

Hamilton County
ARPA Recovery Plan Performance Report
(as of June 30, 2025)
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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Hamilton County was awarded an allocation of **\$71,441,615** in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act signed into law on March 11, 2021. The County received \$35,720,807.50 of the funds in May 2021 and \$35,720,807.50 in May 2022. The County Legislative Body has approved resolutions allocating the entirety of Hamilton County ARPA funds. As of December 31, 2024, Hamilton County had either completed projects with allocated funds completely spent or obligated funds in accordance with the SLRF Final Rule Guidelines. As of June 30, 2025, we (Hamilton County) have processed expenditures of the ARPA funds of \$57,888,807. Allocations, expenditures and obligations reflect our focus to address critical needs relating to various public health issues that became 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 for general government and schools; 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. The County Legislative Body has voted to allocate \$38,777,061 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 \$2.7 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 broadband grant funds to any area in Hamilton County. Volunteer Energy Cooperative plans to proceed with a project that is a smaller scale without the TNECD grant so our County Legislative Body approved to keep our funds obligated 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 obligated to the project. Both projects are underway, and we are continuing to monitor progress of each one 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 and programs.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County has developed plans to spend, allocate and determine the optimal and best use of the ARPA funds. These plans evolved over time and were continuously monitored until they were completely allocated by resolutions voted on by the County Legislative Body. 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 underserved 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 area. Volunteer Energy Cooperative decided to proceed with a portion of the project without the TNECD grant so our County Legislative Body approved to keep our funds committed. Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative decided 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. Both projects were underway and obligated by December 2024. 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 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 these ARPA guidelines which encourage the use of strong labor standards, including project labor agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions. None of our project allocations exceed the \$10 million which requires additional compliance measures and reporting.

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 allocations 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 approved allocations by the County Legislative Body as of December 31, 2025. The projects were either completed and fully expended or obligated at that time.

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 broadband grants to the Hamilton County area. Volunteer Energy Cooperative decided they could proceed with a smaller portion of this project without the TNECD grant if our County Legislative Body agreed to keep our funds committed to the project. The County Legislative Body approved this in December 2022.

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 broadband grants to the Hamilton County area. Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative was subsequently awarded an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant. Our County Legislative Body approved to allow our ARPA funds to remain committed to support the project in September 2023.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project WWTa1: TDEC Wastewater Grant Matching Funds

Funding Amount: \$2,726,611

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 Treatment Authority (WWTA) for wastewater rehabilitation projects and to use Hamilton County ARPA funds for the match of \$2,726,611. Funding to WWTA 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 has given 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: \$1,360,500

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: \$4,205,975

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 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: \$7,241,918

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 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 WWT A5: Middle Valley Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation

Funding Amount: \$2,200,817

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 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 6: Ooltewah Capacity Improvement Project

Funding Amount: \$9,000,000

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

Funding Amount: \$344,824

Project Expenditure Category: 5.2-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 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 agreement for wastewater improvements within their area.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project WWT A8: Red Bank Basins 5, 6, 7 II Reduction

Funding Amount: \$7,128,890

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 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: \$506,625

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 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 agreement for wastewater improvements within their area.

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: 5.2-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 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 agreement for wastewater improvements within their area.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project WWT11: Red Bank Basins Rehabilitation Phase 2

Funding Amount: \$1,535,290

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 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 WWT12: Soddy Daisy Rehabilitation Phase 2

Funding Amount: \$2,326,610

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 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

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: \$177,839

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

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: \$115,381

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is to purchase a driving simulator with software for operation of an ambulance and mannequins for EMS training. Hamilton County is required by state law to provide ambulance service. It has been challenging to staff EMS positions so the ability to provide training and maintain a cadet program is instrumental to meeting 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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This is to fund a document management system 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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation 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. This amount represents Hamilton County's appropriation amount.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G7: Replacement Ambulances

Funding Amount: \$1,792,572

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

Project Overview: This allocation 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: \$928,612

