

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING  
THE STARKE COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)  
APPROVED EXPENDITURE PLAN**

Ordinance No. 014 of 2022

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), the United States Treasury has made available certain funds to units of government, to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana, by and through its State Examiner, has promulgated certain directives regarding allowable expenditures from ARPA funds received by any qualifying unit of government; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the US Treasury's adoption of a final Treasury rule on or about January 6, 2022, the County of Starke may use funds received via the ARPA distribution for those uses promulgated thereunder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Starke County Commissioners and Starke County Council, that this Ordinance Adopting the Starke County American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Approved Expenditure Plan is hereby adopted as follows:

1. The Starke County Commissioners and Starke County Council, hereby adopt this Plan, subject to the understanding that all funds received through the ARPA distribution shall be used for the following purposes:
  - (a) To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;
  - (b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the recipient that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
  - (c) For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency; and
  - (d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
2. This Ordinance Adopting the Starke County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Approved Expenditure Plan shall become effective upon mutual passage by the Starke County Commissioners and Starke County Council, and shall be perpetual

in nature, unless amended or revoked by both the Starke County Commissioners and the Starke County Council.

3. The Starke County American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Approved Expenditure Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL, THIS 16 DAY OF MAY, 2022.

**THE STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL**


  
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David Pearman, President  
Approved by Majority Vote

6 Ayes / 1 Council Member Absent

**THE STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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~~Charles Chesak, President~~ **Mark Gourley**  
Approved by Majority Vote **Vice-President**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rachel Oesterreich, Auditor

*EXHIBIT A*

**STARKE COUNTY ARPA  
APPROVED EXPENDITURE PLAN**

**Introduction:** This Exhibit shall be designated as the Starke County American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Approved Expenditure Plan (the “**Plan**”) for the County of Starke, State of Indiana (the “**County**”).

**Term:** This Plan is perpetual in nature, unless amended or revoked by both the Starke County Commissioners and the Starke County Council.

**Plan Objectives:**

- (a) To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;
- (b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the recipient that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (c) For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency; and
- (d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

**Project  
Descriptions:**

**Project 1: Improvement of County Infrastructure and Engineering Costs**

**General Description**

The project is to design/engineer, plan, and construct infrastructure improvements to public buildings, lighting, sidewalks, roadways, public utilities, and/or any other public structure or real estate within designated County boundaries. Engineering costs associated with any and all improvements to any public building, sidewalk, roadways, public utilities, or any other public structure or real estate within the designated County boundaries is also included, as well as any related legal and accounting fees.

Estimated Total Cost

One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)

Source of Funding

Funding will be from the ARPA funds, as well as any other designated County fund, approved by the Starke County Council.

**Project 2: Document Preservation**

General Description

The project is to provide for the preservation, protection and maintenance of public and private documentation which is maintained by Starke County and its elected officials, including all costs incidental thereto (i.e. Engineering, Accounting, and Legal Fees).

Estimated Total Cost

One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

Source of Funding

Funding will be from the ARPA funds, as well as any other designated County fund, approved by the Starke County Council.

**Project 3: Community Projects**

General Description

The Project is to provide various levels of funding to local community groups and projects, which benefit the public. The County Council will set the parameters for the funding, and the manner in which the funding is awarded.

Estimated Total Cost

One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

Source of Funding

Funding will be from the ARPA funds, as well as any other designated County fund, approved by the Starke County Council.

**Project 4: Economic Development**

General Description

The project is to provide for economic development within Starke County, as determined appropriate by the Starke County Council, including all costs incidental thereto (i.e. Engineering, Accounting, and Legal Fees).

Estimated Total Cost

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)

Source of Funding

Funding will be from the ARPA funds, as well as any other designated County fund, approved by the Starke County Council.

**Project 5: Lost Revenue**

General Description

The project is to replace lost public sector revenue, for services traditionally provided by government, including, but not limited to, construction of public roads and other infrastructure, provision of public safety, health and educational services, including all costs incidental thereto (i.e. Engineering, Accounting, and Legal Fees).

Estimated Total Cost

Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)

Source of Funding

Funding will be from the ARPA funds, as well as any other designated County fund, approved by the Starke County Council.

**Restrictions on Use.**

Funds received under ARPA, shall not be used for any of the following purposes:

- (a) Deposits into pension funds.
- (b) Debt service or replenishing financial reserves.
- (c) Satisfaction of settlements and judgments
- (d) Any use that would otherwise be in violation of the Award Terms and Conditions under ARPA, or for any purpose that conflicts or contravenes the purpose of ARPA.