

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SEVENTEENTH AMENDED
COUNTY FISCAL RECOVERY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) provided for distribution to the counties a total sum of \$65,100,000,000.00 in an amount which bears the same proportion to the total amount reserved as the population of each county bears to the total population of all such entities; and

WHEREAS, the total amount available to Greene County, Indiana (“County”), is the sum of \$6,200,542.00; and

WHEREAS, County has received both tranches and therefore all available funds; and

WHEREAS, State Board of Accounts State Examiner Directive 2021-01 requires County Commissioners to adopt a county ordinance establishing a separate local grant fund called the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as well as to develop a plan for use of the funds that corresponds with the elements laid out in Section 603 of ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene, Indiana (“Commissioners”), did create said account by adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-01 on April 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners gave due consideration to an initial plan for use of the funds distributed to County by virtue of ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners acknowledge that County shall only use the funds provided to cover costs incurred by county by December 31, 2024:

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of county government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or

D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; funds,

as described by Section 603(c) of ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have since elected to exercise the standard allowance with regard to extent of reduction of County's general revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have exercised the standard allowance election for all remaining SLFRF funds, whereby the remaining funds are deemed to be revenue replacement funds that may be used to provide government services in place of or in addition to categories A-D above; and

WHEREAS, ongoing developing guidance from the US Treasury and other sources, and changing priorities resulting from the need to provide government services, necessitate periodic amendment of the county's fiscal recovery plan; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation made April 26, 2021, in the amount of \$750,000.00 was not spent or earmarked, and as such, the appropriation has expired and the unused appropriation has increased the remaining available balance of the ARPA fund; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation made June 21, 2021, in the amount of \$850,000.00 was not spent or earmarked, and as such, the appropriation has expired and the unused appropriation has increased the remaining available balance of the ARPA fund; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation made January 30, 2023, in the amount of \$400,000.00 for local match for the 2022 Community Crossings grant fulfilled in 2023 resulted in expenditure of \$329,801.77, leaving \$70,198.23 as the unused portion of the appropriation added back to the available balance of the ARPA fund; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation made June 19, 2023, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for use in funding an AirMedCare medical flight benefit for the county's employees, resulted in expenditure of \$30,060.00, leaving \$69,940.00 as the unused portion of the appropriation added back to the available balance of the ARPA fund; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of \$75,000.00 for the stand-up and first year operation of the Human Resources Department made in 2023 went unspent in 2023, lapsed, and has been reappropriated in 2024,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have identified additional needs or expansion of existing needs that should be added to the plan in order to take fullest advantage of the funds remaining unappropriated,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene, Indiana, resolves to adopt County's Seventeenth amended plan for use of ARPA local recovery funds, as follows:

1. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of county government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the following are proposed and adopted:
 - a. Aggregated total 2020 reduction in general revenue from base year 2019 shall be determined and funds set aside to replace the aggregate reduction in

revenue; and thereafter, allocation to the various departments of prorata revenue replacement may be made, to allow for provision of governmental services that may have been curtailed as the result of the public health emergency in 2020.

2. For administering the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, including the cost of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements.

3. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the following are proposed and adopted:

- a. Implement heating, ventilation, and cooling improvements to county-owned buildings, including but not limited to courthouse and community events center, and to new construction, together with all necessary subsystem modifications made necessary by such improvements, to facilitate substantially improved air exchange rate in said buildings. More specifically, to upgrade heating, ventilation, cooling and provision of hot water to the Greene County Courthouse by providing throughout the facility increased airflow and at least one method of improving return air quality, updated boilers, updated water heating, and such additional related updates and changes as may be considered reasonable and necessary, at a cost currently not anticipated to exceed five hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$550,000.00).
- b. Implement installation of electric generator at community events center of sufficient capacity to power entire building for a suitable period of time, to maintain air exchange and facilitate use of building by court systems to accommodate social distancing in jury selection and jury trials; county emergency management agency response center; and testing, vaccination, and treatment site by health department, all regardless of condition of electrical grid.
- c. Construct a new emergency medical service ambulance station and offices at Linton at an anticipated construction cost of one million two hundred forty-four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,244,000.00), the sum being the lowest bid obtained after solicitation of bids.
- d. Contribute to salary, employer contribution, employee benefits, and position costs (travel, supplies, equipment, outside support services, and contingency) for employment of a full-time Community Health Worker. The duties and responsibilities of the Community Health Worker shall be dedicated solely to public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including but not limited to testing, vaccination, public education, data collection and analysis, and any other function reasonable and

necessary to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 in Greene County, Indiana, as prescribed by the terms of an ISDH child immunization grant for the term of the grant and through the end of 2022.

