



The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. Chippewa County received \$12,559,059 million. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026

ARPA Project Plan

2021 - 2026


Presented by Randy Scholz, County Administrator

Final plan presented to Executive Committee 07/05/2022

Final plan presented to County Board 07/12/2022

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Amended by County Board 07/11/2023
Amended by County Board 03/12/2024

This chart identifies the categories of eligible uses as determined by the US Treasury

 Non-Exclusive List of Eligible Uses ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			
Responding to the Public Health Emergency	Addressing Negative Economic Impacts	Serving the Hardest Hit	Improving Access to Infrastructure
COVID-19 mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinations • Personal protective equipment (PPE) • Testing • Alternative care facilities 	Workers and families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment and training • Food, housing, financial security assistance • Survivor's benefit 	Health disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health works • Public benefits navigators • Community violence intervention 	Water and sewer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking/wastewater infrastructure • Cybersecurity • Remediation of lead pipes • Stormwater/green Infrastructure
Behavioral health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health treatment • Substance abuse treatment • Crisis intervention 	Small businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans • Grants • Counseling programs 	Housing and neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness • Affordable housing • Housing vouchers • Residential counseling 	Broadband <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently unserved or underserved • Modern technologies
Public health resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payroll for public health and similar employees 	Impacted industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Travel • Hospitality • Non-profits 	Educational disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early learning services • School district resources • Educational services 	<p>Note: These are examples pending final guidance from the U.S. Dept of Treasury (Treasury).</p> <p>Review Treasury documents for details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQs • Interim final rule
Essential workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium pay • Retroactive premium pay 	Public sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehire public sector employees to pre-pandemic levels • Replace lost revenue 	Healthy environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare • Enhanced child welfare services 	

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Approved by County Board 10-11-2022; 02-14-2023; 07-11-2023 and 03-12-2024



Note: **\$12,559,059.00** Chippewa County Total ARPA Allocation
 \$6,279,529.50 1st half of ARPA funds deposited into our account 05-19-2021
 \$6,279,529.50 2nd half of ARPA funds to be deposited into our account 05-22-2022

Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Date Committee Reviewed	Source of Funding					Category for Eligible Use
					Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy	* PH Emergency * Serving Hardest Hit * Negative Economic Impacts * Improve Infrastructure * Revenue Loss
2021 <small>Res 20-21</small>	24/7 Telecom Inc	Broadband Expansion - Towns Wheaton & Howard	\$3,902,530	07/20/21	\$339,549	\$1,272,167	\$339,549	\$1,951,265	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2021 <small>Res 21-21</small>	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Towns of Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	\$3,607,500	07/20/21	\$531,657	\$1,227,093	\$45,000	\$1,803,750	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2021 <small>Res 22-21</small>	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Eagle Point & Tilden	\$3,753,849	07/20/21	\$838,750	\$457,500	\$425,000	\$2,032,599	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2022 <small>Res 06-22</small> <small>Res 04-23</small>	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Tilden / Eagle Point and Town of Lafayette	\$9,786,634	2/24/22 CB 2/14/23 CB	\$328,818	\$1,597,500	\$94,000	\$7,116,316	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2022 <small>Res 07-22</small> <small>Res 05-23</small>	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Town of Cleveland & Ruby	\$444,500	2/24/22 CB 2/14/23 CB	\$171,182	\$273,318	\$0	\$0	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2021 TOTAL			\$21,495,013		\$2,209,956	\$4,827,578	\$903,549	\$12,903,930	\$0	
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 31-22</small>	Facilities & Parks	Public Firearms Range - Lead & EPA Remediation, etc.	\$1,000,000	2/24/22 CB	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 32-22</small> <small>Res 26-23</small>	Facilities & Parks	New Bathroom / Showers (1) - Otter Lake Park	\$377,000	1/26/2022 07/11/23 CB	\$377,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 32-22</small> <small>Res 26-23</small>	Facilities & Parks	New Bathroom / New Well (1) - Pine Point Park	\$189,300	1/26/2022 07/11/23 CB	\$189,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 32-22</small>	F&P - 2022-2024	Replace Picnic Tables (30) - Pine Point, Otter Lake, Round Lake, Morris Erickson	\$50,000	1/26/2022	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 32-22</small>	F&P - 2022-2024	Add Automatic Firewood Dispensers (3) - Pine Point, Otter Lake, Morris Erickson	\$30,000	1/26/2022	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 33-22</small>	Highway	Road Improvements - 3 year plan 2022 = \$1.9 million; 2023 = 3.35 million; 2024 = 2.75 million	\$8,000,000	1/26/2022	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024 <small>Res 34-22</small> <small>Res 06-23</small>	LCFM	Contaminate mitigation in residential wells 2022 = \$250,000; 2023 = \$250,000	\$500,000	2/16/2022 6/15/2022	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2023 <small>Res 49-22</small>	CVIC - Chippewa Valley Innovation Center	Remodel Conference Room for ADA Compliance	\$20,000	8/3/2022	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2024 <small>Res 10-24</small>	Sheriff	Mobile and Portable Radios (1 project using ARPA contingency & interest earnings = Total Cost \$190,000)	\$95,000	3/5/2024	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024	ARPA Funds Remaining - Contingency / Sikich Contracted Services		\$87,803		\$87,803	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2022-2026 TOTAL			\$10,349,103		\$10,349,103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2021-2026 Grand Total for All Projects			\$31,844,116		\$12,559,059	\$4,827,578	\$903,549	\$12,903,930	\$0	

