



Blount County Government

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Brian Baldwin, Finance Director

RE: ARPA Blount County Utility Projects

DATE: November 3, 2022

This request is to re-appropriate the funds for the ARPA/TDEC utility projects from FY22 to FY23.

In February 17, 2022, the Blount County Commission approved Resolution 22-02-001 appropriating the funds for use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds allotted to Blount County.

This funding request is for use of ARPA and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) funds related to utility projects across Blount County. Appropriation of these funds will allow for the following projects to be completed:

1. South Blount Utility District Blockhouse for Phase III and IV water projects
2. South Blount Utility District for Town of Louisville water and wastewater projects
3. Tuckaleechee Utility District water line to Townsend
4. Knox Chapman Utility District water line replacement and water connection to Tuckaleechee Utility District
5. City of Friendsville water and wastewater projects

These project align with the allowable use of ARPA and TDEC funds and are considered high priority projects for the use of funds.

Current Status

- South Blount Utility District – Blockhouse projects are pending negotiation and final contracts for engineering services.
- Tuckaleechee Utility District – pending appropriation, has selected professional engineering services.
- The contracts for the remaining projects with the City of Friendsville, South Blount District and Knox Chapman Utility District are being negotiated and will undergo legal review but cannot be executed until a contract with TDEC is in place.
- Bid documents for the pipe and materials are under review by a consulting firm to ensure compliance with federal procurement provisions.