

SPECIAL REPORT

# Funding Opportunities in the American Rescue Plan Act

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**W**hen Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act in March, it was anticipated that funds would flow quickly, as had occurred in the previous two stimulus packages. Communities and organizations moved quickly to make sure they were positioned to receive funding for needed programs. While a substantial amount of money, notably individual stimulus checks and other direct aid, has been distributed, federal agencies have been slower than expected in developing detailed guidance for other programs. Fortunately, in contrast to the previous two stimulus packages, ARPA generally allows more time for expenditure of the funds. Because the State of Missouri has not yet agreed to receive and budget ARPA funds, little guidance for state grants and programs has been forthcoming from state agencies.

The City of Springfield and Greene County will collectively receive nearly \$100 million in direct funding. The City and County are currently developing plans for allocation of these funds. Funds will not be distributed until these plans are approved by the City Council and County Commission. Approval of these plans is anticipated later this fall.

Thus, while there is a great deal of anticipation and speculation among organizations hoping to receive funding through ARPA, there is a lack of detailed guidance available at the present time. This guidance is expected over the next few months. Unfortunately, there is no single comprehensive reference available for ARPA funds. To stay abreast of information as it becomes available, interested parties should closely monitor federal and state websites, as well as websites for professional and public-interest organizations in their fields of service.

To assist our nonprofit agency partners, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks has compiled the reference database contained in Appendix B of this report.

This report and accompanying documents can be downloaded at [cfozarks.org/arpareport](http://cfozarks.org/arpareport).

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INTRODUCTION

In addition to the tragic number of deaths and illnesses, the COVID-19 pandemic deeply affected the nation’s economy. Economic impacts were particularly severe for low-income households and those in poverty, as well as minority populations. This served to greatly increase the existing economic, racial and ethnic disparities in American society. The American Rescue Plan Act was conceived not only to provide much-needed immediate economic relief, but also to position the country for a more equitable and sustainable economy in the future. Early on, Springfield’s community leadership recognized the tremendous potential that the Act presented. They realized that communities that are best prepared to implement or enhance programs included in the Act would be best positioned to take advantage of the forthcoming funds. Building upon Springfield’s strong culture of collaboration, it was agreed that a collaborative effort could yield effective and potentially long-lasting results for the community.

Springfield is comparatively well prepared to identify critical areas of need where ARPA funding can be used to effect significant change. Since 2004, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks has partnered with the Junior League of Springfield, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield-Greene County Library District and United Way of the Ozarks to issue a biennial “Community Focus Report” that identifies challenges facing the community. Use of ARPA funds should generally align with the themes and issues raised in the Community Focus Report.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the Congress passed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (HR 1319, also known as ARP, or ARPA). The ARPA is the third round of stimulus funding provided to overcome the adverse economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Authorizing legislation for the previous two rounds of stimulus relief was contained in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed on March 7, 2020 and the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CPRRSA) signed on December 27, 2020. This report considers only ARPA funding.

The previous two stimulus rounds focused upon immediate economic relief with short timetables for the money to be spent. The American Rescue Plan, while providing immediate relief for individuals, also focuses on long-term, sustainable recovery with funding available over a longer period of time.

The American Rescue Plan will bring about \$230 million in direct funding to the Springfield-Greene County community. In addition, we estimate that the State of Missouri will receive more than \$5.4 billion for a wide variety of programs authorized by ARPA. An equitable allocation of these funds will come into the Springfield-Greene County community via state programs and grants. Finally, additional allocations of ARPA funds will come into the community through USDA programs and programs such as Head Start and Americorps, for which funding does not pass through the state.

Responding to the desire of community leaders to take a

collaborative approach, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks agreed to serve as a coordinator among the five major local recipient institutions: Greene County, City of Springfield, Springfield R-12 School District, Missouri State University and Ozarks Technical Community College. The CFO created a position for an ARP Recovery Funds Coordinator and hired Tim Smith, former Greene County Administrator and Springfield Deputy City Manager, to serve in that role. Schuyler Crawford, a student in MSU’s Masters in Public Administration program, was hired as a graduate intern to assist with research.