The projects below were funded by the interest earned from investing ARPA Funds.

2022 <small>Res 50-22</small>	DOA - County Administrator	Employee Longevity Bonuses	\$110,000	10/4/2022	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 <small>Res 62-22</small>	DOA - County Administrator	WPPA Employee Longevity Bonuses	\$9,176	12/6/2022	\$9,176	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2024 <small>Res 11-24</small>	DOA - County Administrator	Employee Longevity Bonuses	\$299,880	3/5/2024	\$299,880	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2024 <small>Res 10-24</small>	Sheriff	Mobile and Portable Radios (1 project using ARPA contingency & interest earnings = Total Cost \$190,000)	\$95,000	3/5/2024	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
TOTAL			\$514,056		\$514,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Note: Per Res. 04-22 Guidelines & Procedure for Allocating Chippewa County ARPA Funds – by March 2024, any ARPA funds allocated to a project with an expectation the project may not be completed within the allotted timeframe, those funds may be redirected to other projects. The County Administrator will prepare a resolution to be forwarded to the Executive Committee and County Board for approval before re-allocating any funds.

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2021	24/7 Telecom Inc	Broadband Expansion - Town of Wheaton & Howard	\$3,902,530	\$339,549	\$1,272,167	\$339,549	\$1,951,265	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
24/7 Telcom, Inc. is going to provide service to 478 locations in the Town of Wheaton and 131 locations in the Town of Howard.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking					
1			1					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 20-21 on July 20, 2021								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz

Date: 7/20/2021

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
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2021	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Towns of Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	\$3,607,500	\$531,657	\$1,227,093	\$45,000	\$1,803,750	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
Ntera LLC, is going to provide service to 74 locations in the Town of Goetz, 35 locations in the Town of Delmar, 35 locations in the Town of Edson, and 140 locations in the Town of Sigel.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking					
1			1					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 21-21 on July 20, 2021								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz

Date: 7/20/2021

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
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2021	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Eagle Point & Tilden	\$3,753,849	\$838,750	\$457,500	\$425,000	\$2,032,599	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
Bloomer Telephone Company, is going to provide service to 205 locations in the Town of Eagle Point and 100 locations in the Town of Tilden.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking					
1			1					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 22-21 on July 20, 2021								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz

Date: 7/20/2021

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2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Tilden / Eagle Point and Town of Lafayette	\$9,786,634	\$328,818	\$1,597,500	\$94,000	\$7,116,316	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>At the February 24, 2022 County Board brainstorming session, the County Board agreed to allocate additional ARPA funds for broadband expansion.</p> <p><u>ORIGINAL PROPOSAL:</u> On March 8, 2022, Resolution 06-22 was approved by the County Board based on the original proposal below. These additional funds will allow Bloomer Telephone Company to provide service to the following locations (total locations = 607):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Town of Tilden – Phase 2 of Project – 56 locations * Town of Eagle Point – Phase 2 of Project – 66 locations * Town of Hallie – 62 locations * Town of Seymour – Eau Claire County – 458 locations * Town of Lafayette – 423 locations <p>The Town of Seymour is not located in Chippewa County. \$650,000 is included in the Total Project Cost but not included in the Source of Funding columns.</p> <p><u>REVISED PROPOSAL:</u> The PSC grant only awarded funds for the Hallie/Seymour project in the amount of \$33,586. Therefore, Bloomer Telephone Company revised the project as indicated below, pending County Board approval on February 14, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Town of Eagle Point / Tilden – 73 locations, 14+ miles of fiber * Town of Lafayette – 56 locations, 7.5 miles of fiber <p>The revised request is to recommit \$295,232 of County funds to the newly proposed projects (total locations = 129, 22+ miles of fiber). This would address target areas that were missed due to inaccurate maps during the grant rollout.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 06-22 on March 8, 2022</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 04-23 on February 14, 2023</p>								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz

