

POLK COUNTY OVERVIEW

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package. In this law, state and local governments receive a total of \$350 billion in assistance. ARPA funds cannot be used to reduce property taxes.

BY THE NUMBERS

Polk County's allocation: **\$95.2 MILLION**

Obligated to date: **\$88.7 MILLION**

*Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

\$24,804,929

Polk County's lost revenue in calendar year 2020 eligible for reimbursement

\$15,150,000

\$15 million will go to Polk County Housing Trust Fund for initiatives to help create more affordable housing units. \$150,000 will fund a pilot program to hire two community advocates who would support individuals to keep them stably housed or to find permanent housing

\$8,000,000

The Hilton Hotel and Iowa Events Center managed facilities experienced negative economic impacts due to the pandemic. This amount is earmarked to support the operations on an as-needed basis until the industry stabilizes

\$6,000,000

Major owner occupied repair

\$5,000,000

Down payment assistance

\$3,000,000

Sobering Center/psychiatric urgent care

\$2,600,000

United Way of Central Iowa daycare assistance

\$2,000,000

Eyerly Ball, Capital for community mental health center

\$2,000,000

Walnut Creek Basin

\$2,000,000

Brenton Slough/Beaver Creek Greenway

\$2,000,000

ICON Central Iowa Water Trails

\$1,800,000

Mental health workforce

\$1,500,000

East Polk watershed protection

\$1,000,000

Assist Anawim Housing with converting an under-utilized hotel into a 40 unit affordable and supportive services housing complex

\$1,000,000

Wetlands "batch and bundle"

\$1,000,000

Chichaqua Bottoms

\$1,000,000

Water quality scientific review

\$1,000,000

ChildServe (capital for Neurobehavioral Clinic)

\$1,000,000

Nursing workforce

\$607,147

COVID-19 vaccination incentives

\$600,000

Ankeny storm water wetland

\$600,000

Polk County Financial Empowerment Center to provide individuals and small business owners financial coaching

\$600,000

Provide water service connection to Avon Lake residents that meet certain guidelines to ensure safe and reliable drinking water

\$581,085

Polk County Emergency Management Emergency

Operations technology upgrades

\$500,000

6th Ave corridor development

(Center at Sixth)

\$500,000

Intensive residential

\$500,000

Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center (clinical training program)

\$250,000

Mid-Iowa Health Foundation (guaranteed income pilot project)

\$250,000

Iowa Homeless Youth Center (rooftop gardens)

\$250,000

SILT

\$250,000

Non-profitable acres assistance

\$250,000

Urban Ag Seeding Partnership to improve water quality & reduce flooding

\$250,000

Farmland owner outreach

\$195,000

The Polk County Health Department received a federal grant for it's Healthy Homes program and requires a one-time funding commitment to complete the budget

\$150,000

Outreach to disadvantaged communities

\$100,000

NAMI Iowa

\$100,000

Edge of field "batch and bundle"

\$100,000

Elkhart sewer lagoon retrofit

\$100,000

The Director's Council, One Economy (small business revolving loan fund)

\$120,133

Polk County Health Services is partnering with City of Des Moines, Broadlawns and the Polk County Sheriff to enhance the Mobile Crisis team to include a mental health clinician in 911 dispatch

\$14,900

Iowa State University to conduct a qualitative and quantitative research study on the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 to small businesses and non-profits in the Central Iowa region

\$645

Expenses related to ARPA public input survey

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