



## Deputy County Manager

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**TO:** Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

**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 \$10,037,829.00 for public safety projects designed to assist in keeping Cobb County residents safe.

### **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 Public Safety Subcommittee reviewed fifteen applications and is recommending eight projects for funding that align with the County’s Public Safety priority area. These fall into the Mental Health Response; Court Backlog; Public Safety Hiring, Retention, and Staffing; and First Response subtopics.

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize an appropriation from the funding distributed to Cobb County under this plan, in an amount not to exceed \$10,037,829.00, to support public safety. 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**

Findhelp.org will have an ongoing financial impact of \$5,400 per year starting in 2027.

Cobb Co-Responders will have an ongoing financial impact of \$TBD should the Board choose to continue the project.

## **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 \$10,037,829.00 to support public safety and 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. Public Safety Funding Statement
2. Public Safety Project Funding Summary
3. Recommended Public Safety Project Summaries

FUNDING

|                       |     |     |      |      |                          |                 |
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| Decrease Expenditure  | 279 | 130 | PS00 | 8005 | Preliminary Estimates    | \$10,037,827.89 |
| Decrease Expenditure  | 279 | 055 | ARCT | 8820 | Undesignated Contingency | \$1.29          |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS02 | 6574 | Contributions            | \$1,887,984.00  |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS03 | 6574 | Contributions            | \$474,000.00    |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS04 | 8005 | Preliminary Estimates    | \$100,000.00    |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS05 | 6574 | Contributions            | \$1,177,607.18  |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS06 | 8005 | Preliminary Estimates    | \$2,741,174.00  |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS07 | 8005 | Preliminary Estimates    | \$1,959,848.00  |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS08 | 8005 | Preliminary Estimates    | \$1,500,000.00  |
| Increase Expenditure: | 279 | 130 | PS09 | 6574 | Contributions            | \$197,216.00    |

## Public Safety Subcommittee - Recommended Projects

| Organization/Individual Name  | Project Name  | Amount Recommended  |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Highland Rivers Community Service Board D.B.A Highland Rivers Behavioral Health | Co-Responder Expansion Proposal   | \$1,887,984         |
| Highland Rivers Community Service Board D.B.A Highland Rivers Behavioral Health | 911 Clinician Proposal  | \$474,000           |
| Cobb County Government  | Findhelp.org  | \$100,000           |
| Highland Rivers Community Service Board D.B.A Highland Rivers Behavioral Health | Recovery Navigators   | \$1,177,607         |
| Cobb County Department of Public Safety   | Cobb Co-Responder Program for Behavioral Health Emergencies (in conjunction with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health) | \$2,741,174         |
| Superior, Juvenile, and Magistrate Courts of Cobb County                        | Unified Court COVID Recovery Project A - Case Backlog   | \$1,959,848         |
| Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services   | Cardiac Monitors for First Response   | \$1,500,000         |
| Puckett Emergency Medical Services, LLC.  | Manual Chest Compression Devices for Licensed 911 Ambulances  | \$197,216           |
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|   |   | <b>\$10,037,829</b> |
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# 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.

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|  <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.

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| <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><br>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. |

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| <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).<br><br>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><br><br><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.<br><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.<br><b>Impact:</b> The extent to which a project has significant return on investment for the Cobb County community.<br><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: Public Safety

