

## **ARPA Utility Projects Monthly Update – March 2023**

- The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) recently implemented a more rigorous grant application process that has slowed the overall process. TDEC has requested additional information from the utilities. Once the application is approved, the Division of Water Resources will conduct a final application review and, with their approval, the application will move to the contracting stage. This entire process can take 6 weeks or more.
- The Tuckaleechee Utility District (TUD) Water System project is on schedule. The design report is complete and they are proceeding with the final design phase. This project is funded by the County's direct ARPA allocation.
- South Blount County Utility District (SBCUD) continues to work with the purchasing department on the bid process for their two Blockhouse projects. These projects are funded by the County's direct ARPA allocation.
- The contracts for the remaining projects with the City of Friendsville, South Blount Utility District and Knox Chapman Utility District have been negotiated. No project work will begin until the County has TDEC approval.