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Subject: Requests for ARPA funds

As you know, on May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released the final direct allocation amounts of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to counties, along with guidelines relative to allowable uses of these funds. El Dorado County will be receiving approximately \$37.46 million. Half of this amount is scheduled to be provided to the County this month, and the second half will likely be provided within 12 months. In accordance with the guidelines, which can be found at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>, all funds must be obligated to a specific expense no later than December 2024, and must be spent by December 2026.

I expect most, if not all, County departments will be submitting requests for funding to be used in a manner allowed by the U.S. Treasury. In addition, various community partners, such as CSDs, medical foundations and the Office of Education, will likely submit their own requests. Please keep in mind that these requests will, in all likelihood, exceed the total amount allocated to El Dorado County.

If you have a request for funding that meets the Treasury Department criteria, please submit those requests to Elizabeth Sorg in my office via email at Elizabeth.sorg@edcgov.us. All requests should be received no later than the close of business on July 31, 2021. Please ensure your request identifies the following:

- Replacement of lost revenue
- Purpose and amount of each request, recognizing that some organizations may have multiple requests.
- Timeframe as to when the funding is needed for each request.
- Each request should include the language from the Treasury Department guidelines identifying that the request is allowable.

Please keep in mind, considering the funds do not need to be obligated until December 2024, and considering only half the funding is being allocated at this time, that it is possible some requests will be approved immediately and other requests will be deferred for consideration until the summer/fall of 2022.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to review all other funding amounts available through ARPA beyond the direct allocation to the County as those funding amounts may address your needs. A helpful resource for reviewing these funding uses can be found at <https://www.naco.org/covid-19-recovery-clearinghouse>.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Ms. Sorg for assistance.