## Public Safety Funding Plan

The funding plan as recommended by the Public Safety Subcommittee

| Project #   | Project Name  | Organization  | Budget             |
|---|---|---|--------------------|
| 1.218   | Cobb Co-Responder Program for Behavioral Health Emergencies (in conjunction with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health) | Cobb County Department of Public Safety   | \$2,741,174        |
| 1.27  | Co-Responder Expansion Proposal   | Highland Rivers Community Service Board D.B.A Highland Rivers Behavioral Health | \$1,887,984        |
| 1.111   | Recovery Navigators   | Highland Rivers Community Service Board D.B.A Highland Rivers Behavioral Health | \$1,177,607        |
| 1.28  | 911 Clinician Proposal  | Highland Rivers Community Service Board D.B.A Highland Rivers Behavioral Health | \$474,000          |
| 1.108   | Findhelp.org  | Cobb County Government  | \$100,000          |
| Mental Health Response Total Recommended Funding: |   |   | <b>\$6,380,765</b> |
| 1.190   | Unified Court COVID Recovery Project A - Case Backlog   | Superior, Juvenile, and Magistrate Courts of Cobb County                        | \$1,959,848        |
| Court Backlog Total Recommended Funding:          |   |   | <b>\$1,959,848</b> |
| 1.20  | Cardiac Monitors for First Response   | Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services   | \$1,500,000        |
| 1.59  | Manual Chest Compression Devices for Licensed 911 Ambulances  | Puckett Emergency Medical Services, LLC   | \$197,216          |
| First Response Total Recommended Funding:         |   |   | <b>\$1,697,216</b> |

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | County Government Organization  |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Cobb County Department of Public Safety   |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.1 Mental Health Response – Promote access to mental and behavioral health treatment  |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.218 Cobb Co-Responder Program for Behavioral Health Emergencies (in conjunction with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health)   |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | The project would embed co-responder units in hot spots for mental health crisis and provide case managers to support diversion services that promote alternatives to incarceration for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Co-Occurring Disorders (COD). |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (2 Years): \$2,741,174.00   |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; the proposed project will expand co-responder units to address the mental health implications caused by COVID-19.   |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | In partnership with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health (HRBH), Cobb County Department of Public Safety (CCDPS) will increase its numbers of co-responder behavioral health units by one. This will be accomplished by purchasing necessary equipment/vehicles and hiring three new police officers, five paramedics, and 12 sheriff's deputies to support the six licensed clinicians and two case managers hired by HRBH to create and manage the co-responder teams. CCDPS will provide specialized training to the co-response teams and all first responders in de-escalation techniques and methods to respond to behavioral health emergencies. The co-responder teams will partner with substance use treatment partners to provide follow-up visits with patients who have experienced an overdose to offer opportunities to speak with a peer counselor and access naloxone. Lastly, CCDPS plans to partner with a local university to study the co-responder program's effectiveness.   |
| <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<br>1. Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12:<br>Recipients may also provide services for special populations, for example, enhanced services in schools to address increased rates of behavioral health challenges for youths, mental health first responder or law enforcement mental health co-responder programs to divert individuals experiencing mental illness from the criminal justice system<br>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4356)  |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents.<br><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.<br><b>Impact:</b> This project is recommended to be partially funded. For the full program, the applicant expects an overall reduction in arrest and incarceration of individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, a reduction in the use of force by law enforcement in incidents involving individuals in a behavioral health crisis, and a reduction of emergency room admissions and 911 utilization in incidents involving individuals in a behavioral health crisis. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.<br><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The program will leverage information gathered during the program to identify other streams of funding once ARPA funding expires. The applicant notes that positions created for the program and the vehicles purchased can be re-absorbed by the partner agencies and assigned to traditional response roles. |

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | Non-Profit Organization  |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Highland Rivers Behavioral Health  |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.1 Mental Health Response – Expands capacity to respond to mental health crises  |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.27 Co-Responder Expansion Proposal   |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | The organization plans to expand the co-response team by embedding co-responder units in hot spots for mental health crisis and calls, in addition to providing case managers to its Cobb CARES program. |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (1 Year): \$1,887,984.00   |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; The COVID-19 pandemic has mental health implications and researchers are calling for services to mitigate its mental health aftereffects.   |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | Highland Rivers Behavioral Health (HRBH) seeks to provide services that: promote alternatives to incarceration for individuals with serious mental illnesses (SMI) and co-occurring disorders (COD), expand the number of co-responder behavioral health teams, and increase its capacity to expand their area of operation. These services will allow HRBH to engage hundreds of individuals in evidenced-based care and provide follow-up to thousands of citizens within the County who would fall back into the cycle of incarceration or hospitalization. A co-responder team uses a specially trained officer and a mental health clinician who respond jointly to situations in which a behavioral health crisis is likely to be involved. This model allows communities and local leaders to develop a crisis continuum of care that results in the reduction of harm, arrests, and emergency departments' resources. The program also promotes the development of and access to quality mental and substance use disorder treatment and services. |
| <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<br>1. Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12:<br>Services that respond to these impacts of the public health emergency may include services across the continuum of care, including both acute and chronic care, such as prevention, outpatient treatment, inpatient treatment, crisis care, diversion programs (e.g., from emergency departments or criminal justice system involvement), outreach to individuals not yet engaged in treatment, harm reduction, and supports for long-term recovery.<br>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4356)  |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <b>Equity:</b> The applicant states that the project will target vulnerable and uninsured/underinsured populations.<br><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.<br><b>Impact:</b> Two expanded agreements will be created to operate two new co-response units across Cobb County which will impact 300 unique individuals over a three-year period.<br><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding.  |

