

ARPA Utility Projects Monthly Update – April 2023

- The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has implemented a more rigorous grant application review process that has slowed the overall process. The county's collaborative project application has progressed to review by the Division of Water Resources (DWR) engineering services. Once their review is completed and the application is approved, the project will move to the contracting stage. This entire process can take 6 weeks or more.
- The Tuckaleechee Utility District (TUD) Water System project remains on schedule. The design report is complete and they are proceeding with the construction document 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 a TDEC contract is in place.