

**Hamilton County**  
**ARPA Recovery Plan Performance Report**  
**(as of June 30, 2024)**  
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## **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

### **Executive Summary**

Hamilton County has been awarded an allocation of **\$71,441,616** in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act signed into law on March 11, 2021. The County received \$35,720,808 of the funds in May 2021 and \$35,720,808 in May 2022. The County Legislative Body approved resolutions allocating the entirety of Hamilton County ARPA funds by August 2022. As of June 30, 2023, we (Hamilton County) have processed expenditures of the ARPA funds of \$15,769,969. Expenditures and allocations reflect our continued focus to address critical needs relating to various public health issues that have become even more evident during the course of the pandemic; funding critical infrastructure needs related to sewer, water and broadband; funding certain other critical capital needs; and addressing needs in communities in the County that were most impacted by the pandemic in accordance with the ARPA revenue loss guidelines.

### **Uses of Funds**

#### **Public Health**

First responders of our Emergency Management division and EMS ambulance service were especially stressed throughout the pandemic. During this time, we assessed our equipment needs including ambulances and the equipment used on them. At the time of the pandemic, our existing ambulances did not have power lift stretcher systems or updated cardiac monitors/defibrillators. This was deemed essential equipment needed by our EMS department to address the ongoing pandemic and properly respond to all emergency situations. ARPA funds allocated included the purchase of replacement ambulances; expenditures to equip our existing ambulances with much needed emergency medical response equipment and improvements; and additional training equipment. In addition, Hamilton County purchased a building to be used as an Emergency Medical Services Administration and Training Center. This facility will not only help Hamilton County first responders, but will also be used for volunteer service organization training.

#### **Water, Sewer and Broadband**

Water and sewer infrastructure is a critical need in most communities, as sewer and septic systems have aged. As of June 30, 2024, the County Legislative Body has voted to allocate \$39,231,496 of the ARPA funds to provide for needed improvements to our water and sewer infrastructure system which is managed and operated by the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA). Approximately \$3 million of the approved funds will be used as matching funds for a non-competitive grant allocated to the County by the State of Tennessee through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Approximately \$1 million of the approved funds will be used as matching funds for non-competitive grants allocated by TDEC to other municipalities within the County in order to use their TDEC allocations for water and sewer projects within the boundaries of the related municipality. The State of Tennessee views water and sewer infrastructure to be a critical need across our state. The primary

focus of these allocated ARPA funds will be to improve and repair existing wastewater treatment plants, control non-point sources of pollution, improve resilience of infrastructure to severe weather events, create green infrastructure, and protect waterbodies from pollution.

Broadband is also a critical need in a few pockets of our community. High-speed internet access has evolved to the point that it is essential to educational success for all ages, access to a complete set of resources for job seeking opportunities, and remote workforce opportunities. While most of our County currently has access to high-speed internet, there are certain underserved populations in our County that do not. The ARPA funding provides a much-needed opportunity to expand access of high-speed internet to help bring a level of equity to certain underserved and economically disadvantaged communities in the County. The County Legislative Body voted to allocate \$655,617 to be used as matching funds of approximately \$6 million from the State of Tennessee through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD). These grant requests were made by Volunteer Energy Cooperative and Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative as the eligible providers for the related areas. In July 2022, we found that TNECD did not award funds to the Hamilton County areas in the first group of grants. Volunteer Energy Cooperative plans to proceed with its project without the TNECD grant so our County Legislative Body approved to keep our funds committed to the project. Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative plans to proceed with their project as well and has received an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant to supplement project costs so our County Legislative Body approved to keep our funds committed to the project. We are continuing to monitor progress of both projects to ensure that they will meet the applicable deadlines required by the American Rescue Plan Act.

### **Revenue Replacement**

We have elected to calculate our actual revenue loss using the formula articulated in the final rule based on our fiscal year end using audited financial results. Revenue Replacement calculations are \$25,319,000 for fiscal year 2020, \$37,931,000 for fiscal year 2021, and \$8,191,616 for fiscal year 2022.

The County's intention is to spend a portion of the ARPA funds assigned toward revenue replacement for one time capital projects and for other essential general government services.

### **Promoting Equitable Outcomes**

The County has developed plans to spend, allocate and determine the optimal and best use of the ARPA funds. These plans were finalized and the remaining unspent ARPA funds were allocated by the County Legislative Body during July and August 2022. These plans include various projects that focus on promoting better equitable outcomes within our community. These projects are considered general government services and will be categorized as revenue replacement on the County's Project and Expenditure reports.