- e. Pay Greene County Health Department employee overtime needs, resulting from provision of COVID-based public health services during for the remainder of 2021 and for 2022, estimated as follows: 2021, approximately \$15,500.00, and 2022, approximately \$10,000.00.

4. To respond to negative economic impacts of the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the following are proposed and adopted:

- a. In the event that County's COVID-19 Response Phase 3 Grant for business assistance results in qualified business applicants in excess of the funds available for grant, said sum being \$195,000.00, then the grant program shall be supplemented by herein funds.

5. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the following are proposed and adopted:

- a. Provide the sum of one thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) to each full-time employee for essential services provided to the county in 2020;
- b. Provide the sum of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to each part-time employee for essential services provided to the county in 2020.
- c. To be eligible for premium pay described in a and b above, an employee must have been employed by county government on or before January 27, 2020 and thereafter continuously through and including December 31, 2020; and still be employed by county government on July 1, 2021.
- d. Provide premium pay, in 2022, to each full-time employee hired between January 27, 2020, and October 1, 2020, who did not receive employee premium pay from the initial allocation of premium pay, and who remains in county employment as of December 31, 2021, with full-time employees receiving \$1000.00 for essential services provided to the county in 2020; and with part-time employees receiving \$500.00 for essential services provided to the county in 2020. The Auditor shall work with the elected officials and department heads to identify those employees affected by this premium pay distribution.

6. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Greene County General Hospital is identified as an eligible employer for purposes of receiving a grant from local fiscal recovery funds, the purpose of which and in an amount sufficient to provide a grant for premium pay to employees thereof as follows:

- a. Full-time employees shall receive a one-time lump sum premium pay in the amount of \$1,000.00;

- b. Part-time employees shall receive a one-time lump sum premium pay in the amount of \$500.00;
- c. Temporary or as-needed employees, commonly referred to as PRN, shall receive a one-time lump sum premium pay in the amount of \$250.00.
- d. To be eligible for premium pay in the contemplated amounts, the employee must have been employed by the hospital during all of calendar year 2021 and 2022 and be an employee of the hospital at the time premium pay is determined and paid.
- e. Premium pay is subject to federal, state, and local income tax withholding and to FICA and Medicare contributions.
- f. Premium pay is applicable to calendar year 2022.
- g. The total grant amount shall be paid to the Hospital. The Hospital shall identify eligible employees and premium pay amounts based on the criteria established herein; make the premium pay payments; and provide to Commissioners written evidence of the employees to whom premium pay is distributed and the gross premium pay distribution per employee. Such evidence shall be provided to the Commissioners at least fifteen (15) days prior to the end of the quarter in which premium pay is distributed.

The Commissioners have made findings and established terms of the premium pay grant for Greene County General Hospital in Resolution 2022-01 of the Greene County Commissioners, adopted on January 18, 2022.

7. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; funds, the following are proposed and adopted:

- a. None are contemplated as of adoption of the plan.

8. To commit the sum of four hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$400,000.00) to serve as county match for the Community Crossings Matching Grant awarded in 2022 and to be expended in 2023, for improvement of select roads in Greene County, Indiana.

9. To commit the sum of four hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$400,000.00) to serve as county match for the Community Crossings Matching Grant applied for and anticipated to be awarded in 2023 and to be expended in 2024, for improvement of select roads in Greene County, Indiana.

10. To fund partially, for a contract term of three (3) years and up to a total expenditure from SLFRF not exceeding one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00), elective provision of air ambulance healthcare benefits, on an as-needed, if-needed basis, to the employees of Greene County government. The purchase is proposed to cover a fixed number of employees electing to share the cost of coverage in a nominal amount, such that coverage remains owned by the County and insures electing employees for a maximum of three (3) years or until the employee separates from County employment, whichever is earlier.

11. To commit the sum of six hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$600,000.00) to assist the Greene County Highway Department with purchase of replacement trucks, specifically the purchase of four single axle dump trucks at a quoted price of approximately \$200,000.00 per truck for delivery in 2024. The Department will contribute the sum of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) from its budget. Prompt placement of an order is necessary to assure manufacture and delivery sometime in 2024 and placement of the order serves to encumber the county's local fiscal recovery funds in the event that delivery and payment take place later than 2024.

12. To commit the sum of \$350,000.00 to fund a non-interest-bearing loan to the Greene County General Hospital, for the purpose of replacing an outdated and failing chiller, said loan to be repaid over the course of seven (7) years with payments of \$50,000.00 per year.

