

Gerald Cisneros, Chairman  
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## HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 28, 2022  
**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Carl Young, County Administrator  
**Re:** Obligating Remaining American Rescue Plan State and Local Recovery Funds

**Summary:** This is a request to obligate the remainder of the funding received from the American Rescue Plan Act to specific needs and requests. In March of 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act authorized the \$350 billion State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund, which provided \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county in America. Huerfano County was allocated \$1,339,661.00 and has obligated and/or spent \$785,500 of these funds. This leaves \$554,161 still to be obligated from our total award.

### Previous Obligations and Pending Requests:

Agency/Purpose	Spent	Unspent	Requests	Total
Staff Vaccine Incentives	\$42,500			\$42,500
Fox Theatre Walsenburg - Events	\$50,000			\$50,000
Sherriff Hazard Pay Bonus	\$68,000			\$68,000
Countywide Housing Projects		\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Gardner Public Improvement District		\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000
Broadband		\$100,000		\$100,000
County Parks and Recreation		\$100,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
Cuchara Sanitation and Water District		\$25,000		\$25,000
Dorcas Circle		\$100,000		\$100,000
Non-Profits/Community Projects			\$100,000	\$100,000
Huerfano County Tourism Board			\$20,000	\$20,000
Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center			\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,500</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>	<b>\$720,000</b>	<b>\$1,505,500</b>

### Requested Motion/Action:

Motion to de-obligate \$100,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds from Broadband and allocate the remaining ARPA funds as follows:

1. \$50,000 to the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center
2. \$20,000 to the Huerfano County Tourism Board
3. \$100,000 to Non-Profits and Community Projects
4. An additional \$50,000 to Countywide Housing Projects
5. An additional \$150,000 to the Gardner Public Improvement District
6. An additional \$284,161 to County Parks and Recreation

**Obligations if Implemented as Recommended:**

<b>Agency/Purpose</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Unspent</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Total</b>
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Gardner Public Improvement District		\$100,000	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
Broadband		\$100,000	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
County Parks and Recreation		\$100,000	<b>\$284,161</b>	<b>\$384,161</b>
Cuchara Sanitation and Water District		\$25,000		\$25,000
Dorcas Circle		\$100,000		\$100,000
Non-Profits/Community Projects			<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Huerfano County Tourism Board			<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center			<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,500</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>	<b>\$554,161</b>	<b>\$1,339,661</b>

**Background:**

An obligation is not an authorization to expend funds. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Unexpended funds must be returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Funds may be de-obligated and re-obligated before December 31, 2024 without penalty. However, it is possible that after that date de-obligated funds will have to be returned to the Treasury Department.

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 Signature of the Chair

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Approved with Changes

Denied

Notes: