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“Financial Recovery Available for Ellis County Partner Organizations”

Ellis County, TX – Applications are now open for Ellis County organizations to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. These federal funds provide relief from the negative impacts of the pandemic to local organizations that address public health, behavioral or mental health, substance abuse, domestic abuse & family violence, and more. Eligible organizations also include that that offer charitable services to populations negatively impacted by the pandemic, as well as those that improve water or broadband infrastructure in Ellis County.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) directed the U.S. Treasury to disburse Coronavirus relief funding to states and local governments to help them mitigate the negative impact of the pandemic in their communities. This funding may only be spent for specific recovery purposes outlined in the Treasury’s Final Rule. Ellis County received \$35.9 million in June, and in accordance with the Final Rule, has developed four focus areas for these funds: 1) County Operations, 2) Infrastructure, 3) Community Recovery, and 4) Emergency Preparedness.

The county’s ARPA Policy allocates \$9.18 million to the Community Recovery focus area, which will be the primary funding category used to provide assistance to local organizations. Organizations may apply for ARPA funding by filling out an [application located on the home page of Ellis County’s website \(co.ellis.tx.us\)](https://www.co.ellis.tx.us) and submitting the application to the County Judge’s Office by December 31st, 2022. Any projects funded by ARPA must be under contract and started by December 31st, 2024 and complete by December 31st, 2026.

Ellis County commissioners will approve each application individually based on the merits and quality of services provided. Funding will be disbursed after the close of applications on December 31st, 2022. Completion of an application does not guarantee that requested funding will be received, in whole or in part. For assistance with the ARPA application process, please contact the County Judge’s Office at 972-825-5087 or countyjudge@co.ellis.tx.us.

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