Date: 3/1/2022

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2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Town of Cleveland & Ruby	\$444,500	\$171,182	\$273,318	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>At the February 24, 2022 County Board brainstorming session, the County Board agreed to allocate additional ARPA funds for broadband expansion.</p> <p><u>ORIGINAL PROPOSAL:</u> On March 8, 2022, Resolution 06-22 was approved by the County Board based on the original proposal below. These additional funds will allow Ntera, LLC to provide service to the following locations (total locations = 316):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Town of Anson – 27 locations * Town of Arthur – 32 locations * Town of Cleveland – 20 locations * Town of Eagle Point – 143 locations * Town of Estella – 18 locations * Town of Goetz – 21 locations * Town of Ruby – 55 locations <p><u>REVISED PROPOSAL:</u> The PSC grant was not awarded. Therefore, Ntera, LLC revised the project as indicated below, pending County Board approval on February 14, 2023.</p> <p><u>OPTION 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Town of Cleveland * Town of Ruby <p>The revised request is to recommit \$171,182 of County funds to the newly proposed project (total locations = 69, 12.7 miles of fiber). This option does not use any PSC grant funds.</p> <p><u>OPTION 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Town of Cleveland * Town of Ruby * 80th Avenue, Cadott <p>The revised request is to recommit \$171,182 of County funds to the newly proposed project (total locations = 208, 29.98 miles of fiber). This option is contingent upon receiving the PSC grant funds.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 07-22 on March 8, 2022. Approved by the County Board via Resolution 05-23 on February 14, 2023.								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz Date: 1/6/2023

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022 - 2024	Facilities & Parks	Public Firearms Range Lead & EPA Remediation, etc.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>The funds would be used for costs related to lead mitigation, soil contamination mitigation, any environmental assessments that may be needed, and any other funding needed if the Chippewa County Board decides to close the range and sell the property. This is a good use of ARPA funds because this was an unexpected cost.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
<p>Making sure the firearms range is clear of any lead contaminates is good for the environment and good for the citizens of the Chippewa County. It also eliminates any future concerns if Chippewa County decides to close the range and sell the property.</p>								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Discussed with the County Board on 02/24/2022. Approved by the County Board via Resolution 31-22 on July 12, 2022.</p>								

Submitted by: Larry Ritzinger

Date: 5/25/2022

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022 - 2024	Facilities & Parks	New Bathroom /Shower (1) Otter Lake Park	\$377,000	\$377,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>This project will replace an "end-of-life" pit toilet with a fully flushable bathroom and shower facilities at Otter Lake Campground. This project will be an incredible improvement to the park.</p> <p>The Otter Lake Park Bathroom / Shower Project was competitively bid out in May, 2023. Chippewa County received (6) proposals, ranging from \$404,188 to \$302,300. The low general contractor bid and all other associated project costs total \$377,000 – which is \$52,000 over the \$325,000 approved budget.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve quality of life as it will greatly enhance the park patrons stay at the campgrounds.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Facilities & Parks Committee on 01/26/2022.</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 32-22 on 07/12/2022.</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 26-23 on 07/11/2023 for an additional \$52,000.</p>								

Submitted by: Larry Ritzinger

Date: 1/14/2022

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022 - 2024	Facilities & Parks	New Bathroom / New Well (1) - Pine Point Park	\$189,300	\$189,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>This project will replace an "end-of-life" pit toilet at Pine Point Park with a new "Green Flush" type toilet facility.</p> <p>The Pine Point Park Bathroom was competitively bid out in May, 2023. Chippewa County received (1) proposal for \$175,000. After a value engineering exercise, the proposal was reduced to \$166,167. The low general contractor bid and all other associated project costs total \$189,300 – which is \$39,300 over the \$150,000 approved budget.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve quality of life. It will provide safe, sanitary, and odor free facility for campers for generations to come. This project will be a huge improvement to the park.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Facilities & Parks Committee on 01/26/2022.</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 32-22 on 07/12/2022.</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 26-23 on 07/11/2023 for an additional \$39,300.</p>								

