

## Blount County ARPA Fund Tracking

Item	Funds Authorized	Funds Received - YTD	Total Project Need	Funds Previously Appropriated	Balance
1 Original ARPA Fund Allocation	\$25,800,000	\$12,900,000			
2 Tennessee Department of Environmental Control Allocation (includes Friendsville)	\$7,200,000				
3 Blount County Utility Projects Total			\$20,105,733	\$20,105,733	\$0
3a. South Blount Utility District ARPA			\$6,770,733	\$6,770,733	\$0
3b. Knox Chapman Utility District ARPA			\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$0
3c. Tuckaleechee Utility District (ARPA)			\$6,750,000	\$6,750,000	\$0
3d. City of Friendsville (ARPA)			\$3,785,000	\$3,785,000	\$0
4 Eagleton Community Ballpark Renovation			\$9,200,000	\$0	\$9,200,000
5 Health & Public Safety			\$2,580,000	\$0	\$2,580,000
6 Administration (Digitization, Grant & Procurement)			\$1,068,000	\$556,272	\$511,728
<b>7 Totals</b>	<b>\$33,000,000</b>	<b>\$12,900,000</b>	<b>\$32,953,733</b>	<b>\$20,662,005</b>	<b>\$12,291,728</b>
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<b>Fund Balance After Project Need</b>	<b>(\$20,059,466)</b>				
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<b>Fund Balance After Appropriation</b>	<b>(\$7,767,738)</b>				
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<b>Fund Balance After Appropriation and Current Request</b>	<b>(\$20,059,466)</b>				

## ARPA Utility Update

### History

On March 11, 2021, the Federal Government signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) into law. Blount County was allocated \$25,850,784.00 in ARPA funds to be used on eligible projects.

- Investments in water and sewer infrastructure projects were deemed eligible uses for the funds and the county earmarked \$12,885,976.00 for that purpose in a preliminary plan approved by Commission on October 21, 2021.
- The State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) also received ARPA funds for eligible utility projects with \$6,619,756.78 allocated to Blount County and \$629,655.25 to the City of Friendsville, for a total of \$7,249,412.03.
- To address critical infrastructure needs and invest in the long-term health and safety of county residents, 13 drinking water and sewer projects were proposed.
- January 27, 2022: a Special Called Commission Meeting was held to describe and discuss the proposed utility projects.
- February 17, 2022: Commission appropriated \$20,105,733.00 in ARPA and TDEC funding for projects for South Blount, Knox Chapman and Tuckaleechee utility districts, as well as the City of Friendsville, and the Town of Louisville.
- April 21, 2021: Commission approved interlocal agreements with the utilities and the City of Friendsville that define the relationship between the entities for the utility projects.

### Current Status

Since April, the county has been actively engaged with the utility districts and with TDEC to ensure that federal policies are followed. Currently:

- All projects remain viable projects in regards to federal rules and guidelines
- Pipe procurement is being planned
- Working on submission of a non-competitive, collaborative TDEC grant application for the eligible drinking water and sewer projects.
- Exploring options for obtaining pipe and other materials with long production and delivery lead times. Consideration has been given to sales tax issues and ordering before TDEC grant approval.
- Conducting a procurement process for engineering services for the respective projects.
- Monitoring federal and state regulations as guidelines are refined and updated. As the implementation of the rescue funds has progressed, programs have made periodic updates to their processes.

### Next Steps

- Due to new TDEC guidelines, the Board of Commissioners will be asked to approve a resolution to accept the City of Friendsville's TDEC allocation of \$629,655.25.

- Once Commission approves to accept the City of Friendsville's TDEC allocation, the county will formally submit the TDEC grant application.
- Going forward, Commission will be updated on the status of the implementation of utility projects in their monthly report.