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Board of Supervisors Puts ARPA Funds to Use

At their October 5, 2021 meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors decided how to use the funds sent to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). After several meetings of discussion and consideration, the Board chose to fund the following projects.

- \$3M to finish the county's build out of fiber optic cable
- \$2M of water and sewer infrastructure
- \$240K to fund a Grant Writer/Administrator for three years
- \$47K to build trails around county lakes
- \$110K for a Public Safety/Sheriff emergency mobile command center
- \$40K to fund purchase a training console for Public Safety
- \$103k for a variety of improvements at Mill Creek Lake Park
- \$40K for a vehicle and computer equipment for a new Building Inspector position
- \$150K to continue the development of a dog park in Madison Heights
- \$50K to fund a grant program to assist non-profit youth sports organizations
- A \$500 bonus for all full-time and \$250 bonus for part-time employees

The Federal Government provided the ARPA funds along with detailed instructions and limitations on how the funds could be used. County staff provided the Board with their list of recommendations, and the Board selected which projects would be funded. For more information on the American Rescue Act Plan and how the funds can be used visit, <https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/naco-recovery-fund-faqs>.

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