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | Non-Profit Organization   |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Highland Rivers Community Service Board DBA Highland Rivers Behavioral Health   |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.1 Mental Health Response – Supports assistance to those with mental health and substance abuse challenges in judicial systems and emergency rooms  |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.111 Recovery Navigators   |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | The project will create positions for four case managers and one licensed clinician who will provide assistance with mental health and substance abuse challenges for individuals in the judicial and emergency room systems. |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$1,177,607.00   |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; the project addresses the increased need for mental health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | The Recovery Navigators Project will address the current and growing need for mental health services in Cobb County. This is achieved by ensuring linkage, connection, and engagement for persons with mental health and substance abuse disorders who may become involved in emergency care or the court system. The project will create positions for four case managers and one licensed clinician that will work to provide the necessary assessment, evaluation, and linkage to care that individuals may require.   |
| <b>ARPA Alignment:</b> Do intended project expenditures align with one or more of the SLFRF eligible expenditure categories per Treasury guidance? | Yes; per Final Rule:<br>1: Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12:<br>In the final rule, Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use category and clarifying that it covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency.<br>(See Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 18, pg. 4355)  |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents with mental health and substance abuse disorders.<br><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.<br><b>Impact:</b> By increasing navigation of services among court and emergency rooms, the project expects to increase the number of individuals attaining access to behavioral health care and diversion from potentially unnecessary levels of care. This translates into saving money within the court and emergency systems via reduced recidivism, community engagement among individuals, and decreased rates of incarceration among the target population.<br><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will not impose ongoing costs to the County beyond the three years of requested funding unless the service provided by the project is extended. |

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | Non-Profit Organization   |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Highland Rivers Community Service Board DBA Highland Rivers Behavioral Health   |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.1 Mental Health Response – Provides care for individuals with mental health issues who are in crisis   |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.28 911 Clinician Proposal   |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | The program aims to provide a mental health clinician in the 911 center to operate 12 hours per day to better respond to citizens presenting emotional/behavioral issues who need mental health intervention to assist in appropriate dispatch and promote alternatives to incarceration. |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (3 Years): \$474,000.00   |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; the COVID-19 pandemic had mental health implications and researchers are calling for services to mitigate its mental health aftereffects. This project provides services in the 911 center to address these mental health implications.   |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | The goal of the project is to provide rapid care for individuals with mental health issues who are in crisis or trying to access care. In partnership with Cobb County Department of Public Safety, a licensed mental health clinician will be placed in 911 centers to respond to calls that need mental health intervention as designated by EMS policy. Clinicians placed in 911 centers are better able to field mental health calls and potentially disengage a caller prior to arrival on the scene. The mental health clinician hired for the Cobb County 911 center will allow dispatch to send over a call concerning mental health to that staff member. The clinician will then work with the individual to get more history, see if there are any prior MH/SUD engagements with Highland Rivers Behavioral Health and work with the co-responder team/ or patrol officer to be better able to handle the complexity of the call. |
| <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<br>1. Public Health, Behavioral Health – 1.12:<br>Services that respond to these impacts of the public health emergency may include services across the continuum of care, including both acute and chronic care, such as prevention, outpatient treatment, inpatient treatment, crisis care, diversion programs (e.g., from emergency departments or criminal justice system involvement), outreach to individuals not yet engaged in treatment, harm reduction, and supports for long-term recovery.<br>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4356)  |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <b>Equity:</b> The applicant states that the project will target vulnerable and uninsured/underinsured populations.<br><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.<br><b>Impact:</b> The applicant expects that 300 individuals will be served over the 3-year project duration, calls will be de-escalated prior to on-scene response, and officers will have access to critical information prior to arriving on the scene of the call.<br><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will not impose ongoing costs to the County beyond the three years of requested funding unless the service provided by the project is extended.  |

