

**AGENDA**  
Eau Claire County  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
**2:15 p.m.**  
Webex Conference Call

**Public Access:**  
Dial in Number: 415.655.0001  
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**Notice Regarding Public Comment:** Members of the public wishing to make comments must email Amy Weiss at [amy.weiss@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:amy.weiss@co.eau-claire.wi.us) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the Public Comment session to make your comments.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Proposed Resolution 21-22/033 “Authorizing a 2021 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Eau Claire County” / Discussion – Action
5. Adjourn

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**FACT SHEET**

**FILE NO. 21-22/033**

Eau Claire County is scheduled to receive a total of approximately \$20,295,000 from the federal government under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”). Payment is made in two installments and the first installment of \$10,163,129 was received in May 2021. The second payment will be received approximately 12 months after the first payment.

A special revenue fund has been established to record all transactions related to the ARPA activity. The qualifying period for use of the funds is March 3, 2021, through expenditures obligated by December 31, 2024. All obligated expenditures must be completed by December 31, 2026.

One of the four categories of expenditures permitted for use of the ARPA funds is investments in water, sewer, and broadband. Eau Claire County has previously determined that broadband expansion is a high priority area for investment. The Broadband Committee has been actively working with the local towns and municipalities in the county on determining the infrastructure and investments necessary to provide expanded broadband coverage to all citizens of Eau Claire County. It is estimated that the total amount of ARPA funds received by all the towns within Eau Claire County is approximately \$2,800,000 that could be available to invest in broadband expansion.

Resolution 21-22/033 provides for the recording of the initial ARPA funds received and allocation of \$2,800,000 to broadband expansion to match the possible available town funding for broadband expansion. The remaining amount of the first ARPA payment amount would be recorded as a general expenditure pending further determination of use by the Board.

<b><i>Fiscal Impact:</i></b>	General Expenditure	\$ 7,363,129
	Broadband Expansion	<u>\$ 2,800,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$10,163,129</u>

Respectfully Submitted

Norbert Kirk  
Finance Director

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3 - AUTHORIZING A 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR APPROVAL OF 2021 AMERICAN  
4 RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO EAU CLAIRE COUNTY -  
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6 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.52(19) empowers the county board to accept donations, gifts,  
7 or grants of money for any public governmental purpose within the powers of the county; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
10 (ARPA) allocated funds to Eau Claire County; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County received the first payment under ARPA for \$10,163,129;  
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15 WHEREAS, eligible uses of the ARPA funds are defined by the U.S. Treasury; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County will determine the uses for the funds over the coming year  
18 based on input from a variety of sources, including working with local municipalities; and  
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20 WHEREAS, broadband expansion is recognized as a high priority need within the County  
21 and defined by the U.S. Treasury as an appropriate use of ARPA funds.  
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23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
24 Supervisors authorizes amending the 2021 revenue and expenditure budgets for receipt of the  
25 first payment from the ARPA allocation and allocates the expenditures as noted below.  
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27	General Expenditures	\$ 7,363,129
28	Broadband Expansion	<u>\$ 2,800,000</u>
29	Total Expenditures	\$10,163,129

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33 I hereby certify that the foregoing correctly represents  
34 the action taken by the undersigned Committee on  
35 \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_ against.  
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40 Chairperson Stella Pagonis  
41 Committee on Finance & Budget