Submitted by: Larry Ritzinger

Date: 1/14/2022

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022 - 2024	Facilities & Parks	Replace Picnic Tables (30) - Pine Point, Otter Lake, Round Lake, Morris Erickson	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>This project will replace thirty (30) end of life picnic tables located in the parks.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
<p>This project will improve the quality of life as it will enhance safety in the parks.</p>								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Facilities & Parks Committee on 01/26/2022. Approved by the County Board via Resolution 32-22 on 07/12/2022.</p>								

Submitted by: Larry Ritzinger

Date: 1/14/2022

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
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2022 - 2024	Facilities & Parks	Add Automatic Firewood Dispensers (3) Point Point Park, Otter Lake Park, Morris Erickson Park	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>This project will add automatic firewood dispensers to the three (3) parks identified above. This equipment will make firewood available to park patrons on a 24x7 time frame.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
<p>This project will improve quality of life. Everyone likes a good fire at camp! This equipment will make sure that firewood is always available to campers.</p>								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Facilities & Parks Committee on 01/26/2022. Approved by the County Board via Resolution 32-22 on 07/12/2022.</p>								

Submitted by: Larry Ritzinger

Date: 1/14/2022

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2022 - 2024	Highway	Road Improvements - 3 Year Plan	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>This project addresses a serious need for road improvements to some of our worst conditioned low volume county highways. These road projects will recondition severely deteriorated roads so that they are in new condition when complete. This option is a plan to use \$1.9 million in 2022 and \$3.35 million in 2023 and \$2.75 million in 2024. Any remaining balance of funds will be used to repair or replace culverts as needed and also add additional mileage to our chip seal maintenance program.</p> <p>The next page contains a detailed list of the anticipated projects.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
Improved county highways provide a safer transportation system and maintenance costs savings to citizens of Chippewa County.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Highway Committee on January 26, 2022.</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 33-22 on 07/12/2022.</p>								

Submitted by: Brian Kelley

Date: 1/27/2022

**Chippewa County
Highway Department
ARPA Projects Summary**

County Highway	Project Limits	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Project Length	Miscellaneous Funding			County Funding				Project Available
					WisDOT / Federal	Description	Other	Levy	Sales Tax	Bonding	Machinery & Buildings	
2022												
CTH D	County Line - CTH V South	Recondition	\$1,049,000	4.5 Miles		ARPA	\$1,049,000					\$1,049,000
	Various Locations (D, S, W, AA)	Culverts for ARPA Projects	\$367,000			ARPA	\$367,000					\$367,000
CTH C	STH 40 - CTH F	Culverts for '22 BIL Project	\$60,000			ARPA	\$60,000					\$60,000
	Various Locations	Chip Seal	\$79,000			ARPA	\$79,000					\$79,000
	2022 Material Cost Adjustment	Various	\$345,000			ARPA	\$345,000					\$345,000
2022 Sub Total				4.5 Miles								\$1,900,000
2023												
CTH S	STH 27 - CTH EE	Recondition	\$580,000	2.5 Miles		ARPA	\$580,000					\$580,000
CTH W	STH 27 - CTH G	Recondition	\$1,410,000	7.0 Miles		ARPA	\$1,410,000					\$1,410,000
CTH AA	CTH F - STH 40	Recondition	\$430,000	2.0 Miles		ARPA	\$430,000					\$430,000
	Various Locations (A, EE, DD, Q)	ARPA Culverts	\$368,000			ARPA	\$368,000					\$368,000
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal	\$62,000			ARPA	\$62,000					\$62,000
	2023 Material Cost Adjustment	Various	\$500,000			ARPA	\$500,000					\$500,000
2023 Sub Total				11.5 Miles								\$3,350,000
2024												
CTH A	Dunn Co. Line - 170th Ave	Recondition	\$910,000	3.7 Miles		ARPA	\$910,000					\$910,000
CTH EE	CTH S - 170th Avenue	Recondition	\$740,000	3.0 Miles		ARPA	\$740,000					\$740,000
CTH DD	CTH A - 186th Avenue	Recondition	\$410,000	1.9 Miles		ARPA	\$410,000					\$410,000
CTH Q/AA	CTH SS - 83rd St.	Recondition	\$640,000	2.7 Miles		ARPA	\$640,000					\$640,000
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal	\$50,000			ARPA	\$50,000					\$50,000
2024 Sub Total				11.3 Miles								\$2,750,000
ARPA Grand Total			\$8,000,000	27.3 Miles	\$8,000,000			\$8,000,000				