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | County Government Organization  |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Cobb County Government  |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.1 Mental Health Response – Offers resources to those in need of social services  |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.108 Findhelp.org  |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | This project will purchase a service to create findhelp.org. This website would integrate mental health and other support services resources into the Cobb County website providing more equitable access to these resources and allowing the County to monitor usage of these resources to determine how to better serve Cobb residents. |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$100,000.00   |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; this project addresses the mental health and general economic impacts of the pandemic by connecting individuals with resources to support their specific needs.  |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | The project, developed by leaders from the Public Safety, Communications, and Information Services departments, will provide an online resource to citizens in need of navigating various social service organizations and find resources to help them meet their critical need. The scope of work includes implementing a County branded findhelp.org community site on cobbcounty.org and including a future interface to the 311/Customer Relationship Management System. The applicant is requesting an initial purchase of this service to go through December 31, 2026.   |
| <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, Behavioral Health – 1.12:<br/>In the final rule, Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use category and clarifying that it covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency.<br/>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18 , pg. 4355)</p> <p>1. Public Health, Other – 1.14:<br/>Technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user-experience of government information technology systems, including upgrades to hardware and software as well as improvements to public-facing websites or to data management systems, to increase public access and improve public delivery of government programs and services.<br/>(See Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 18, pg. 4388)</p> |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <p><b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents.</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 will provide a list of qualified social service providers which will benefit all Cobb County residents in need of social services assistance.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project could impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. Assuming there are no price increases, if program is successful, this organization would incur an annual cost of \$5,400 after 2026. There can also be additional costs during the period of performance for optional services to increase website capabilities.</p>   |

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | County Government Organization   |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Superior, Juvenile, and Magistrate Courts of Cobb County   |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.2 Court Backlog – Will purchase supplies and hire support staff to address court backlog  |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.190 Unified Court COVID Recovery Project A - Case Backlog  |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | The project will provide additional assistance to Cobb County Courts case backlogs through increasing court personnel, consolidating lost revenue, and purchasing equipment to assist with court meetings. |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (27 Months): \$1,959,848.00<br>Applicant Requested Funding Amount – \$3,426,616.00   |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; the project addresses the administrative needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically case backlogs in Cobb County courts.   |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | <p>The applicant originally requested total funding of \$3,426,616.00. After subcommittee review and taking into account the aggregate project score and available funding remaining, \$1,959,848.00 in funding was recommended.</p> <p>The project seeks to increase court personnel and consolidate lost revenue in order to better serve Cobb County residents. The COVID-19 pandemic impeded court functioning, resulting in court backlog and an increased workload on all court employees. The Cobb County Court System requests funds to hire temporary personnel in 3 of their 5 courts: Superior, Magistrate, and Juvenile Courts. This includes half of all juror fees over two years, senior judge pay for two years, one additional temporary full-time case manager at the Superior Court, two intake officers for the Juvenile Court, and one full-time and one part-time Judge for the Magistrate Court. The objective is to either decrease or eliminate the court backlog over the course of the project. Additionally, the funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to keep up with an influx of warrant requests and civil matters by having in-person, hybrid, and virtual meetings when needed.</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>3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity, General Provisions – 3.5: SLFRF funds may be used to address administrative needs of recipient governments that were caused or exacerbated by the pandemic; for example, uses of funds to address backlogs resulting from pandemic related shutdowns.</p> <p>(See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4388)</p>   |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <p><b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents.</p> <p><b>Program Location:</b> The program and organization are located in Cobb County.</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> This project is recommended to be partially funded. The full program will address the court backlog and aims to reduce or eliminate untried cases, including disposing of 1,000 backlogged civil cases and 120 criminal cases, and potentially calling in an additional 26,400 jurors to address the increase in court proceedings. We will work with the applicant to address KPIs based on partial funding.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will not impose ongoing costs to the County beyond the projected 27-month timeframe unless the service provided by the project is extended.</p>   |