The CFO’s Recovery Funds Coordinator was charged to:

- Review the Act and learn of the various funding opportunities that exist.
- Research programs, eligibility, criteria, and federal and/or state sponsoring agencies for each funding opportunity. Develop a catalog/site for funding opportunities. Along with other CFO staff, identify potential applicants locally.
- Coordinate communication among major recipient institutions to ensure funds are used in a most effective way and avoid duplication if possible. Host periodic meetings with entity liaisons to share information and provide opportunities for discussion.
- Develop a final report cataloging and summarizing all funds received, their recipients and how they are spent.

A Working Group, composed of representatives of the five major recipient institutions, was formed:

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS	ENTITY
Chris Coulter, Lyle Foster	Greene County
Collin Quigley	City of Springfield
Ryan DeBoef	Missouri State University
Amy Bacon	Ozarks Technical Community College
Carol Embree*, Cara Stassel	Springfield Public Schools

*\*retired on June 30, 2020*

The Working Group held its initial meeting on May 10, 2021. The group adopted a Purpose Statement (see Appendix A), in order to clearly state the understanding and intent of the collaborative effort.

An information-sharing platform, accessible to Working Group members, was established in SharePoint by the CFO.

## LOCAL FUNDING: SPRINGFIELD & GREENE COUNTY

The table below shows the amount of funding to be received by the five major local recipient institutions, followed by a description of the allowable uses of the funds and the current status of the funds.

ENTITY	SOURCE IN BILL	PROGRAM NAME	FEDERAL AGENCY	TYPE	AMOUNT
Missouri State University	Section 2003	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)	Department of Education	Formula Grant	\$41,240,000
Ozarks Technical Community College	Section 2003	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)	Department of Education	Formula Grant	\$29,730,000
Springfield R-12	Section 2001	Public K-12 Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III)	Department of Education	See Note 1	\$60,733,767
City of Springfield	Section 3205	Homelessness Assistance & Supportive Services	Housing & Urban Development	Formula Grant	\$3,805,703
	Section 9901	City Fiscal Relief	Department of Treasury	Formula Grant	\$40,276,290
Greene County	Section 9901	County Fiscal Relief	Department of Treasury	Formula Grant	\$56,842,225
		Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2)	Department of Treasury	See Note 2	\$2,774,445
TOTAL					\$235,402,430

**Note 1:** Funds for the Springfield Schools are allocated first to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

These funds will not be available until authorized by Missouri Legislature.

**Note 2:** Greene County's total ERA2 allocation is \$6,936,112. However, \$4,161,667 has been withheld by the state of Missouri at this time.

## DIRECT FISCAL RELIEF FOR CITIES & COUNTIES

ARPA Section 9901 authorizes direct fiscal relief to states, counties, and metropolitan cities by amending Section 603 of the Social Security Act. A total of \$130.2 billion was authorized for counties and metropolitan cities throughout the country to be allocated on the basis of population. Counties will receive \$65.1 billion and metropolitan cities will receive \$45.6 billion. The remaining amount (\$19.5 billion) is allocated to “non-entitlement” units of local government (described later in this report).

These funds are received in two distributions or “tranches.” One half of the funds were received by the City and County in May 2021. The second half will be distributed in 2022. These funds are available until December 31, 2024.

The Act specifies the following four categories for which these funds can be used (paraphrased):

1. Response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to affected industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
2. Respond to essential workers by providing premium pay to those eligible or by providing grants to employers of eligible essential workers;
3. Provide government services in a way that makes up the reduction in revenue caused by the COVID-19 emergency relative to

revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year; or

4. Make necessary investments into water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

It should be noted that, as it worded in the Act, a considerable amount of discretion is provided as to how the funds in category 3 can be spent. These funds can be used simply to replenish depleted cash reserves or for any “government services.” Because of this flexibility, cities, counties and states may be inclined to place expenses in this category.

