



**Horry County
Water and Sewer Infrastructure
Applications Overview
November 4, 2021**

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American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Goals

- Brief Overview of American Rescue Plan Act
- Infrastructure Projects
- Review Criteria
- Timeline for Decisions
- Questions

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American Rescue Plan (ARP) – At-a-Glance

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Distributed through the Department of Treasury
- \$68.8 million allocation to Horry County
- One-time funds
- Funds will be disbursed in two equal payments.
 - June 2021 and June 2022
 - Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026

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American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Goals

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequitable impact of the pandemic.

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Investment Strategy

- ✓ Maximize community impact;
- ✓ Meet a critical need and leverage strategic plans;
- ✓ Avoid creating new programs that require ongoing financial commitment;
- ✓ Avoid duplication of resources by leveraging existing efforts and infrastructure;
- ✓ Maintain flexibility to reallocate funding as needed as federal guidance evolves
- ✓ Use one-time funds for one-time uses, or have a path to sustainability

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ARP - Ineligible Uses of Funds

- ✘ Deposits into pension funds,
- ✘ Debt service,
- ✘ Legal settlement or judgments,
- ✘ Deposits to rainy day funds or financial reserves,
- ✘ Grant matching funds.

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Infrastructure Projects

- ARPA Funding Allocated for Two Proposal-Based Programs
 - Public Service and Housing Projects
 - Infrastructure Projects – Water and Sewer
- ARPA Budget For Proposal-Based Programs
 - \$8,219,841.38 (Year 1)
 - \$8,034,179.38 (Future Funding)
- Infrastructure Projects – One Possible source of funding
 - American Rescue Plan Act funds
- Public Service and Housing Projects – Two possible sources of funding
 - ARPA grant funds
 - CDBG-CV funds – Special allocation for COVID-19

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Infrastructure Projects

Schedule

Application Release:	Monday, October 25, 2021
Application Overview Webinar:	Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 2 PM
Deadline for Questions:	Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 5 PM
Notice of Intent (Required) Due:	Friday, November 12, 2021 - 5 PM
Application Due:	Friday, December 3, 2021 - 5 PM

Application available at: <https://www.horrycounty.org/Departments/CDBG/ARPA>

Email completed applications to: arpa@horrycounty.org

Eligible entities:

- Local government, special purpose districts, public works commission, joint municipal system or entity submitting on behalf of such an entity.
- Applications must be from an organization (not an individual).
- Projects should be designed to deliver benefits primarily to residents of unincorporated Horry County.

Infrastructure Projects

Examples of eligible project types include, but are not limited to:

Water

- Energy conservation
- Water conservation
- Non-point source
- Treatment
- Transmission and distribution
- Transmission and distribution: Lead remediation
- Drinking water source
- Drinking water storage
- Other water infrastructure

Sewer

- Centralized wastewater treatment
- Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance
- Decentralized wastewater
- Combined sewer overflows
- Other sewer infrastructure



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Infrastructure Projects – Key Parameters

- Cost reimbursable
- Project performance period is up to three years (50% complete by June 30, 2023)
- Matching funds are encouraged
- Projects must principally benefit low and moderate income persons in unincorporated Horry County
- Work contracted prior to a grant agreement with the County is not eligible for grant reimbursement
- All items purchased with grant funds must be competitively procured as specified in the grant agreement

Deadline to submit Notice of Intent – November 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM

- Include brief description of project, number of project beneficiaries, tentative timeline, and preliminary budget.
- Send to arpa@horrycounty.org

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Application components

- Applicant Information
- General Information (project type, location, implementation schedule, etc.)
- Organizational Capacity and Experience
- Applicant Risk Assessment
- Project Beneficiaries
- Brief description of how the community to be served by this project suffered disproportionate negative impacts due to COVID-19.
- Project costs (budget and overview of matching funds)
- Project narrative and objectives
- Engineering requirements (list any required permits)

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Required Exhibits

- Project Implementation Schedule
- Funding Commitment Letters
- Cost estimate
- Project narrative
- Location/Service Area Maps
- Project Team Information (commitments from any partners, any budgets from partners, etc.)
- Current year budget for your organization
- Most recent audited financial statements
- Additional supporting documentation (any surveys, reports, feasibility studies, letters, traffic/pedestrian counts, well/on-lot sewage disposal system test data, newspaper articles, petitions, preliminary site plans/drawings, technical specifications, zoning/tax maps, inter-municipal agreements, letters from residents, letters of support from organizations, and other descriptive information, photographs, and preconstruction documentation)

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Next Steps after Notice of Intent Submission

County Eligibility
Review

November
15, 2021

- Invitations for applications
- Instructions for completion of application

County collects and
responds to questions

November
18, 2021

- Deadline for questions

County posts
responses to website

December 3,
2021

- Applications due to arpa@horrycounty.org

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Program Review Criteria

Program Review Criteria	Points
Impact of project and clientele served – Project achieves a significant positive impact for communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, or serves a low-to-moderate income area.	20 points
Organizational capacity and experience – History of managing similar projects successfully, as well as sufficient experienced staff to manage the grant.	20 points
Budget – Costs are necessary and reasonable. Matching funds are provided.	20 points
Feasibility – Project timeline is reasonable. Proposal demonstrates support of all stakeholders required to execute the project.	10 points
Protection of public health	20 points
Project evaluation – Plan to measure the success of the project and service provided to proposed clientele.	10 points
Total	100 points

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Tips for a Successful Application

- Read the instructions carefully
- Make sure your application is complete
- Respond to each of the program criteria
- Develop a clear and achievable scope of work
- Demonstrate that your budget is directly tied to the project's scope of work
- Ensure that you have documented commitment from all partners needed to carry out the proposed project
- Provide evidence of need for the project
- Develop an implementation plan with clear roles, responsibilities and a timeline for the project
- Include a plan to evaluate the program, and to report on the number of beneficiaries who have participated in the program.



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Timeline for Decisions

October 25-December 3, 2021

Solicit applications
Conduct eligibility review, solicit applications

Hold Workshops/Webinars
Q&A

December 3-31, 2021

Review applications

Finalize funding recommendations for Council

January-February 2022

Funding recommendations to Council for approval

Begin preparation of award documentation and agreements

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Questions?

Email: arpa@horrycounty.org

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