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2022 - 2026	Land Conservation & Forest Management	Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>The project would consist of drilling 5 wells in the nitrate sensitive areas to provide clean drinking water for the residents in rural Chippewa County and continue monitoring the groundwater to study the effects of remediation practices in the area. We will then utilize our groundwater flow models to identify source areas of the groundwater contamination. We will use this information to focus our information and education programs on the importance of nitrate reduction conservation practices. This will be combined with a cover crop program to incentivize them in utilizing cover crops to take up excess nitrogen after the harvest, increase the use of notill planting into the green cover crop, decreasing the need for nitrogen and establishing a farmer led watershed group to facilitate new ideas on how implement decreased nitrogen practices.</p> <p>The final phase is to come up with an information/education program to inform well owners of the need for annual testing and protection. \$25,000</p> <p>The estimate costs: \$125,000 Water refill stations \$50,000 Testing nitrate remediation strategies \$280,000 Cover Crop Cost Share Program \$20,000 Notill planting incentives \$25,000 Information/Education program</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> \$250,000 will be allocated starting with the passage of a resolution for 2022. The additional \$250,000 may be allocated in 2023, by a separate resolution, after a report is given to the County Board on the progress of the program and how the first \$250,000 was used.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
These nitrate remediation projects will provide a clean water supply for the residents who currently have nitrate impaired wells above the state water drinking standard and will work to provide remediation in the agricultural industry to incentivize ways to reduce the inputs of nitrogen in the sensitive groundwater areas. This in turn will reduce the amount of nitrogen available for leaching.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
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Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee on February 24, 2022 and June 15, 2022.</p> <p>The funding allocation was amended by the Executive Committee July 5, 2022.</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 34-22 on July 12, 2022 for the first \$250,000</p> <p>Approved by the County Board via Resolution 06-23 on February 14, 2023 for the remaining \$250,000.</p>								

Submitted by Lynda Schweikert

Date: 1/14/2022

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2023	CVIC - Chippewa Valley Innovation Center	Remodel Conference Room for ADA Compliance	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>To remodel an office on the lower level into a conference room. The conference room would have audio visual capabilities and would be ADA compliant. The current conference room does not have audio visual equipment and is not easily accessible.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will allow remote meetings and will allow everyone easy access to the conference room.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
n/a								
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Economic Development Committee on 08/03/2022. Resolution 49-22 approved by the County Board on 10/11/2022.</p>								

Submitted by: Thomas Waldusky, CVIC Board President

Date: 7/21/2022

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2024	Sheriff	Mobile and Portable Radios (1 project using ARPA contingency & interest earnings)	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p>This project will allow for the purchase of mobile and portable radios for the Sheriff's Department. Chippewa County currently has mobile and portable radios that are not able to utilize a single digital channel to communicate with local and surrounding law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>This project would use ARPA funds for the purchase of approximately 33 mobile and 37 portable radios. This acquisition would allow the Sheriff's Department to communicate on the same channel as surrounding law enforcement agencies as those agencies now need to either go through dispatch or toggle back and forth between channels to communicate with each other. This inefficiency can cause delays and miscommunication during incidents where time and clear communication is critical.</p> <p>Chippewa County would use ARPA generated interest of \$95,000 and ARPA contingency of \$95,000 to pay for the radios.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
n/a								
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Legal & Law Enforcement Committee 01/22/2024</p> <p>Reviewed by the Executive Committee 03/05/2024</p> <p>Resolution 10-24 was approved by the County Board 03/12/2024</p>								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz/Travis Hakes

