

American Rescue Plan – Board Guiding Principles for use of ARP Funding

Principles for use of Funding:

- **One-Time Funding** – there is no expectation that these funds would recur in the future and they shall be treated as one time rather than to fund on-going commitments
- **Nexus to Pandemic** – to comply with the restrictions on funding, a nexus to the pandemic should be clearly demonstrated. That may be:
 - Pre-existing gaps – Circumstances that existed prior to the pandemic but the impacts or negative outcomes are exacerbated by the pandemic.
 - Direct Impacts – Things that are necessary to respond to the present and immediate impacts associated with the pandemic. This may be characterized as disaster response.
 - Recovery – Items that improve or accelerate the recovery from COVID-19 for the County and its citizens or better prepare the County against future disasters.
- **Needs Based/Data Informed** – project or programs funding requests should contain a demonstrated need and available data must be provided to properly align the funding with the need.
- **Maximize Opportunity** –The County should partner to the extent possible (with Cities, State, or other agencies) to create or support broader regional programs to stretch the impact of County funding.
- **Avoid Duplication** – Significant disaster funding has been approved at the State and Federal Level. The County should not duplicate funding unless the need shows current funding is inadequate to meet that need.
- **Prioritize Transformational Projects** – The County should prioritize projects or programs that may be transformational in solving challenges or improving its ability to serve constituents.
- **Linkage to the Strategic Plan** - The County should accelerate goals included in the Strategic Plan that have a nexus to COVID and are appropriate to fund.