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

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: \$1,364,931

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

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: \$24,800

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

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: \$290,389

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

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund projects at Hamilton County Parks including various paving and parking lot improvement projects.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G16: Parks and Recreation McDonald Farm Park Electricity Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$503,530

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

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund electricity upgrades at McDonald Farm Park. Various events are held here including the Hamilton County Fair.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G17: Apison Park Paving

Funding Amount: \$42,900

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

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund paving work needed at Apison Park in Hamilton County.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G18: Emergency Management Projects

Funding Amount: \$60,436

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

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund various needs for the Emergency Management Department to support the daily equipment and materials necessary to the mission to keep the community safe.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G19: Parks and Recreation Projects

Funding Amount: \$150,702

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

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund additional projects to repair, improve and manage Hamilton County Parks. After other projects were completed, it was determined that remaining funds were available to be used in the many needs of our ongoing efforts to maintain our parks for our residents and visitors.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G20: Birchwood Community Center

Funding Amount: \$35,403

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services Project Overview: This allocation is to fund improvements needed at the Birchwood Community Center.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project G21: Chester Frost Park – Smokemont Bathhouse Roof

Funding Amount: \$92,805

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

Project Overview: This allocation is to fund a roof replacement of the Smokemont bathhouse at Chester Frost Park.

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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
- Flattop 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: \$7,286,028

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

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 to help address these needs. 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 - \$1,100,000
- HCS2 Daisy Elementary Auditorium Curtains - \$16,805
- HCS3 Central High School Outdoor Lighting for Track - \$219,866
- HCS4 Central High School Additional Athletic Field Lighting - \$112,684

- HCS5 Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts Stage and Rigging - \$249,925
- HCS6 Alpine Crest Elementary School Fire Code Upgrades - Project cancelled - completed with HCS operating funds instead of using ARPA funds.
- HCS7 Red Bank Elementary School ADA Playground Improvements - \$22,490
- HCS8 Red Bank High School AC Unit - \$300,000
- HCS9 Red Bank High School Athletic and Physical Education Facilities Improvements - \$1,418,920
- 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 – Project cancelled - completed with HCS operating funds instead of using ARPA funds.
- HCS13 Loftis Middle School Outdoor Learning Space - \$50,000
- HCS14 Dupont Elementary School Playground Renovation - \$43,993
- HCS15 McConnell Elementary School Capital Projects - \$27,704
- HCS16 Hixson High School Sound System for Gym and Football Field - \$35,000
- HCS17 Big Ridge Elementary School Playground - \$39,416
- HCS18 Hixson Elementary School Sign - \$37,027
- HCS19 Hixson Middle School Library Learning Center - \$34,108
- HCS20 Middle Valley Elementary School STEM Center Expansion - \$18,324
- HCS21 Shackleford Ridge Park Tennis Courts - \$1,200,000
- HCS22 Athletic Fields Project - \$758,406
- HCS23 Hamilton County Schools Nurse Practitioner Program – \$18,791
- HCS24 Brainerd High School Athletic Field Lighting - \$291,594

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is an appropriation for a 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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is an appropriation for 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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This 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: \$33,858

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

Project Overview: This 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: \$120,661

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

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is an appropriation for 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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: \$194,681

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

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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: 6.1-Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

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. Hamilton County has partnered with the Urban League of Chattanooga in the past in with appropriations from our 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: \$6,840

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

Project Overview: This allocation is funding to assist with the establishment of an onsite daycare at East Hamilton Middle/High 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

Project SS13: On Point

Funding Amount: \$100,000

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

Project Overview: This allocation is funding to support the expenditures to staff Community School Coordinators at Dalewood Middle School and Tyner Middle/High School. This purpose of these positions is to cultivate the strengths in students in Hamilton County Schools and guide them on their path to thrive.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category

Project SS14: Bakewell Community Center

Funding Amount: \$25,000

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

Project Overview: This allocation is funding for improvements at Bakewell Community Center: repaving walking track, concrete retaining wall, cafeteria roof and playground improvements.

Use of Evidence: Not applicable to this Expenditure Category