As stated above, we were anticipating using certain of the ARPA monies to match grants from the State of Tennessee to expand high-speed internet access in several of the underserved and economically disadvantaged communities within the County. The ultimate goal of this investment was the elimination of one more barrier in some poorer sections of the County to encourage economic growth and sustained economic development. As stated previously, in July 2022, we found that TNECD did not award funds to the Hamilton County areas in the first group of grants. Volunteer Energy Cooperative plans to proceed with its project without the TNECD grant so our County Legislative Body approved to keep our funds

committed to the project. Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative plans to proceed with their project as well and has received an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant to supplement project costs so our County Legislative Body approved to keep our funds committed to the project. We are continuing to monitor progress of both projects to ensure that they will meet the applicable deadlines required by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Similarly, certain investments that we will be making in our wastewater treatment system will focus significantly on improving the safety and quality of life in several of the underserved and economically disadvantaged areas in the County. These investments in HUD Qualified Census Tract zones will include areas of Soddy Daisy, East Ridge and Red Bank.

Hamilton County has made significant allocations of ARPA funds that are classified as Replacement Revenue Expenditure Category 6.1. These allocations include government services which will promote equitable outcomes to disadvantaged and underserved members of Hamilton County, including public school capital and educational programming projects; public park upgrades and improvements; workforce training and development efforts; programs to reach disadvantaged and at-risk youth; and programs to reach individuals suffering from addiction and homelessness.

### **Community Engagement**

Community engagement was an ongoing process during the allocation phase of ARPA funding. County leadership requested input from all County departments for areas of concern and projects that were eligible for funding under the ARPA guidelines. The County Mayor and the County commissioners addressed the plans for spending the ARPA monies with constituents in order to gauge the opinion of the public for the optimal use of the ARPA funds. In addition, several organizations have made presentations at the public meetings held by the County Legislative Body.

All allocations of the ARPA monies have been discussed in a public forum by the Mayor, with a public vote by the County Legislative Body authorizing each allocation of the ARPA funds.

### **Labor Practices**

As discussed above, the County has developed plans to allocate funds to projects for water, sewer and broadband in Expenditure Category EC5.

Both the wastewater and broadband projects meet the requirements of the ARPA guidelines. This criteria requires projects to use strong labor standards, including project labor agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions. In addition, the bidding process and construction of the projects must include good faith efforts to promote participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, to adhere to “Buy American Iron and Steel” provisions, and to require Davis Bacon Act wages with documentation and review.

### **Use of Evidence**

The ARPA Federal guidelines identify several types of uses of the ARPA funds that require evidence-based assessments. Based on our revenue replacement calculations for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022, all of our allocation will qualify for revenue replacement. Our plans do not include the type of expenditures listed in the Federal guidelines that are eligible for evidence-based interventions.

## Performance Report

Similar to the explanation in the “Use of Evidence” section, our plans do not include the type of expenditures listed in the Federal guidelines for which these measures apply. Based on our revenue replacement calculations for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022, all of our ARPA allocation qualifies for revenue replacement. The County’s goal throughout the APRA allocation process is to continue to make a significant positive impact on all residents with the substantial amount of funding provided by American Rescue Plan Act.

### **PROJECT INVENTORY**

The following projects were completed, in progress or approved for allocations by the County Legislative Body as of June 30, 2023.

#### **Project BB1: Broadband Expansion Georgetown/Hopewell**

Funding Amount: \$615,617

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Infrastructure: Broadband: ‘Last Mile’ Projects

Project Overview: This allocation was first made for matching funds for a grant request by Volunteer Energy Cooperative to the State of Tennessee to expand broadband service into the Georgetown and Hopewell areas of Hamilton County. In July 2022, we found that TNECD did not award funds to the Hamilton County areas in the first group of grants. Volunteer Energy Cooperative still plans to proceed with this project without the TNECD grant so our County Legislative Body agreed to keep our funds committed to the project.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

#### **Project BB2: Broadband Expansion Sale Creek**

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.19-Infrastructure: Broadband: ‘Last Mile’ Projects

Project Overview: This allocation was first made for matching funds for a grant request by Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative to the State of Tennessee to expand broadband service into the Sale Creek area of Hamilton County. In July 2022, we found that TNECD did not award funds to the Hamilton County areas in the first group of grants. Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative may proceed with this project as well but it is seeking some other grant possibilities first so we have maintained our allocation.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

