



Blount County Government

TO: Blount County Commissioners
FROM: Brian Baldwin
RE: ARPA Blount County TDEC Utility Projects
DATE: August 31, 2022

In October 2021, the Blount County Commission approved Resolution 21-10-014 granting the request to pursue a preliminary plan for use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds allotted to Blount County. On February 17, 2022, the Blount County Commission approved Resolution 22-02-001 appropriating funds for utility projects across Blount County that align with the allowable use of ARPA and Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment (TDEC) funds. This resolution included the use of TDEC funds awarded directly to the City of Friendsville.

On August 4, 2022, by way of Resolution 2022-04, the City of Friendsville voted to approve the transfer of the funds to Blount County. The formal transfer of non-competitive grant state allocations is a recent requirement of TDEC and needed for the grant application.

Request...that Blount County accept the transfer of the City of Friendsville \$629,655.25 TDEC ARPA allocation to be used on the collaborative project for needed improvements to the City of Friendsville water and wastewater utilities. In an ongoing effort to communicate with the Board of Commissioners on this important project, an ARPA Utility Update is being provided. Regular spending updates will become a part of the monthly report.