

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BUDGET WORK SESSION
AGENDA**

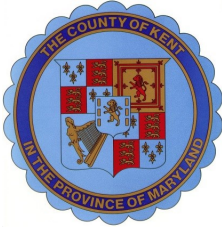
August 31, 2021

3:00 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator

Overview and Discussion



AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator 8/31/2021 Budget Work Session

Item Summary:

Overview and Discussion

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

8.31.21 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Presentation

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Kent County, Maryland

August 31, 2021



Kent County
MARYLAND



Kent County, MD \$3,766,777

Start date: March 3, 2021

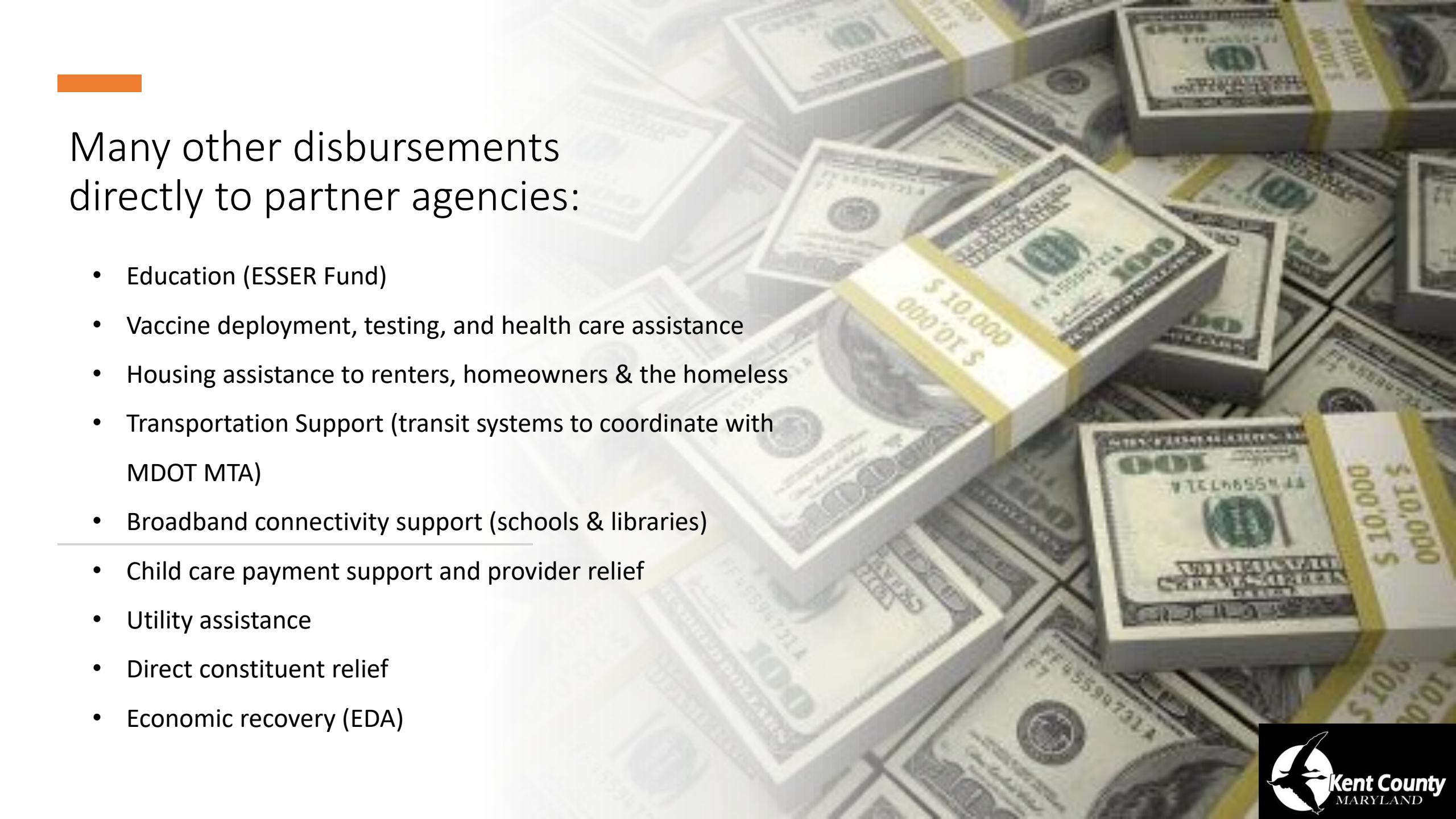
Funds must be *obligated* by
December 31, 2024

