

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2021
SUBJECT: Commissioner Updates
PRESENTER: Board of Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Background Information

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Commissioner updates include current and ongoing items of interest in the County and allow commissioners an opportunity to bring the full Board up to date on issues that occur between meetings. Commissioners may also use this opportunity to report on related committee work and assignments.

Topics for this meeting are as follows:

- 1) American Rescue Plan Act..... Chairman Lapsley

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested. The Board is requested to discuss the items presented and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #1

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act

PRESENTER: Chairman Lapsley

ATTACHMENTS: No

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Chairman Lapsley has requested the inclusion of this update, to discuss American Rescue Plan Act funding.

STAFF RESEARCH:

\$22,770,000 is the estimated allocation amount for Henderson County. In addition to the County's allocation, municipalities will receive their own allocations directly from the Federal government.

Funds will be distributed by the U.S. Department of Treasury, and the deadline to spend the funds is December 31, 2024. The County will receive the first half of the funding no later than 60 days after enactment, and the second payment will come no earlier than 12 months after the first payment.

Local governments, including counties, will be required to provide "periodic reports" providing a detailed account of the use of the funds. If a state, county or municipality does not comply with any provision of the bill, they will be required to repay the U.S. Treasury an equal amount to the funds used in violation.

Guidance from the US Department of Treasury on specific provisions as mentioned above has not yet been issued. Staff has been in contact with both the NCACC and NACo and understand that that they expect that guidance to be released in mid to late May.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.