



*Aroostook County Commissioners Office  
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## **2024 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT APPLICATION**

Aroostook County received approximately \$13 million in ARPA funds. The County will use 50% of funding for its own projects, and make available 50% of the funding for grants to Aroostook County municipalities and non-profits in 3 funding rounds for 2022, 2023, and 2024. *It is very important to read the complete Program Statement Guidelines to ensure all required information for the application is provided for maximum grant scoring potential.*

Note: This form must be completed as part of the application; additional information may be required upon assessment of the application.

Applicants must choose from eligible ARPA Fund Categories listed in the Program Statement. All applications must be received electronically by **4 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2024.**

Application and other documents must be received as one complete PDF format application submitted via email to: [steve.pelletier@aroostook.me.us](mailto:steve.pelletier@aroostook.me.us)

Late submissions will not be accepted. For further information: 207-493-6337 Ext. 337

## **ARPA Grant Funding Application Overview**

### **1. Introduction**

ARPA Grant Funds will provide funds to communities and non-profits to implement proposed projects that deal with COVID-19 related issues and meet ARPA Program Statement Guidelines and the Treasury's 2022 Final Rule and 2023 Updated Interim Final Rule. ***All approved funding awards are at the discretion of the Aroostook County Commissioner's.***

### **2. Letter of Intent as ARPA Grant Application Eligibility Requirement**

Eligible applicants for ARPA funding are required to submit a Letter of Intent to Apply. Applicants submitting an ARPA application without first submitting a Letter of Intent and receiving a Notification Eligibility Email from the County will have the application un-scored.

### **3. Public Hearing Requirements**

Each applicant is required to hold a duly authorized public hearing during the Application process. The hearing must be advertised in local newspapers and posted according to local requirements. Any applicant submitting a non-compliant public hearing notice will have five points deducted from their final application score. Applicants must attach a copy of the published hearing notice, attested copy of the minutes, and attendance list to the Application.

### **4. Matching Funds Requirements**

Municipalities and eligible non-profits applying for ARPA funds must demonstrate they will provide a direct cash match of at least 25% of the total ARPA grant award for Public Health and Negative Economic Impact Projects. Investments to Infrastructure Water & Sewer Projects, Broadband, Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters, and Title I Projects, require a 100% match of the total grant award. The minimum match amount may come from any source public and/or private. This must be reflected on the Matching Funds Table contained on Page 5 of this Application Package. Firm letters of commitment for all cash matching funds must be attached to the table.

### **5. Financial Commitments as a Scoring Requirement**

Applications for projects not demonstrating a firm financial commitment as required in the application materials will be removed from the scoring process.

### **6. Maximum ARPA Grant Amounts:**

- Public Health and Negative Economic Impact - \$100,000 up to 75% of Project Cost.
- Investments to Infrastructure - \$300,000 up to 50% of the Project Cost.
- Broadband - \$100,000 up to 50% of the Project Cost.
- Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters - \$100,000 up to 50% of Project Cost.
- Title I Projects - \$100,000 up to 50% of Project Cost.
- Total Annual Maximum 2024 Funding Award Amount - \$2,474,916

### **7. Multi-Jurisdictional Application**

A multi-jurisdictional application is one submitted from two or more municipalities or non-profits joining together to create a single ARPA proposed project to meet shared problems in the respective organizations.

### **8. Application Process**

#### **Step 1**

#### **A. Letter of Intent – see Number 2.**

**B. Completed Application**

The application must provide a narrative description of the Impact, Development Strategy, and Citizen Participation relating to ARPA activities proposed in the application. The applicant must complete the Application form and may only attach additional information if specifically requested. Please remember to answer briefly and as completely as possible within the allotted space. Each application will be rated on its own merit and in relation to all other applications. After the scoring process is completed, successful organizations will be invited into the project development phase.

**C. Project Implementation**

Following contract execution, the municipality or non-profit will be awarded ARPA funds and will begin to implement their projects. The ARPA Program Administrator will remain involved with the awardee throughout project implementation.