### GREENE COUNTY

All U.S. counties, including Greene County, received a direct allocation of funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The funds come in two tranches, and expenditures are limited to the four categories noted above. Greene County is currently reviewing its reduction in revenue due to the pandemic, as well as incoming requests for funding. The county plans to prioritize its expenditure of the funds based upon the number and types of fund requests received. The county must submit the following reports to the Treasury Department:

1. Interim Report detailing expenditures of funds received through July 31, 2021 by August 31, 2021.

2. Recovery Plan Performance Report providing information on the projects that large recipients are undertaking with program funding and how they plan to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient and equitable manner. The report must include key performance indicators identified by the recipient and mandatory indicators identified by the Treasury Department. The first report was due Aug. 31, 2021.
3. Project and Expenditure Report for projects and expenditures more than \$50,000. These reports are due quarterly with the first report due Oct. 31, 2021.

In addition to fiscal recovery funds, Greene County also has received an allocation of \$2.77 million for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2 funds). The county is currently working to distribute these funds.

## CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

As a “metropolitan city” (the central city in a metropolitan area, or a city of 50,000 or more within a metropolitan area), the City of Springfield received a direct allocation of funds through the U.S. Treasury Department. Like the county, the city will receive its funding in two tranches. Expenditures are limited to the same four categories as the County. Springfield City Council was briefed on ARPA funds at a council workshop on June 24, 2021. A Committee of the Whole luncheon was held to discuss the funds on July 13, 2021. A council committee was established to study the issue and make recommendation to the council for allocating the funds. The City’s reporting requirements and deadlines are the same as the County’s.

In addition to direct fiscal relief funds, the City will receive \$3.8 million in direct funding for homelessness assistance and supportive services (ARPA Section 3205) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development. These funds can be used for supportive services, emergency shelter grants, construction of new affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, and acquisition of “non-congregate shelter spaces” (e.g. hotels and motels) for conversion into affordable housing.

## SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Springfield Public Schools will receive an allocation of ARPA funds through the Elementary & Secondary Schools Emergency Relief fund (ESSER III). Emergency relief funding was also provided to public schools from the first two coronavirus stimulus funds (ESSER I and ESSER II). Some confusion may be encountered, since some ESSER funding from previous stimulus rounds remains to be expended.

While the allocation to the school district has been listed with direct local funding, it must be noted that funds for school districts are allocated first to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. These funds will not be available until authorized by Missouri Legislature. This is not expected until the 2022 legislative session at the earliest.

The ARPA (Section 2001) allocates funds for a wide variety of programs intended to reduce gaps in learning for underprivileged and minority children that have become more pronounced as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic. There is a specific allocation provided for

grants to identify and provide services to homeless children, “wrap-around” services in response to COVID-19 challenges, and to assist homeless children to fully attend and participate in school activities.

Twenty percent of the funds must be reserved “to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs or extended school year programs” (Section 2001 (e)(1)).

The remaining 80% of the funds may be used for a wide variety of programs listed in Subsection (e)(2)(A) to (R). These include programs and activities previously approved by Congress in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (what would be considered “usual” educational activities), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. (Subsections 2001 (e)(2)(A) to (D)).

Also included in this subsection are funds for “activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness and foster care youth” and programs to improve response to future pandemics, such as programs to improve preparedness, sanitation, purchasing sanitation and cleaning supplies, and planning for coordinating and implementing activities during long-term closures.

## MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY & OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MSU and OTC will each receive direct allocations of funds from the U.S. Department of Education (Section 2003) through the Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEERF III) fund. (HEERF I and HEERF II funds were included in the prior two stimulus packages.) The previous two stimulus packages also included the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief fund (GEER I and GEER II). There is no appropriation of GEER funds included in the ARPA.

Importantly, half of the HEERF III funding must be used for emergency direct student financial aid grants.