## Cobb County ARPA SLFRF – Board Review Summary

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | Cobb County Government   |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services  |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.4 First Response – Addresses increased demand of first responders   |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.20 Cardiac Monitors for First Response   |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | Cobb County government project to purchase cardiac monitors for first responders to provide better emergency care along with virtual monitoring. |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (4 Years): \$1,500,000.00  |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; the project aims to obtain additional medical equipment to assist first responders in providing better treatment options for Cobb County Residents.  |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services (CCFES) will purchase and deploy 30 cardiac monitors/defibrillators with advanced clinical capabilities. These devices will replace existing automatic external defibrillators (AED) on the department's 29 fire engines. All CCFES employees will receive training on this equipment and the expected lifespan of the equipment is 10 years.   |
| <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<br>1: Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention – 1.7:<br>In recognition of the importance of capital expenditures in the COVID–19 public health response, Treasury enumerates that the following projects are examples of eligible capital expenditures:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition of equipment for COVID–19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment</li> </ul> (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4353)   |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <p><b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents but the applicant states that those in underserved populations may be more likely to need services that this equipment assists with.</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> With the purchase of this equipment, first responders will be able to provide better care in emergency situations and allows for patients who are reluctant to go to hospitals to have virtual monitoring.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. This is a one-time capital expenditure with the training provided at no-cost.</p> |

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| <b>Applicant Type</b>    | Business  |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>    | Puckett Emergency Medical Services, LLC   |
| <b>County Priorities</b> | Public Safety<br>5.4 First Response – Support first responders and reduce COVID-19 exposure of first responders |
| <b>Project Name</b>      | 1.59 Manual Chest Compression Devices for Licensed 911 Ambulances   |
| <b>Project Summary</b>   | Place mechanical chest compression devices on all 911 licensed Puckett EMS, LLC ambulances.                     |
| <b>Budget</b>            | Total Recommended Funding (3 Months): \$197,216.00  |

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| <b>Response:</b> Does the proposed project align with one or more of the ARPA expenditure categories?  | Yes; purchasing products for first responders that are needed due to the pandemic significantly increasing out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest.  |
| <b>Summary of Project Scope:</b>   | The project will improve the survival rate of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, reduce exposure of first responders, and mitigate the risk of on-the-job injury. The project will place an order for 12 LUCUS 3, Chest Compression Devices and develop medical protocol for use of the mechanical CPR device. Once the devices are received, in-house training will be provided to all field personnel and the devices will be placed on every Puckett EMS, LLC 911-licensed ambulance. After this, the applicant will collect and monitor data to support the efficacy of the mechanical CPR devices.   |
| <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<br>1: Public Health, COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention – 1.7:<br>In recognition of the importance of capital expenditures in the COVID–19 public health response, Treasury enumerates that the following projects are examples of eligible capital expenditures:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition of equipment for COVID–19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment</li> </ul> (See Federal Register Vol 87, No. 18, pg. 4353)  |
| <b>Evaluation Considerations:</b>  | <p><b>Equity:</b> The target population is impacted Cobb County residents but the applicant states that those in underserved populations may be more likely to need services that this equipment assists with.</p> <p><b>Program location:</b> The project will take place in Cobb County and the organization is located in District 4.</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> The intended outcome is to improve the County's survival rate to greater than 25% of its citizens that suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest event. The project also intends to reduce the incidences of on-the-job injury to first responders caused by performing manual chest compressions in the back of a moving ambulances to 0 of 100 incidences.</p> <p><b>Financial Continuity:</b> The project will not impose ongoing costs on Cobb County beyond the requested amount of ARPA funding. The budget indicates that funding will be used to purchase LUCUS devices, train personnel on using devices, along with costs for ongoing maintenance and repairs.</p> |