



American Rescue Plan
Local Government Funds
Floyd County Grant Program
August 2021

Purpose: In the spring of 2021 federal leadership approved the American Rescue Plan to address the continuing challenges related to COVID-19. One element of the Plan provides \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. Floyd County Government will receive approximately \$3.1 million of this funding.

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors created this grant program to allow our governmental entities, area authorities, local businesses, and nonprofits the ability to compete for use of the funds allotted to the county.

Final decisions on the use of these funds will be made by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors. The decisions will reflect state and federal requirements placed on these funds, as well as the priority of local needs.

Areas for Funding: Initial federal guidance, and additional clarification provided by the National Association of Counties (NACo), limits the use of fiscal recovery funds to four (4) authorized uses:

1. Responding to public health needs and economic damage from the pandemic:
 - a. Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
 - b. Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, and nonprofits, or impacted industries and re-hiring of public sector workers.
2. Providing premium (i.e., hazard) pay for essential workers (public employees):
3. Replacing lost revenue (county only):
4. Investing in necessary water and broadband infrastructure:

- Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access.

In addition, the most recent guidance issued by the US Treasury clarifies that the State and Local First Recovery Funds can support necessary investments in drinking water, water and stormwater, and high-quality broadband service. The interim final rule defines “necessary investments” are those “designed to provide an adequate minimum level of service and are unlikely to be made using private sources of funds” (US Treasury).

It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will only accept outside proposals that fall into categories one (1) and four (4). Proposals should all be for work in Floyd County.

Application Process:

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with first review in early September.
- Submissions can be provided in written or electronic form.
- County staff will review the requests, make recommendations on eligibility, and provide all submitted applications to the Floyd County Board of Supervisors.
- The Board of Supervisors will schedule a public hearing to review applications and hear from applicants and the public.
- If selected for funding, applicants must sign an agreement with the county covering the parameters and requirements related to the project, including adherence to state and federal laws and regulations.
- All costs must be incurred by November 1, 2024.
- The funds are subject to pre-existing limitations in other federal statutes and regulations and may not be used as a non-federal match for other federal programs whose statutes or regulations bar the use of federal funds to meet matching requirements.
- The Floyd County Board of Supervisors will not discriminate in the selection and administration of the awards and will make decisions without regard to race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origins, creed, religion, disability, genetics, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions including lactation, age, color, marital status, military status, and any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law or regulation.

Application Questions:

1. Name of Organization Applying.
2. Primary Contact for this Application (including telephone number and email).
3. What type of organization do you represent?
 - a. Government Department
 - b. Governmental Authority
 - c. 501©3 Nonprofit
 - d. Other (describe)
4. Executive Summary of Request. This should be a brief, two to three paragraphs, a summary of the goal(s) of the project, the project itself, the amount requested, the primary population(s) served and how many, and projected outcomes.
5. Which of the “Areas for Funding” listed above best describes your project?
6. Please explain how you see your organization or project qualifying for that category.
7. Project description. Please describe the project in detail you wish to be funded. Please outline each major component or element of the project.
8. Project budget. Please include your requested amount as well as any additional funds you or others commit to the project.
9. Please describe your organization and how you are best suited to carry out this project. Please include any partner organizations to be involved.
10. Please indicate the population your project will serve. Be sure to specify how that population was “negatively impacted” by COVID-19. This could include the economic and/or public health impact.
11. Provide a project timeline. Include the expected beginning and end dates for the project(s). List any challenges that may affect that timeline.
12. Did your organization receive funding from the county under the CAREs program? If so, what funding did you receive and what outcomes did you produce?
13. Is your organization willing to sign a binding agreement with the county covering the parameters and requirements related to the project, including the applicant’s commitment to adherence to state and federal laws and regulations?
14. Please let us know anything else you believe is important for the BOS to know about your proposal.
15. Attach 501©3 documentation, and/or most recent annual audit, if available.

Your answers to questions 1 – 15, excluding the budget, should not exceed 8-10 pages. You are welcome to include attachments if needed.

Selection Criteria:

1. Description of project and how it directly ties into one of the four (4) authorized uses of funds as outlined above.
2. Evidence that the organization has demonstrated an ability and plan to complete the project proposed in a timely manner.
3. Evidence that the targeted population was negatively impacted by COVID-19 and that the project will serve this population.
4. Description of project outcomes and how those outcomes will be measured.

More information on the possible use of funds can be found here:

<https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/naco-recovery-fund-faqs>. Please note that Floyd County does not have any Qualifying Census Tracts (QCTs), nor has the county experienced a qualifying revenue loss. These both limit the allowed use of funds.

Please direct any questions to the staff at lmillsaps@floydcova.org. Please include "ARPA question" in the subject line. Answers to general questions will be converted to FAQs and will be available on the county website.

Thank you!