The remaining funds may be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus, and to address needs directly related to coronavirus (per authorization in Division M, Section 613 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, the “second” stimulus bill). Eligible uses of funds include (Section 613 (c)):

1. Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology expenses associated with transition to distance education, faculty and staff training and payroll;
2. Carrying out student support activities that address needs related to coronavirus; and
3. Providing financial aid grants to students to be used for component of the students cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arrive due to coronavirus, including tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL/TAXING  
UNITS IN GREENE COUNTY

CITIES

The cities in Greene County outside of Springfield are classified as “non-entitlement units of local government.” These cities will receive ARPA funds for fiscal relief for the same allowable uses as noted above for the City of Springfield and Greene County. However, rather than receiving the money directly from the Treasury Department, allocated funds for non-entitlement units of local government go first to the State of Missouri. The state will then distribute these funds to cities on the basis of population. The state must distribute these funds “not later than 30 days after a State receives payment.” The State of Missouri, however, has not requested its allocation of ARPA funds and it is uncertain when the Missouri Legislature will act to do so. The accompanying table shows estimated amounts to be received by non-entitlement cities in Greene County.

MUNICIPALITIES	AMOUNT ALLOCATED
Ash Grove	\$291,378
Battlefield	\$1,336,224
Fair Grove	\$308,530
Republic	\$3,417,844
Rogersville	\$779,498
Strafford	\$496,393
Walnut Grove	\$157,595
Willard	\$1,136,456
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,923,918</b>
<i>Note: Funding dependent on action by the Missouri Legislature</i>	
<i>Source: Missouri Municipal League</i>	

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Public school districts in Greene County will receive funds according to the formula in use by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. These funds may be used for the same purposes as described above for Springfield Public Schools. As noted above, funds for school districts are allocated first to DESE. These funds will not be available until authorized by the Missouri Legislature. This is not expected until the 2022 legislative session at the earliest. The accompanying table shows estimated amounts to be received by school districts in Greene County.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	AMOUNT ALLOCATED
Ash Grove	\$1,164,975
Fair Grove	\$1,208,803
Logan-Rogersville	\$2,004,381
Republic	\$5,866,332
Strafford	\$2,068,529
Walnut Grove	\$648,408
Willard	\$5,149,328
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,110,756</b>
<i>Note: Funding dependent on action by the Missouri Legislature</i>	
<i>Source: DESE</i>	

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The ARPA also provides funds for the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program (Section 2022). These funds are allocated to the states for distribution. As with other programs, the State of Missouri has not acted to receive these funds.



## STATE OF MISSOURI

The State of Missouri will receive \$2.19 billion in direct fiscal relief. These funds may be used for the same four categories listed above for cities and counties, thus there is a great amount of flexibility available to the state as to how these funds will be spent. The State of Missouri also will receive funds from a wide variety of programs included in the ARPA. Much of this funding is “pass-through,” that is, intended for allocation to local units of government and other organizations through State programs and grants. For these funds to be made available, the Missouri General Assembly must first agree to receive and appropriate the funds into the State budget. Though the ARPA was passed during the 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly did not take action to accept the funds. The Governor did not elect to call a special session of the legislature for this purpose. At the present time, it is expected that

the legislature will not consider whether to accept the funds until the 2022 session.

As a result, the manner through which ARPA funds will be made available and the timetable for making these allocations in Missouri are not known. It is anticipated that existing programs and procedures will be used, however little or no guidance has been provided by the state at this time.

The table below shows funding that will be allocated to the State of Missouri, as we interpret the Act. In a number of cases, allocations to the states have not been finally determined pending guidance from federal agencies. Where references could be found, we have listed the allocations to the State of Missouri. It is likely that this list is not complete. According to our best estimate, Missouri will receive at least \$5.4 billion for programs included in the ARPA.