#### **Project WWT A1: TDEC Wastewater Grant Matching Funds**

Funding Amount: \$3,181,046

Project Expenditure Category: 5.2-Infrastructure: Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

Project Overview: The State of Tennessee through TDEC has allocated noncompetitive grants to counties and municipalities for water and wastewater projects. These grants require matching funds and TDEC approval of projects based on the most critical needs. Recipients are encouraged to use ARPA funds for this match. The Hamilton County Legislative Body approved by resolution to allocate the TDEC

noncompetitive grant allocation for Hamilton County to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Authority (WWTA) for wastewater rehabilitation projects and to use ARPA funds for the match of \$3,181,046 funds for our County. Funding to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority is for a multi-phased project that will rehabilitate portions of the Signal Mountain gravity collection system via open-cut and trenchless technology. Portions of the system will be converted to low pressure grinder systems where practical. Treatment plant upgrades will be performed to add additional plant reliability and capacity.

This allocation is for matching funds for a non-competitive grant allocated to Hamilton County by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). The County has requested that this allocation be used for sewer infrastructure projects managed by the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Authority and will provide the required matching funds. TDEC has approved the grant and will have the final approval of which WWTA projects are selected based on critical needs of the system.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTA2: Soddy Daisy 2,3,4 Wastewater Rehabilitation**

Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.2-Infrastructure: Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance

Project Overview: This allocation is to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority for phase 1 of a project in the Soddy Daisy area of the County to reduce inflow and infiltration of storm water to reduce overflows in an area under moratorium and reduce wastewater treatment costs.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTA3: Soddy Daisy Equalization Facility**

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: This allocation is to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority for construction of an up to 2 million gallon wet-weather wastewater storage tank in Soddy Industrial Park to regulate flows during heavy rain events in an area under moratorium.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTA4: Hurricane Creek/Rhinehart Valley Pump Station Upgrades and Basin Rehabilitation**

Funding Amount: \$3,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: This allocation is to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority for pump station upgrades and existing system rehabilitation. This project includes trenchless pipeline repairs, open-cut replacement, and manhole rehabilitation to increase reliability and reduce inflow and infiltration issues.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTAA5: Middle Valley Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation**

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: This allocation is to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority for a project to make trenchless pipeline repairs, open-cut replacement, and manhole rehabilitation to increase reliability and reduce inflow and infiltration issues.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTAA 6: Ooltewah Capacity Improvement Project**

Funding Amount: \$9,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: This allocation is to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority for a project that will improve capacity issues with the construction of a gravity line upsize in the Ooltewah area of Hamilton County.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTAA 7: Required Match for Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservancy (TDEC) Non-Competitive Grants Soddy Daisy Allocation**

Funding Amount: \$344,824

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: The State of Tennessee through TDEC has allocated noncompetitive grants to counties and municipalities for water and wastewater projects. These grants require matching funds and TDEC approval of projects based on the most critical needs. Recipients are encouraged to use ARPA funds for this match. The Hamilton County Legislative Body approved by resolution to provide the matching funds for certain Hamilton County municipalities who were agreeable to allocate the TDEC Grant to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority. Soddy Daisy approved this and the total match being provided by Hamilton County is \$1,050,450 which will be used for issues in the respective municipalities.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWTAA8: Red Bank Basins 5, 6, 7 II Reduction**

Funding Amount: \$9,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: This allocation is to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority for a project to make trenchless pipeline repairs, open-cut replacement, and manhole rehabilitation to increase reliability and reduce inflow and infiltration issues.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWT A 9: Required Match for Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservancy (TDEC) Non-Competitive Grants East Ridge Allocation**

Funding Amount: \$506,624

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: The State of Tennessee through TDEC has allocated noncompetitive grants to counties and municipalities for water and wastewater projects. These grants require matching funds and TDEC approval of projects based on the most critical needs. Recipients are encouraged to use ARPA funds for this match. The Hamilton County Legislative Body approved by resolution to provide the matching funds for certain Hamilton County municipalities who were agreeable to allocate the TDEC Grant to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority. East Ridge approved this and the total match being provided by Hamilton County is \$506,625 which will be used for issues in the respective municipalities.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project WWT A 10: Required Match for Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservancy (TDEC) Non-Competitive Grants Lookout Mtn Allocation**