**9. Application Scoring**

Members of the ARPA Scoring Team will assign a Point Total for each application reviewed. Review Point Totals will consist of the sum of the three scoring areas below and be determined by the total of each sub-scoring area.

- A. **Impact – 45 points**
- B. **Development Strategy – 45 points**
- C. **Citizen Participation – 10 points**

***\*\*For possible scoring points within specific ARPA Eligible Categories, please review the Selection Process under each of the ARPA Eligible Categories within the ARPA Program Statement.***

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
Name of Municipality or Non-Profit:	
DUNS Number:	
SAM EIN Number:	
Non-Profit 501©(3) determination date: (provide letter)	
Authorized Person/Title:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Address:	
Contact Title:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Phone Number:	
Municipal/Non-Profit Address:	

### Multi-Jurisdictional Applicant Information

LEAD APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Applicant:		Phone:	
Address:		Fax:	
City/Zip:		Email:	
Authorized Person/Title:			
Project Location:			
Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Date (provide letter):		DUNS Number:	
Contact Name:		Title:	
Contact Email:		Phone:	

#### Sub-Applicant

Applicant:		Phone:	
Address:		Fax:	
City/Zip:		Email:	
Authorized Person/Title:			
Project Location:			
DUNS Number			
Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Date (provide letter):		DUNS Number:	
Contact Name:		Title:	
Contact Email:		Phone:	

***\*\*Please add additional lines for additional sub-applicants.***

### ARPA Grant Program Project Cost Breakdown

Project Name	ARPA Funds Request	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost

**Matching Funds Table**

Funding Source	Grant/Loan	Amount

**COVID-19 Related Funds Already Awarded**

Funding Source	Grant/Loan	Year	Amount

**DETAILS OF THE ARPA GRANT REQUEST**

Name of Grant Project/Request:	
Eligible APRA Funding Category:	
Dollar Amount of Grant Funds Requested from Aroostook County:	
Other Funds Invested in this Project and the Source of those funds:	
Period that the Funds will Cover and be Spent (from and to):	
Did you apply for ARPA funding in 2022 and/or 2023?	
Were you awarded an ARPA Grant in 2022 and/or 2023? If so, how much was the award and the percentage that has been expended?	

**Project Scope of Work and Funding Eligibility**

Explain your organization’s COVID-19 related issue and proposed description of how the issue will be resolved with ARPA Funding.

Cite specific language in the ARPA Program Statement supporting your request for funds, list the supporting expenditure category, and why you feel your request fits ARPA requirements and the Treasury's 2022 Final Rule and 2023 Interim Final Rule Guidelines.

Explain in detail the purpose of the funds, how they will be expended, who will benefit, what geographic area will be covered, what impact the funds are intended to have, the number of jobs created and/or retained, and how you will evaluate and measure success. Please review the Scoring Criteria in the Program Statement.

Do you have any other information to add that is pertinent to your proposed project and funding request?

Please attach the following supporting documents, if applicable and available:

- Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan
- Proof of financial stability – e.g., last audit
- Proof of project financial commitments and written cost estimates
- Annual Budget
- Acknowledgement/Copy of the Financial, Procurement, and Contractual Guidelines from Section 5 of the ARPA Program Statement
- 501(c)(3) Determination Letter for Non-Profit Organizations

I acknowledge that our municipality is a member of the ARPA Coalition and therefore understand our 2% contribution covers compliance.

I acknowledge our municipality is aware we are not a member of the ARPA Coalition and will be subject to an administrative fee equal to 10% of the amount of ARPA Funding from the County.

I acknowledge our non-profit organization is aware we located in a municipality that is not a member of the ARPA Coalition and will be subject to an administrative fee equal to 10% of the amount of ARPA Funding from the County.

Signature of Authorized Representative:	I certify that the information in this Grant Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:
	Signed:
	Date:

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