SECTION OF ARPA	NATIONAL APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO MISSOURI
1101 - SNAP		\$15,938,600
1104 - Commodity Supplemental Food Program	\$37,000,000	Not Available
1105 - WIC benefits value increase	\$490,000,000	Opportunity to triple the value of WIC vouchers
1108 - Pandemic EBT Youth Nutrition	\$5,000,000,000	Not Available
2001 - Elementary & Secondary Schools Emergency Relief III (ESSER III)	\$122,774,800,000	\$1,960,000,000
2014 - State Special Education Grants	\$2,580,000,000	\$53,600,000
2201 - Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG)	\$149,900,000	\$24,700,000.00
2202 - Child Care Stabilization	\$23,975,000,000	\$444,100,000
2205 - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment	\$350,000,000	\$1,900,000
2701 - Community Mental Health Services	\$1,500,000,000	\$24,000,000
2702 - Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	\$1,500,000,000	\$21,500,000
2703 - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Training	\$80,000,000	Little evidence that Missouri has applied for this funding
2911 - Low Income Heating & Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$4,500,000,000	\$101,634,000
2912 - Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)	\$500,000,000	\$9,700,000
2921 - Support for Older Americans	\$1,434,000,000	Not Available
3201 - Rental Assistance	\$21,550,000,000	\$407,924,165
3206 - Homeowner Assistance Fund	\$9,961,000,000	\$138,300,000
3301 - State Small Business Credit Initiative	\$10,000,000,000	\$56,234,176
4014 - Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$100,000,000	Not Available
8004 - Veterans' State Home Relief	\$750,000,000	Not Available
9402 - Funding for Skilled Nursing Home COVID-19 Strike Teams	\$250,000,000	Not Available
9811 - Extension of Medicaid and CHIP COVID-19 Coverage	\$1,400,000,000	Not Available
9812 - Health Insurance Expansions		Not Available
9813 - Health Insurance Expansions		Not Available
9814 - Health Insurance Expansions		Not Available
9901 - State Fiscal Relief	\$195,300,000,000	\$2,185,296,130
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,428,888,471</b>

OTHER PROGRAMS

In addition to funds allocated to local institutions or the State of Missouri, a substantial amount of funding will be available through other federal programs, such as:

- USDA programs for strengthening the food supply chain (\$4 billion, Section 1001); agricultural commodities (Section 1007); meal programs for at-risk school children, and emergency shelters (Section 1108); at this time, there is little guidance available for USDA programs
- National Endowment for the Arts (Section 2021)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (Section 2022)
- Head Start (Section 2203)
- Americorps (Section 2206)
- Emergency Housing Assistance (Sections 3202, 3203)
- FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund (Section 4005)
- Community Navigator Program (Section 5004)
- National Institute of Science and Technology and National Science Foundation (Sections 7501, 7502)
- COVID-19 health care and rapid retraining assistance for veterans (Sections 8001, 8002 and 8006)
- Skilled nursing facilities (Section 9401)
- Child and dependent care tax credits (Section 9631)

To find available guidance for accessing funding for these programs, refer to the websites listed in Appendix B for these programs.

FINDING POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES IN ARPA

Due to the broad scope of the ARPA and the manner in which funding for related programs may be located throughout the bill, it is difficult to find an easy reference that identifies all the possible funding sources for specific programs of interest. To assist in this effort, we have prepared a sortable listing of the funding authorized in each section of the ARPA (Appendix B).

The listing is color coded to assist in quickly identifying ARPA funds that are:

1. allocated directly to local institutions (tan);
2. allocated to the State of Missouri and made available through State programs and grants once the funds are accepted by the Missouri General Assembly (green) and,
3. allocated directly to other programs that do not pass through the State of Missouri (blue).

It is difficult to develop categories of funding that accurately describe the wide variety of programs included in the ARPA. To assist with identifying general categories for which the funds can be used, we have used the categories listed in a report prepared for The United States Conference of Mayors titled, “American Rescue Plan, Federal Investment Guide,” that was published in April 2021. This publication groups funding from the ARPA into the fifteen broad categories listed below. Each item of funding includes a reference to the applicable section of the ARPA, in order allow convenient access to the exact language included in the Act.