Funding Amount: \$199,001

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Overview: The State of Tennessee through TDEC has allocated noncompetitive grants to counties and municipalities for water and wastewater projects. These grants require matching funds and TDEC approval of projects based on the most critical needs. Recipients are encouraged to use ARPA funds for this match. The Hamilton County Legislative Body approved by resolution to provide the matching funds for certain Hamilton County municipalities who were agreeable to allocate the TDEC Grant to Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority. Lookout Mountain approved this and the total match being provided by Hamilton County is \$199,001 which will be used for issues in the respective municipalities.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**This group of projects represents allocations for General Government one time capital expenditures. We have used the Revenue Replacement Expenditure Category and have provided explanations of how these allocations are appropriately classified as Government Services.**

**Project 1: Emergency Management Services Ambulance Equipment Upgrade**

Funding Amount: \$3,325,173

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is to upgrade and equip all ambulances to include power lift stretcher systems and LIFEPAK cardiac monitor/defibrillators with related lifesaving equipment.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category



**Project 2: Portable Morgue**

Funding Amount: \$39,038

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase an 8' x 40' x 9'6" insulated cargo container with refrigeration unit to be used by the Medical Examiner's office for a portable morgue.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G1: Motorola Paging System**

Funding Amount: \$665,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is for the purchase and installation of a paging system and associated equipment used by the Hamilton County Emergency Management Department.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G2: Portable Chemical Testing Lab**

Funding Amount: \$179,190

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase a portable chemical testing lab to be used by first responders. This will be a critical resource to Hamilton County Emergency Management with the fentanyl crisis.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G3: Air Trailer**

Funding Amount: \$152,998

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase an air trailer for fire training and field use. This is used by Hamilton County Emergency Management and first responders county wide.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G4: Driving Simulator and Training Mannequins**

Funding Amount: \$140,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase a driving simulator and software for operation of an ambulance and mannequins for EMS training. Hamilton County is responsible for providing ambulance service. It has been challenging to staff EMS positions so the ability to provide training and maintain a cadet program is instrumental to meet this goal.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G5: Register’s Office Digital Records Project**

Funding Amount: \$602,607

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This is to purchase a document management and scanning project to digitize 1,400 bound deed books dated from 1796 – 1960 maintained by the Register of Deeds Office. This will allow online access to these records and preserve the information maintained in these books. Challenges during the pandemic highlighted the necessity of digital records.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G6: Emergency Training Centerfire Tower**

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This is a joint project with the City of Chattanooga to construct a centerfire training tower. The current tower needs to be replaced. This will be used by Hamilton County, City of Chattanooga, other municipalities in Hamilton County, and volunteer fire departments in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G7: Replacement Ambulances**

Funding Amount: \$1,792,572

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This is to purchase 6 replacement ambulances. Hamilton County EMS Administration plans regular scheduled replacement of ambulances. ARPA funds will support this initiative and maintain our ambulance fleet.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G8: Hamilton County Jail and Detention Center**

Funding Amount: \$945,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is for building improvements at the Hamilton County Jail and Detention Center. Hamilton County General Government has historically funded major renovations and additions at the jail through bond issues and general fund revenues. This allocation will support those efforts.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G9: Parks & Recreation Roof Replacements**

Funding Amount: \$1,525,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: The Parks and Recreation Department has several structures needing roof replacements. This allocation includes several structures at McDonald Farm Park and Chester Frost Park.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G10: Middle Valley Ball Field Improvements**

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This project is for improvements needed to correct grading and drainage issues at Middle Valley Ball Fields which is owned and maintained by Hamilton County Government.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G11: Community Parks Tennis Courts**

Funding Amount: \$758,157

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund the replacement and resurfacing of tennis courts located at community parks owned and maintained by Hamilton County Government.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G12: EMS First Aid and Hospital Equipment**

Funding Amount: \$99,512

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to provide additional EMS supplies and equipment needed to provide emergency medical assistance to citizens and visitors in Hamilton County.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G13: Public Works Heavy Equipment**

Funding Amount: \$430,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase a tandem tri-axle truck and a tandem dump truck to be used by the Hamilton County Highway Department to assist with road maintenance and construction.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G14: EMS Administration and Training Facility**

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase a building to be used as an EMS Administration and Training Facility. This will replace the current training facility and provide offices for EMS Administration to be at the same location.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G15: Parks and Recreation Improvement Projects**

Funding Amount: \$542,577

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This is allocation is to fund additional improvements to Hamilton County Parks. Examples of projects under consideration are parking area improvements, path repairs, and restroom additions.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project G16: Parks and Recreation McDonald Farm Park Electricity Upgrades**

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This is allocation is to fund additional improvements to Hamilton County Parks. Examples of projects under consideration are parking area improvements, path repairs, and restroom additions.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Projects VS1, VS2, VS3, VS4, VS5, VS6, VS7, VS8, VS9, VS10, VS11: Funding for Capital and Equipment Needs for Hamilton County Volunteer Rescue Service Organizations**

Funding Amount: \$1,877,634

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: Hamilton County Government provides annual funding to the following volunteer rescue service organizations. This additional funding is to be used for one time capital purchases.