Date: 2/6/2024

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2022	DOA - County Administrator	Employee Longevity Bonuses	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Project Description and Justification								
<p><u>Note:</u> This project was funded by the interest earned from investing ARPA Funds.</p> <p>With the increases in wages that the private sector employees are currently receiving, this is a way to make our long-term employees feel appreciated. It is part of our overall strategy to recruit and retain outstanding employees. It is also an effort to reach our goal of making Chippewa County the best place to work in the Chippewa Valley.</p> <p>The County Board recently adopted a new Longevity Bonus Policy for our employees in an effort to express appreciation for and reward long standing employees for their dedicated service to the County. The first bonuses under that new policy will be paid in May 2023.</p> <p>Several employees are not able to be recognized for their milestone anniversaries due to timing of when the new Longevity Bonus Policy is implemented. Utilization of ARPA funds would allow us to give every full-time and part-time employee \$200 for every 5-year milestone anniversary missed as laid out in our Longevity Bonus Policy.</p> <p>Here are two examples:</p> <p>1) If an employee was here for 21 years, they would receive \$800. (\$200 X 4 missed milestone bonuses)</p> <p>2) If an employee was here for 11 years, they would receive \$400. (\$200 X 2 missed milestone bonuses)</p> <p>We are anticipating to utilize interest from ARPA funds for most, if not all, of this one-time initiative.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
The citizens demand and deserve high quality customer service and without retaining great employees this is not possible.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
n/a								
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Executive Committee on October 4, 2022</p> <p>Resolution 50-22 approved by the County Board on October 11, 2022</p>								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz

Date: 10/4/2022

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2022	DOA - County Administrator	WPPA Employee Longevity Bonuses	\$9,176	\$9,176	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue loss								
Project Description and Justification								
<p><u>Note:</u> This project was funded by the interest earned from investing ARPA Funds.</p> <p>With the increases in wages that the private sector employees are currently receiving, this is a way to make our long-term employees feel appreciated. It is part of our overall strategy to recruit and retain outstanding employees. It is also an effort to reach our goal of making Chippewa County the best place to work in the Chippewa Valley.</p> <p>The County Board recently adopted a new Longevity Bonus Policy for our employees in an effort to express appreciation for and reward long standing employees for their dedicated service to the County. The first bonuses under that new policy will be paid in May 2023.</p> <p>Several employees are not able to be recognized for their milestone anniversaries due to timing of when the new Longevity Bonus Policy is implemented. Utilization of ARPA funds would allow us to give every full-time and part-time employee \$200 for every 5-year milestone anniversary missed as laid out in our Longevity Bonus Policy.</p> <p>Here are two examples:</p> <p>1) If an employee was here for 21 years, they would receive \$800. (\$200 X 4 missed milestone bonuses)</p> <p>2) If an employee was here for 11 years, they would receive \$400. (\$200 X 2 missed milestone bonuses)</p> <p>We are anticipating to utilize interest from ARPA funds for most, if not all, of this one-time initiative.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
The citizens demand and deserve high quality customer service and without retaining great employees this is not possible.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
n/a								
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Resolution 62-22 was approved by the County Board on 12/13/2022								

Submitted by Randy Scholz

Date: 12/6/2022

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2024	DOA - County Administrator	Employee Longevity Bonuses	\$299,880	\$299,880	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Project Description and Justification								
<p><u>Note:</u> This project was funded by the interest earned from investing ARPA Funds.</p> <p>With the increases in wages that the private sector employees are currently receiving, this is a way to make our long-term employees feel appreciated. It is part of our overall strategy to recruit and retain outstanding employees. It is also an effort to reach our goal of making Chippewa County the best place to work in the Chippewa Valley.</p> <p>The County Board recently adopted a new Longevity Bonus Policy for our employees in an effort to express appreciation for and reward long standing employees for their dedicated service to the County. The first bonuses under that new policy was paid in May 2023.</p> <p>Several employees are not able to be recognized for their milestone anniversaries due to timing of when the new Longevity Bonus Policy is implemented. Utilization of ARPA funds would allow us to give every full-time and part-time employee \$300 for the first 5-year anniversary missed and \$800 for every other 5-year milestone anniversary missed as laid out in our Longevity Bonus Policy.</p> <p>Here are two examples:</p> <p>1) If an employee was here for 21 years, they would receive \$2,700. (\$300 X 1 for the first missed milestone bonus and \$800 x3 for the other missed milestones)</p> <p>2) If an employee was here for 11 years, they would receive \$1,100. (\$300 X 1 for the first missed milestone bonus and \$800 x 1 for the second missed milestone)</p> <p>We are anticipating to utilize interest from ARPA funds for most, if not all, of this one-time initiative.</p>								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
The citizens demand and deserve high quality customer service and without retaining great employees this is not possible.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
n/a								
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
<p>Reviewed by the Executive Committee 03/05/2024</p> <p>Resolution 11-24 was approved by the County Board 03/12/2024</p>								

Submitted by: Randy Scholz

Date: 2/6/2024