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Greene County seeks Community Input on American Rescue Plan funding priorities.

The Greene County Commission is seeking community input on priorities for the planning process for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding priorities. Greene County will be receiving \$56,842,225 from the US Treasury distribution in our community as we continue to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first half of this funding award has already been received and county leaders are seeking input from residents to assist in the planning and awarding of funds.

The Treasury is launching this phase of Covid relief to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs

Previously the county received \$34.4 million in CARES Act Relief Funds which were distributed throughout the county by June 30, 2021. Per federal guidelines, all ARPA funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024.

The Community is invited to visit the Greene County website and complete a brief survey which is located under the American Rescue Plan tab. The survey invites the public to identify five priority areas that funding could possibly be directed to in response to community need. “It is important that we hear from the public so that we can make sure funding support is going to the programs and areas of our county that need support the most. In some cases, it may also mean some new initiatives will be developed to assist our residents” said Bob Dixon Greene County Presiding Commissioner.

The survey will be open to the public to complete until September 17. Information related to the Greene County American Rescue Plan is available on the “American Rescue Plan” tab of greenecountymo.gov. Results of the Community Survey will also be located here.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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