:</p> <p>SLFRF funds are available for “necessary water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.” ...Water and sewer services provided broadly to the public as essential services include the provision of drinking water and the removal, management, and treatment of wastewater and stormwater.</p> <p>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4410)</p>
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<p><b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents (one of the water pumps is located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT)).</p> <p><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> This project is part of the Water System’s ongoing program to properly maintain its pump station facilities. Replacement of the standby power generators will increase reliability of the pump stations during inclement weather and other adverse conditions. Replacement of pumps reaching the end of their useful life will reduce repair costs and improve reliability at three pump stations. Target project outcomes include zero sewer overflows due to loss of primary power at any wastewater pump station included in this project for five years after project completion.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The applicant aims to have zero non-scheduled repair costs for any of the components included in the rehabilitation of the pump stations for five years after project completion.</p>

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<b>Applicant Type</b>	County Government Organization
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Cobb County Information Services Department
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.3 Broadband and Digital Equity – Expand Wifi at Cobb County facilities
<b>Project Name</b>	1.131 Cobb County Broadband/Wi-Fi Enhancement and Expansion Program
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will upgrade the existing bandwidth connectivity to Community and Recreation Centers and adds infrastructure in the County's data center to handle the new capacity. It will also expand outdoor wi-fi coverage.
<b>Budget</b>	Total Recommended Funding (2.5 years): \$899,152.00 Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$4,669,875.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project fits within the infrastructure exception.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$4,669,875.00 for subtopic 4.3 Broadband and Digital Equity. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, the final \$899,152.00 remaining in this subtopic was recommended to partially fund this project.</p> <p>The purpose of the project will be to increase the overall bandwidth and expand the outdoor Wi-Fi coverage for nine Cobb County Community and Recreation Centers. Additionally, if there is a park located adjacent to these facilities, the outdoor Wi-Fi coverage will be expanded to cover areas where park users congregate or exercise, including ballfields, tennis courts, playground areas, event locations, and walking trails. These facilities will have the ability to provide connectivity for students who have little or no ability to access Internet study resources at home, offer a space for adults to retool their skillsets for the future workforce, and within the outdoor park space provide access to online physical training and healthy lifestyle resources while they recreate in the County's parks.</p>
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>5. Infrastructure, Broadband – 5.21:</p> <p>Under the ARPA, recipient governments may use SLFRF funds to make necessary investments in . . . broadband infrastructure. In the Supplementary Information to the interim final rule, Treasury interpreted necessary investments in infrastructure as investments designed to provide an adequate minimum level of service and [that] are unlikely to be made using private sources of funds. Treasury explained that, with respect to broadband specifically, such necessary investments include projects that establish [ ] or improve [ ] broadband service to underserved populations to reach an adequate level to permit a household to work or attend school, and that are unlikely to be met with private sources of funds.</p> <p>(Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4417)</p>
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<p><b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents, but the applicant states that usage could be more impactful for underserved communities.</p> <p><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant anticipates reducing the digital divide for Cobb County residents. It is expected that the total available circuit bandwidth for the nine locations would increase from 600 Mbps to 5000 Mbps, the number of total concurrent users for all locations would double from 285 to 570 within the first two years and the number of total concurrent surge users for all locations would double from 430 to 860 within the first two years. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The program will impose ongoing costs to the County. This project has been programmed so all costs (hardware, implementation, and maintenance) are for 5 years after a location goes live. At that point, the County can choose to shut down broadband and Wi-Fi operations at that location or to continue operations. To continue operations for all locations, the total cost would be \$716,000 per year.</p>

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<b>Applicant Type</b>	Non-Profit Organization
<b>Applicant Name</b>	American Legion Paul E. Kelly Jr. Post 296 Inc.
<b>County Priorities</b>	County Infrastructure 4.3 Broadband & Digital Equity –Incorporates programs in partnership with AT&T to address the digital divide
<b>Project Name</b>	1.189.4 Veterans Strengthening America
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Paul E. Kelly Jr. American Legion Post 296 is seeking funding to offer rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, eviction prevention, digital equity, and workforce development services to veterans. The organization also hopes to address disparities in access to Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and provide recommendations on assistance to repair inequities in distribution of benefits to members of the Armed Forces.
<b>Budget</b>	Recommended Funding for Subtopic 4.3 (3 Years): \$20,000.00 Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$150,000.00

<b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?	Yes; the project aims to support veterans and their families in response to financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>	<p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$150,000.00 for subtopics 1.2 Public Health Disparities, 2.3 Rental &amp; Mortgage Assistance, 3.1 Workforce Development, and 4.3 Broadband &amp; Digital Equity. After subcommittee review, County Infrastructure subtopic 4.3 was recommended \$20,000.00 for funding.</p> <p>The American League was originally established to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, the military, and communities by devotion to mutual helpfulness. The applicant, the American Legion Paul E. Kelly Jr. Post 296 Inc. continues this vision by serving the needs of Veterans and the needs of underserved demographics in the surrounding community. Recognizing the negative impact of COVID-19 in the community, the applicant seeks to expand their programs and requests funding to implement digital literacy assistance for the project scope of 4.3. The applicant wants to be a positive vessel for services desperately needed to improve the health and well-being, growth and economic development of Veterans and citizens in these communities.</p>
<b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance?	<p>Yes; per the Final Rule</p> <p>2. Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Households – 2.4:</p> <p>Assistance to households for internet access and digital literacy programs.</p> <p>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4361)</p>
<b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>	<p><b>Equity:</b> The applicant states that the project will aim to address disparities in benefits and services provided to female and minority veterans and members of the Armed Forces.</p> <p><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 3.</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> Providing help directly to people/communities in need can have a positive impact on economic growth, which is believed to be a vital force in poverty reduction. Social aid can significantly and directly benefit the poorest in society, while economic aid increases the income of the poor through growth. Social Aid and Aggregate Aid Benefit the Poor and Mitigate Inequality. Assist in improving communications between Veterans and the VA, specifically addressing the difficulty and disparity Black Veterans experience when communicating their health and wellness issues.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> Project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Budget indicates that funding will be utilized to purchase laptops and upgrade Wi-Fi to accommodate wireless connectivity.</p>