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Unofficial

Informal Presentation Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 – 3:00 PM

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland D. Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Marlene M. Fosque

1. Financial Services

American Rescue Plan Update

Grants Manager, Shannon Candler, provided information on American Rescue Plan allocations, community needs, and funding opportunities. No official action taken.

COVID-19 Funding Investments

Housing & Utility Assistance

Over \$76.8 million invested in housing and utility assistance

Food Assistance

Nearly \$10 million allocated to the provision of emergency food assistance

Public Health & Other Government Entities

Over \$34.7 million shared with the Public Health and Other Government Entities to support their COVID-19 costs

Nonprofit Services

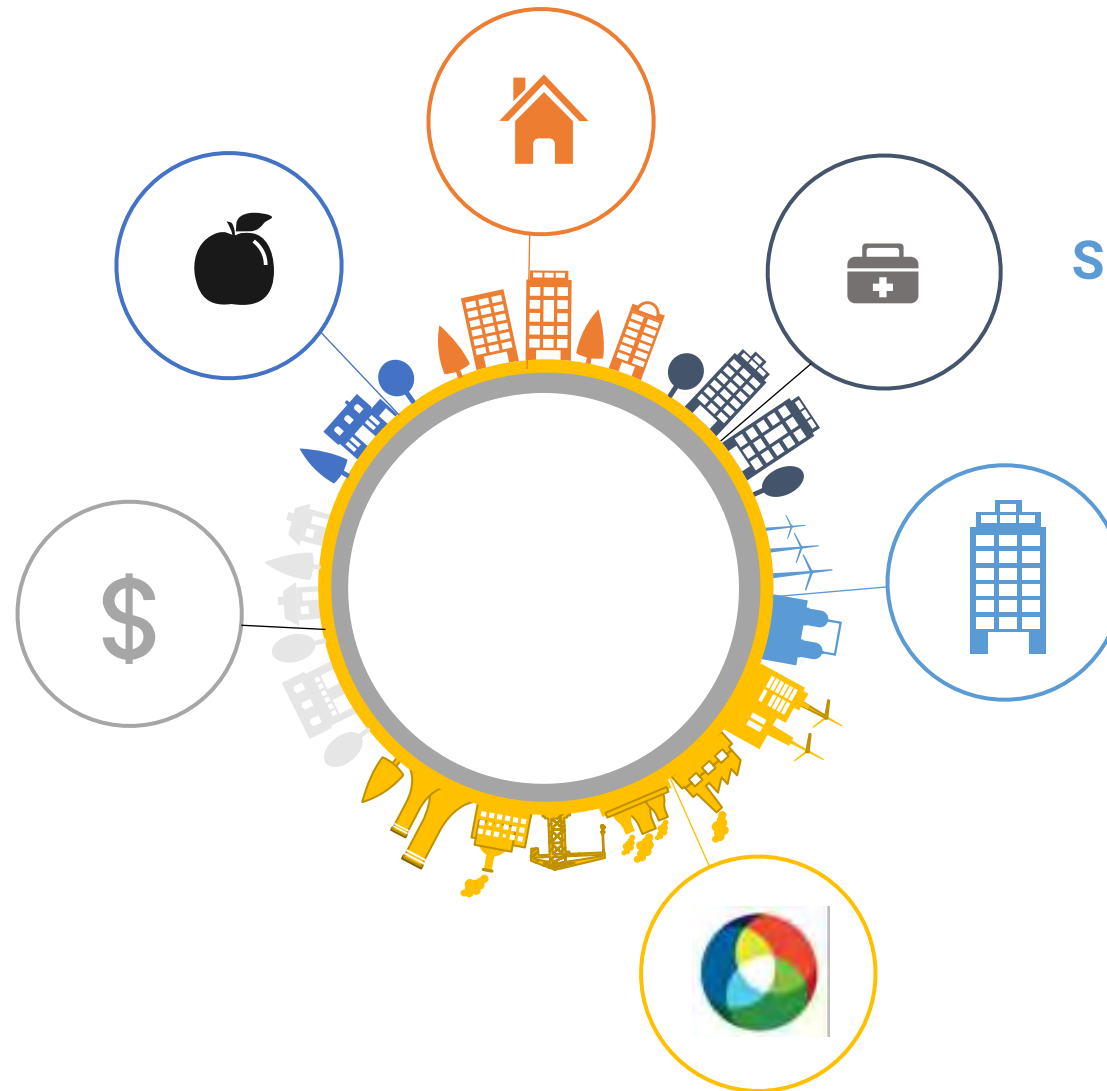
Almost \$13 million aligned to support nonprofits and increase services to those most in need

Small Business Assistance

Almost \$32 million designated to provide financial assistance to small businesses

County Government

County Operations supported by \$41.5 million in COVID-19 funding and County Services funded by almost \$45.6 million



Preparing for American Rescue Plan Act Allocations

Aligning Community Needs
with Funding Opportunities



Gwinnett



Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Funding Objectives

- **Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts** to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- **Replace lost public sector revenue** to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- **Support immediate economic stabilization** for households and businesses; and
- **Address systematic public health and economic challenges** that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Eligible Uses