ARPA FUND CATEGORIES  
(U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS REPORT)

- Business Relief
- Child & Family Relief
- Disaster Relief
- Education & Workforce
- Economic & Small Business
- Government Fiscal Relief
- Healthcare
- Housing & Utility Assistance
- Hunger Relief
- Individual Relief
- Infrastructure
- Pension Relief
- Public Hiring
- Technology Modernization
- Transportation

It should be noted that any method of categorizing will be arbitrary to a degree, and some funding sources may apply to several categories.

Appendix B shows a listing of ARPA organized into fourteen columns as follows:

Column A	Categorized Program	Lists programs according to the Conference of Mayors report
Column B	Section of Bill	Lists the related section of the Act
Column C	Community Focus Report Theme	Lists the theme from the 2019 Community Focus Report to which the funding is most closely related. The information can also be sorted and listed by these themes
Column D	Descriptive Title	Lists the program description
Column E	Federal Appropriation	Lists the total nationwide appropriation authorized in the Act
Column F	Use of Funds	Lists allowable uses authorized in the Act
Column G	Federal Agency	Lists the Federal department or agency to which the funds are allocated
Column H	Allocation to Missouri	Lists allocations to the State of Missouri to the extent that information is available
Column I	Local Allocation	Lists the allocation to local agencies to the extent that information is available
Column J	Link to Information	Lists the link(s) to the best or most recent information that could be located

It is important that programs funded through ARPA be consistent with community issues named in the 2019 Community Focus Report. A column referencing the most applicable Community Focus Report theme has been included in Appendix B to assist with relating ARPA funding sources to the themes in the report. The table can be sorted by these themes, if desired. The 2021 Community Focus Report, along with a series of topical white papers, will be released this fall with new themes and community “blue ribbons” and “red flags.” Find the forthcoming report and past reports at [springfieldcommunityfocus.org](http://springfieldcommunityfocus.org).

2019 COMMUNITY FOCUS  
REPORT THEMES

- Community mental health
- Cooperation
- Diversity
- Economic opportunity
- Poverty and homelessness
- Social capital



## APPENDIX A

### ARP WORKING GROUP STATEMENT OF PURPOSE MAY 2021

Our community leaders have recognized that:

- The American Recovery Plan Act presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help provide meaningful and sustainable solutions to community issues such as providing social and racial equity; addressing joblessness, homelessness, mental health and other such issues that place strain on community resources; and providing access to services to assist individuals, families and businesses; and
- Communities willing to collaborate across agency and jurisdictional boundaries will be best positioned to take advantage of ARP funding.

Accordingly, they have encouraged our organizations to continue to work together to share information and to look for opportunities where funds can be jointly focused toward these community-wide issues.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks has volunteered to assist with interagency coordination and collaboration.

The ARP Working Group has been formed for the purpose of:

- Sharing information
  - about ARP funds that each agency expects to receive either directly from the federal government or through the State of Missouri,
  - about programs to which funds can be applied, and
  - information received from professional associations and other organizations who monitor and report on ARP funding;
- Sharing knowledge and expertise in each organization's specialty field; and
- Jointly looking for opportunities where funding can be jointly focused on programs to address community-wide issues.

The Working Group will consist of representatives of institutions that will be the primary recipients of ARP funds: Greene County, Missouri State University, Ozarks Technical Community College, the Springfield R-12 School District and the City of Springfield.

In collaborating and sharing information it is recognized that:

- Each participating organization has sole discretion as to the use of the funds it receives;
- Each organization will receive a mix of funding, some designated for specific purposes and some for which there is some degree of discretion as to the use of the funds; and
- The CFO's role is strictly to coordinate communication and collaboration. The CFO has no authority to direct use of the funds.

## APPENDIX B

### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT — SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Find a link to the American Rescue Plan Act—Summary of Provisions spreadsheet at [cfozarks.org/arpareport](https://cfozarks.org/arpareport).