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## **Greene County Commission appoints ARPA Advisory Committee**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – To help ensure equitable allocation of Greene County’s \$56.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Greene County Commission has appointed an ARPA Citizen Advisory Committee.

The diverse group is made up of nine local citizens who bring expertise from a variety of sectors. The committee will help the County’s ARPA team, led by Dr. Lyle Foster, shape the application’s review and approval process.

The ARPA Citizen Advisory Committee members are:

- Candance Adams, emergency management retiree and educator
- Kristoffer Barefield, attorney
- David Burton, University of Missouri Extension
- Bridget Dierks, Vice President of Programs CFO
- Rev. Saehee Duran, pastor and educator
- Keith Ray Mackie, KRM Counseling and Consulting
- Dr. Mark Maynard Sr., business consultant and retired educator
- Justyn Pippins, small business manager
- Jill Stoner, business owner, Turners

The majority of the committee members were also apart of the CARES Act Relief Fund Advisory Council, formed in 2020.

“The County Commission is grateful for the many citizens who serve on our various boards and committees,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “We are especially pleased to present the latest group of citizen public servants who have stepped forward to serve our community.”

In November, 2021, the County ARPA team presented a recommended framework on how to begin allocation of the first round of funding. The team recommended it be divided into three broad categories of community, collaboration, and countywide.

Once the Advisory Committee helps formulate the application process, local organizations will be able to apply for funds. The second round of funding will arrive later in 2022. The Commission has until 2024 to allocate all funds and an additional two years to spend the funds.

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*Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. 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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