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

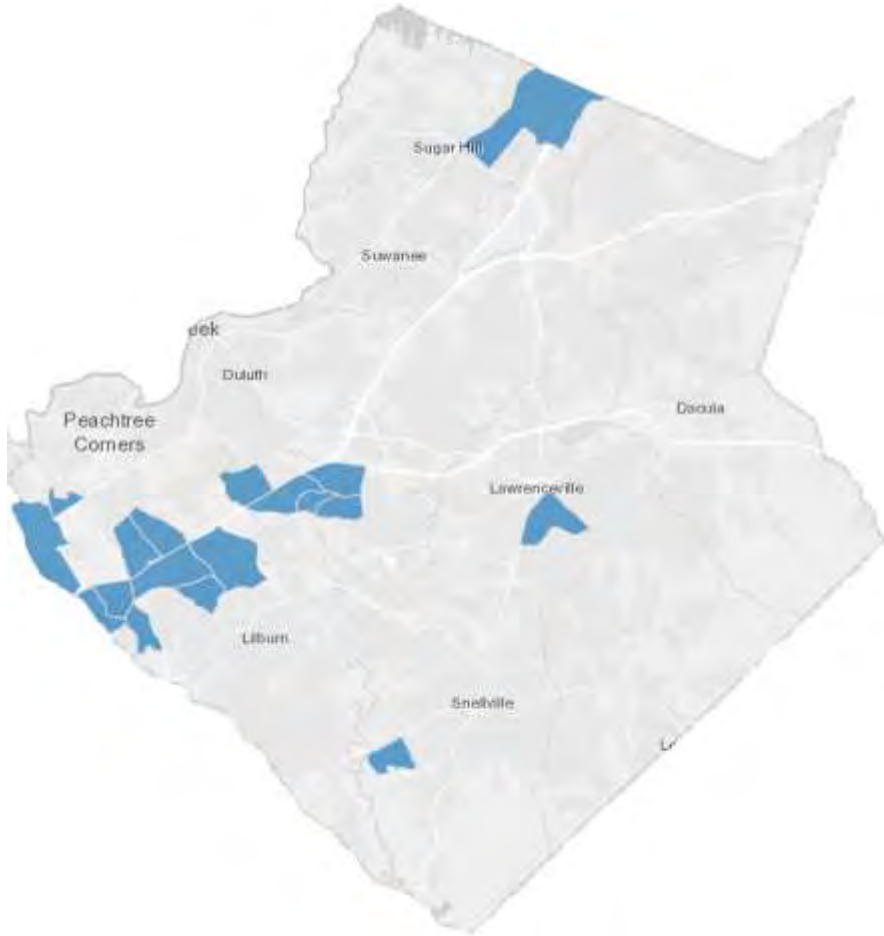
Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

ARPA Allocation Approach



- **Engagement**
 - Collaboration with Community Partners and Stakeholders
- **Assessments**
 - Needs Assessment
 - Internal Assessment
- **Analyses**
 - Funding Analysis
 - Infrastructure Analysis
 - Analysis of Underserved Areas

Support Public Health Response - \$11,107,500



- **Services to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19**, including vaccine administration, medical expenses, testing, contact tracing, quarantine costs, capacity enhancements, and many related activities
- **Vaccine Education, Outreach & Incentive Programs**
- **Behavioral healthcare services**, including mental health or substance misuse treatment, crisis intervention, and related services

Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss - \$28,000,000

- **Ensure continuity of vital government services** by filling budget shortfalls
- **Use funds to provide government services** to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Equity-Focused Services - \$61,160,800

- **Expand the Centerville OneStop and create a Gwinnett OneStop** to improve the quality of services, programming, and resource support
- **Provision of veteran support services**
- **Targeted provision of services** through grant assistance programs for nonprofits
- **Comprehensive Human Services Systems Assessment**
- **Support for outreach services**



Address Negative Economic Impacts - \$39,997,500

- **Support nonprofits and small businesses** with grant assistance programs
- **Speed the recovery of impacted industries**, including the tourism, arts and entertainment sectors
- **Implement workforce development programs**, including youth engagement, job training and development
- **Fund programs addressing critical needs**
- **Rebuild public sector capacity** through operational and program support for COVID relief programs



Premium Pay for Essential Workers - \$11,659,964

- **Provide premium pay to essential workers** for the provision of critical County services.
- **Recruitment incentives** for critical services experiencing hiring challenges.



Water and Sewer Infrastructure - \$14,000,000

- **Includes improvements to infrastructure, such as:**
 - Dam Rehabilitation projects in underserved areas;
 - Septic to Sewer Conversion Program assistance; and
 - Home Repairs Assistance program support.



Broadband Infrastructure - \$5,000,000

- **Broadband enhancements** within Qualified Census Tracts to address broadband deserts existing within the County.



Proposed ARPA Allocations

Focus Areas	Proposed Allocations	
Support Public Health Response	11,107,500	6%
Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss	28,000,000	15%
Equity-Focused Services	61,160,800	34%
Address Negative Economic Impacts	39,997,500	22%
Premium Pay for Essential Workers	11,659,964	6%
Water, Sewer & Stormwater Infrastructure	14,000,000	8%
Broadband Infrastructure	5,000,000	3%
Reserved for Future Needs	10,929,823	6%
	181,855,587	