13. To commit the sum of \$75,000.00 toward repairs to leased property, specifically the Greene County Ambulance Service facility at Jasonville, Indiana, being remodeled by the City of Jasonville.

14. To commit the total sum of \$108,595.00 to improvements at the Greene County Jail, specifically, the replacement of a rooftop HVAC unit and installation of HVAC controls of the same manufacturer, type and software as the system used in the courthouse (\$55,912.00); and installation of water softener equipment in both old and new jails (\$52,683.00).

15. Upon creation of a separate county government Human Resources Department, to fund for 2024 the first year of expense of that department in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

16. To fund an addition to and renovation of the Community Events Center for the purposes of improving storage, adding office space, and generally making the events floor more completely accessible to its users, in an amount not to exceed \$1,208,000.00.

17. To distribute to the following fire stations the sum of \$10,000.00 each, for reason that each named fire station houses a Greene County Ambulance Service ambulance, and which funds shall be used for maintenance and improvement to the named stations for the direct benefit of ambulance placement and storage, crew living and sleeping quarters, and other such related improvements: Linton Fire Department, Bloomfield Fire Department, and Center Fire Department Fire District for the exclusive benefit of ambulance station #1 (E-1) at Solsberry; Bloomfield Fire Department for the exclusive benefit of ambulance station #2 (E-2); and Linton Fire Department for the exclusive benefit of ambulance station #5 (E-5).

18. To distribute to the following volunteer fire departments and fire protection territories the sum of \$10,000.00 per department or territory, in recognition and appreciation of the value of their services to the residents of Greene County, Indiana, and in further recognition of their assistance to the Greene County Sheriff's Department and to the Greene County Ambulance Service: Center-Jackson Fire Protection Territory, Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department, Lyons Volunteer Fire Department, Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Department, Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department, Fairplay-Grant Fire Protection Territory, Newberry Volunteer Fire Department, Richland Township Fire Rescue, and Worthington Fire Protection Territory. The intended use of the

funds distributed is for building maintenance or improvements, reimbursement for COVID-related expenses, and/or for additional volunteer training.

19. The sum of \$30,000.00 to the Greene County Highway Department, for the purchase of materials required by the Department in construction of site improvements at the regional firefighter training facility expected to be constructed in Linton, Indiana, which facility and improvements further enhance the training of Greene County's volunteer firefighters.

20. The sum of \$200,000.00 to the Greene County Highway Department, for the purchase of road maintenance equipment.

21. The sum of \$225,000.00 to the Greene County Solid Waste Management District, a quasi-governmental body created by the Greene County Commissioners for the benefit of the citizens of Greene County, Indiana, for infrastructure improvements at the Switz City Recycling Center.

22. The sum of \$37,000.00 for purchase of power cots by the Greene County Ambulance Service, authorizing ambulance service director Doug Hall to act as purchasing agent on behalf of the Commissioners and to sign a purchase agreement and/or sales agreement on behalf of the Commissioners.

23. The sum of \$20,000.00 for third-party IT labor costs for any necessary reconfiguration of updated network switches and associated reconfiguration of courthouse server, in enhancement of network security.

24. The sum of \$22,857.60 to be expended for furnishings for new offices and conference spaces not included in the cost of Community Events Center Addition construction.

25. The sum of \$8,500.00 to American Asphalt Coating and Restriping, for coating and restriping the paved parking lot at the Community Events Center.

26. The sum of \$6,000.00 to Jarrett Lannan Painting for interior painting of the business center in the Community Events Center.

27. Not more than \$3,482.00 to Five Star Concrete Coatings for interior floor coating in new hallway and flooring patch work in Heshey Hall, neither of which costs were included in the cost of the Community Events Center Addition construction.

28. The sum of \$2,000.00 to be paid to Wolfe Construction for cost overrun after change orders, in excess of contracted amount for construction of the Community Events Center addition construction.

29. The remaining unappropriated balance of funds, in the sum of \$13,488.96, payable to Arsee Engineers for engineering services and oversight of contractor(s) associated with exterior repairs to the Greene County Courthouse.

30. The plan may be amended from time to time so long as the amendment complies with Section 603 of ARPA and/or the terms of election of the standard allowance.

SO RESOLVED this 3d day of December, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF GREENE, INDIANA, by:



Nathan L. Abrams, President

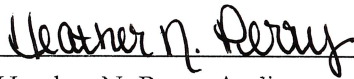


Rick Graves, Commissioner



Edward L. Michael, Commissioner

Attest:



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