- Chattanooga-Hamilton County Rescue - \$50,000
- Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department - \$310,000
- Waldens Ridge Volunteer Fire Department - \$125,000
- Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department – \$285,537
- Flatop Volunteer Fire Department - \$80,000
- Hamilton County Hazardous Material Team - \$50,000
- Hamilton County STARS - \$231,959

- Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department - \$274,000
- Mowbray Volunteer Fire Department - \$194,998
- Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department - \$196,140
- Sequoyah Volunteer Fire Department - \$80,000

Each of these organizations have many capital and equipment needs. The allocations listed will provide assistance so these organizations are able to make these purchases which include fire fighter gear, rescue vehicles and facilities equipment.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**This group of projects represents allocations for Hamilton County Schools of one time capital expenditures. We have used the Revenue Replacement Expenditure Category and have provided an explanation of how these allocations are appropriately classified as Government Services.**

**Projects HCS1, HCS2, HCS3, HCS4, HCS5, HCS6, HCS7, HCS8, HCS9, HCS10, HCS11, HCS12, HCS13, HCS14, HCS15, HCS16, HCS17, HCS18, HCS19, HCS20, HCS21: Hamilton County Schools Projects**

Funding Amount: \$6,794,016

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: Hamilton County Government has historically provided the majority of the funding for Hamilton County School facilities. There are many needs at these facilities across the County. The County Legislative Body voted to allocate ARPA funds to specific projects in July 2022 and August of 2022. In addition, a resolution was passed in November 2023 to reallocate funds from other ARPA projects to make improvements at athletic fields at Hamilton County Schools including turf football/soccer fields and softball field upgrades. Hamilton County Schools are managing these projects with Hamilton County providing reimbursement with ARPA funds. Projects are listed below.

- HCS1 East Ridge High School Track - \$750,000
- HCS2 Daisy Elementary Auditorium Curtains - \$28,041
- HCS3 Central High School Outdoor Lighting for Track - \$220,000
- HCS4 Central High School Bleachers for Track - \$60,000
- HCS5 Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts Stage and Rigging - \$250,000
- HCS6 Alpine Crest Elementary School Fire Code Upgrades - \$75,000
- HCS7 Red Bank Elementary School ADA Playground Improvements - \$25,000
- HCS8 Red Bank High School AC Unit - \$300,000
- HCS9 Rivermont Elementary School Multi-Purpose Play Gym - \$1,500,000
- HCS10 East Hamilton High School Running Track and Field Event Site - \$990,975
- HCS11 East Hamilton High School Amphitheater - \$300,000
- HCS12 Apison Elementary School Painting Upgrades - \$75,000
- HCS13 Loftis Middle School Outdoor Learning Space - \$50,000
- HCS14 Dupont Elementary School Playground Renovation - \$45,000
- HCS15 McConnell Elementary School Capital Projects - \$28,000
- HCS16 Hixson High School Sound System for Gym and Football Field - \$35,000
- HCS17 Big Ridge Elementary School Playground - \$50,000

- HCS18 Hixson Elementary School Sign - \$42,000
- HCS19 Hixson Middle School Library Learning Center - \$35,000
- HCS20 Middle Valley Elementary School STEM Center Expansion - \$35,000
- HCS21 Shackleford Ridge Park Tennis Courts - \$850,000
- HCS22 Athletic Fields Project - \$1,050,000

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**This group represents joint projects that include the City of Chattanooga and promote tourism, community development and/or educational opportunities which represent an extension of County Government’s goal of improving where we live, work and play. We have used the Revenue Replacement Expenditure Category and have provided explanations of how these allocations are appropriately classified as Government Services.**