Funds must be *expended* by
December 31, 2026



Other Kent County Allocations

Betterton:	\$ 264,111
Chestertown:	\$ 4,221,611
Galena	\$ 486,433
Millington	\$ 504,821
Rock Hall	\$ 1,064,805
Total within Kent County:	<u>\$10,308,558</u>

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Many other disbursements directly to partner agencies:

- Education (ESSER Fund)
- Vaccine deployment, testing, and health care assistance
- Housing assistance to renters, homeowners & the homeless
- Transportation Support (transit systems to coordinate with MDOT MTA)
- Broadband connectivity support (schools & libraries)
- Child care payment support and provider relief
- Utility assistance
- Direct constituent relief
- Economic recovery (EDA)

Four categories of ARPA funding

1. Public health and economic impacts
2. Premium pay
3. Revenue Loss
4. Investments in infrastructure



A close-up photograph of a person wearing a white nitrile glove holding a blue-capped test tube. The test tube has a white label that reads "COVID-19" and "POSITIVE" with a red checkmark. The test tube is being held over a rack of many other similar blue-capped test tubes, some of which contain a red liquid. The background is a blurred blue surface.

#1 Public Health and Economic Impacts

Similar to CRF funding & uses

1. Identify a need or negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency
2. Identify how the program, service, or other intervention addresses the need or impact

#1A

Public Health

- Measures to counter the spread of COVID-19
- Care of those impacted by the virus
- Programs or services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic



#1B Economic Impacts

Assistance *must be* proportional to the negative impact due to COVID

- Employment
- Businesses
- Government Staffing
- Exacerbation of pre-existing disparities





#2 Premium Pay for Eligible Essential Workers

- For government or grants to third-party employers with eligible staff
- Can be retroactive to beginning of pandemic
- Limitations:
 - Hourly
 - Annually
 - Max salary





#3 To offset government revenue loss due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

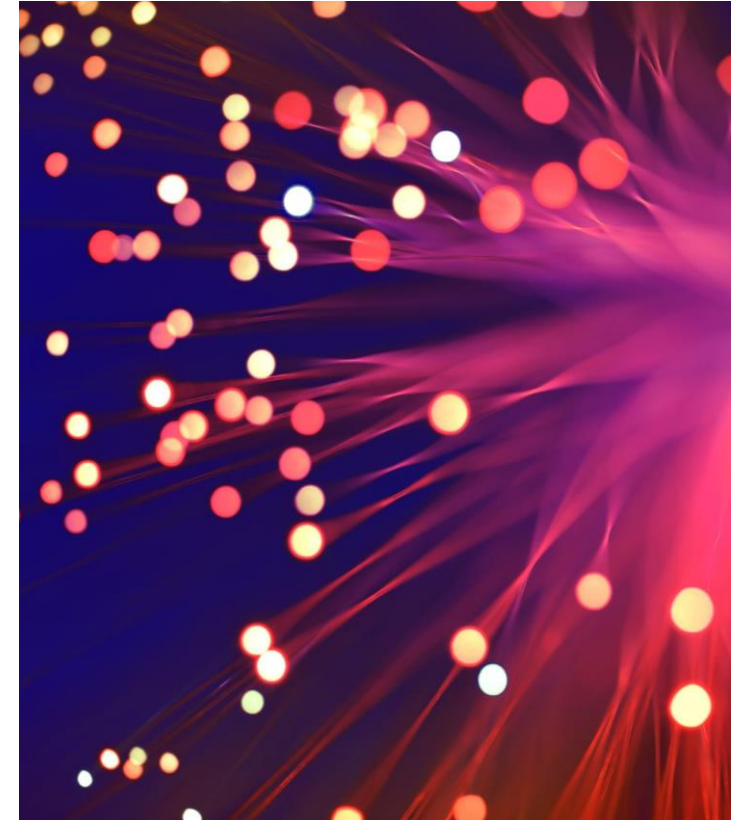


“General revenue” includes revenues collected by a recipient and generated from its underlying economy and would capture a range of different types of tax revenues, as well as other types of revenue that are available to support government services.