**Project OP1: Tivoli Foundation Renovation**

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is for joint funding with the City of Chattanooga to support the renovation of the Tivoli Theatre and Tivoli Center. Hamilton County has participated in the funding of other projects of this nature that are connected with locations important to the area’s history and tourism industry. This funding for the Tivoli Center will provide educational programs and opportunities to Hamilton County Schools students and young people with limited access to arts related programs.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project OP2: Chattanooga/Hamilton County Convention and Trade Center High Speed Internet**

Funding Amount: \$151,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is a joint funding project with the City of Chattanooga and EPB in order to support upgrades to the internet access for visitors at the Convention Center. Many conventions, shows and meetings are held at this location which promotes tourism in the area.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**This group of projects represents services provided to the Hamilton County Community which represent an extension of County Government’s goal to reach those with various challenges which include negative impacts from the pandemic. We have used the Revenue Replacement Expenditure Category and have provided explanations of how these allocations are appropriately classified as Government Services.**

**Project 3: The Light House Collective Initiative**

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This project is to fund programs to provide mentoring and life-skills training to at risk youth and young adults within the City of Chattanooga and its surrounding area. This program is an important resource to meet our goals to reduce violence in our community, reduce the prison population, and support our future workforce.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS1: Alton Park Development Corporation**

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: Allocation is funding for capital projects needed to renovate the community resource center in order to provide community support and assistance to residents in need. Many of the residents served by the Alton Park Development Corporation are considered to be underserved and many were adversely impacted by the pandemic.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS2: Hamilton County Schools Foundation CALEB**

Funding Amount: \$70,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: Allocation is for funding to support programs through CALEB (Chattanooga in Action for Love, Equity and Benevolence) in Hamilton County Schools. The purpose of these programs is to provide alternative discipline through restorative practices in the schools. Discipline is an important issue facing Hamilton County Schools so hopefully this will be a viable alternative way to address these issues. This funding will be managed by the Hamilton County Schools Foundation.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS3: King School/Chattanooga Christian School**

Funding Amount: \$154,577

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is for funding for operational and capital needs of programming to provide additional elementary educational opportunities to inner-city communities of Hamilton County.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS4: Chattanooga Housing Authority Westside Revitalization Plan**

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is a joint funding project with the City of Chattanooga to support Phase 1 of the Westside Revitalization Plan to provide low income housing and related facilities. The focus of Phase 1 is to renovate a building into a recreation center for the community.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS5: Friends House Ministries**

Funding Amount: \$561,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is for funding to support the programs of Friends House Ministries in order to assist Hamilton County residents struggling with addiction, homelessness and poverty. Many of these individuals end up in our jail with a high rate of recidivism. This program enhances the efforts of the Hamilton County Sheriff Division to reduce the jail population and repeat offenders because of addiction, mental health issues, and homelessness.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS6: Girls Inc. Bookworm Club and LIT Programs**

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is for funding to support programs aimed at improvement of early childhood literacy rates in elementary grades 2 – 3. This is a challenge for Hamilton County Schools, and this program works with the public school system to meet literacy goals.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS7: Sankofa Fund for Civic Engagement**

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is funding for programs aimed at addressing the needs of minority communities in Hamilton County. Many in these communities were negatively impacted by the pandemic which worsened some of the existing issues.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS8: Soddy Daisy Food Bank**

Funding Amount: \$34,300

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement



Project Overview: This allocation is funding for Soddy Daisy Food Bank which provides food for any Hamilton County resident in need. During and following the pandemic, the need for food assistance has increased.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS9: Soddy Daisy Vietnam Veterans Foundation**

Funding Amount: \$15,150

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is funding for the Soddy Daisy Vietnam Veterans Foundation. Hamilton County has a Veterans Services Office. This foundation is considered an additional outreach of our office to provide needed services for Hamilton County veterans.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS10: United Way 211 Service**

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is funding for the 211 Service operated by United Way. This service is a resource for area residents for many types of assistance. The 211 operators and staff connect those in need with resources and organizations who can assist. This service has been extremely helpful during emergencies such as the pandemic and the tornadoes of 2020.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS11: Urban League of Chattanooga**

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is funding for operational and capital needs to expand programming assisting African-Americans and other disadvantaged residents in order to secure economic self-reliance, power and civil rights. The Urban League receives funds from the County's annual budget. This allocation will further assist this organization's outreach to the community.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

**Project SS12: Chambliss Center for Children**

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6-Revenue Replacement

Project Overview: This allocation is funding to assist with the establishment of an onsite daycare at East Hamilton High/Middle School as a benefit for faculty and staff of the school. This allocation will promote teacher and staff retention within Hamilton County Schools.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