#4 Make investments in water, wastewater, or broadband infrastructure



“Necessary investments include projects that are required to maintain a level of service that, at least, meets applicable health-based standards, taking into account resilience to climate change, or establishes or improves broadband service to unserved or underserved populations to reach an adequate level to permit a household to work or attend school, and that are unlikely to be met with private sources of funds.”



#4A - Water & Wastewater

- Water Infrastructure:
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Wastewater Infrastructure:
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund



#4B - Broadband

Prioritize:

- Fiber optic, where available
- Projects that promote a minimum of a symmetrical 100 Mbps down and up
- Projects that achieve last mile connections
- Projects owned, operated by, or affiliated with governments, non-profits, or co-ops
- Affordability initiatives for homeowners
- Digital literacy programs





What ARPA funds **CANNOT** be used for

- Pension funds
- Reduction in net tax revenue
- Outstanding debt payments
- Settlement agreements
- Rainy Day funds/Fund Balance replenishment
- Non-federal grant matches



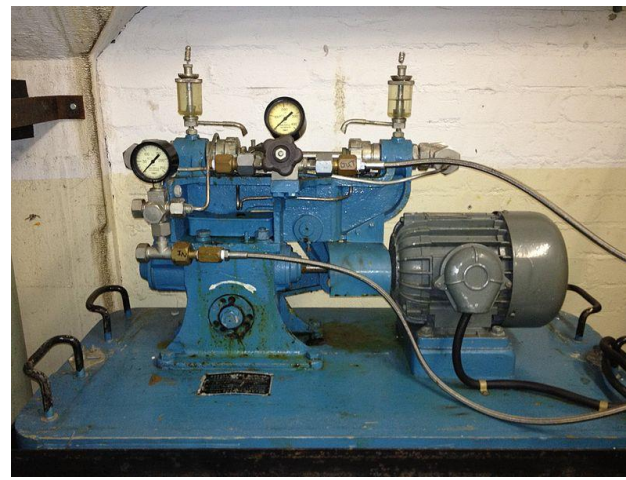
Requested Initiatives

- **Category:** Public health and economic impacts
 - Economic & Tourism Development:
 - Small business & Non-profit assistance (technical counseling, COVID-friendly physical modifications, or cash assistance), \$350,000
 - Aid to impacted businesses (travel & hospitality), \$150,000
 - Health Department: Vaccine & testing clinics, \$350,000*
 - IT: Cybersecurity, \$100,000
 - IT: Hearing room A/V upgrades, \$80,000
 - LMB: Feed the Elderly, \$112,800 (1 year)
 - GVFC: Sign, \$9,865
- **Category:** Premium pay
 - None proposed
- **Category:** Revenue loss
 - Not applicable
- **Category:** Water/Wastewater/Broadband infrastructure
 - Next slide for a complete list: \$4,645,000

8/23/2021

DRAFT WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS LIST

	Project Description	ARPA Budget	Non ARPA	Capital Plan
1	Fairlee Clariflocculator Project Completion and Demolition of Existing Unit	\$275,000		\$255,000
2	Facility Security Improvements Fencing and cameras	\$60,000		\$41,500
3	SCADA system additions	\$20,000		\$100,000
4	Well Redevelopment program		\$188,000	\$188,000
5	Equipment replacement program-2 Zero turn mowers		\$23,000	\$23,000
6	Infrastructure rehabilitation program-Fairlee sewer I&I study	\$215,000		\$215,000
7	Infiltration Inflow Repairs	??	??	??
8	Pump Station Upgrades 10 stations @ \$150,000/station	\$1,500,000		\$124,000
9	Water, sewer allocation fee study		\$30,000	\$30,000
10	Water, sewer construction standards		\$17,000	\$17,000
11	Edesville STEP System conversion	??	??	??
12	Tolchester WWTP Influent Screen Replacement	\$200,000		\$200,000
13	Water plant filter media replacement program	\$75,000		\$75,000
14	Worton WWTP Influent lagoon	\$1,450,000		
15	Millington Water System Leak Repairs	\$500,000		
16	Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study	\$50,000		\$50,000
17	Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement	??	??	??
18	Kennedyville Pump Station #3 Upgrade	<u>\$300,000</u>		
		\$4,645,000	\$258,000	
	Kennedyville System Improvements McCrone Study	\$3,319,600		
	Developer Cost Share	\$2,546,800		





Questions?
Next Steps?