

Program Overview

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Address: 435 E Judd Street

Program Overview

Please provide the following information.



McHenry County American Rescue Plan Project Submission Form

Advance McHenry County is dedicated to the responsible administration of American Rescue Plan funds, investing in resilient public services and supporting community-driven projects to deliver inclusive, innovative, long-term benefits across the County as it recovers and transforms from the pandemic.

Advance McHenry County has announced several categories for community project proposals that will be awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Applications are open to agencies throughout the County, including community-based organizations, small businesses, non-profits, local governments, and similar entities.

Selected projects must align to a single Expenditure Category established by ARPA and will require ongoing reporting and compliance efforts. Applications will be evaluated across a range of factors, informed by federal reporting requirements and County priorities. These criteria include:

- Impact vs. effort
- Proposed project budget
- Project fiscal sustainability
- Project risks and uncertainties
- Leveraged funds (e.g., matching grants and collaboration)
- Structure for performance tracking
- Equity considerations
- Evidence-based practices
- Availability of other funding sources (e.g., eligibility for non-ARPA grants)

Successful applications should detail well thought-out project proposals that take full advantage of opportunities for communal collaboration, demonstrate clear need related to ARPA's eligible spending categories, document substantial benefits and evaluation metrics, and are accessible and inclusive for McHenry County residents.

Please note that this application is designed for streamlined review and evaluation of project proposals by McHenry County. Applicants that are selected to move forward for funding will have additional documentation requirements that will be communicated after initial submissions and based on the specific needs of their project(s).

Applications are open indefinitely and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. There is limited funding available. Any questions, requests for technical or language assistance, or other feedback can be made via email with the McHenry County American Rescue Plan project team at ARP@mchenrycountyil.gov.

A. General Information

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A. General Information

Please provide the following information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

A.1. First Name

Michael

A.2. Last Name

Hill

A.3. E-mail Address

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A.4. Phone Number:

(815) 276-3793

A.5. Entity/Organization/County Department

Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

A.6. Entity/Organization/County Department Address

435 E Judd Street Woodstock, IL 60098

PROJECT INFORMATION

A.7. Project Title

WFRD - Ambulance

A.8. Funding Request

\$361,000.00

A.9. Submission Date

06/27/2022

A.10. Estimated Start Date

07/01/2022

A.11. Estimated End Date

06/30/2024

A.12. Applicant Type

Other Government

B. Relation to ARPA Funding Uses

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B. Relation to ARPA Funding Uses

Please provide the following information.

Below is a list of the eligible project categories that McHenry County can spend ARPA funds on. Every project must align to a *single Expenditure Category*. If multiple categories apply, please select the most relevant.

B.1. Please select the expense category for eligible expenditures for your request.

Public Health

Negative Economic Impacts

Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Premium Pay

Infrastructure

Revenue Replacement

Administrative

*If you selected an Expenditure Category with a * or ^ beside it, additional information will be required in sections F and G.*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

B.2. Please provide a description of this proposed project, including the needs that it addresses.

The project is proposing to purchase an ambulance. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the amount of ambulance calls that the district receives. In 2021, the district responded to 5,035 calls for service. In comparison for the year 2020, the district responded to 4,574 calls. This equated to an increase in the demand for our services of over 10% in just one year. So far in 2022, our call volume continues to rise with current responses being 12% higher than 2021. The district would like to increase our ambulance fleet from 4 to 5 ambulances in order to meet the demand caused by the COVID19 pandemic. The district currently staffs 3 ambulances every day with 1 ambulance in reserves. The purchase of this 5th ambulance will allow us the ability to staff 4 ambulances to keep up the demand for ambulance service.

Eligibility – The treasury final rule lists the following as allowable capital expenditures: “Acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment;

B.3. What are the goals, and outcomes of the proposed project? *For example, what is the quantified risk reduction or the number of people who will benefit relative to dollars spent?*

1. Increase the availability of ambulance service within the community so that we can effectively respond to the COVID19 pandemic. This will be accomplished by increasing the number of ambulances in our community from 4 to 5.
2. Increase the safety of the public being transported by our ambulances by providing equipment that provides increased serviceability. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting supply chain shortage, it is not uncommon for our ambulances to be out of service for months due to lack of parts for repairs.
3. Ensure that we can maintain or improve our response times to ambulance service requests.

Over 36,000 people will directly benefit from this project. This equates to approximately 15% of the population of McHenry County.

Additionally, our ambulance transports over 3,000 citizens a year. Based on a 7 year life span of this equipment, over 21,000 people would directly benefit from the funding. The entire county would benefit as our department has mutual aid agreements for ambulance services with all fire districts in the county.

B.4. Who are the stakeholders involved in this project? *For example, who will be affected by this project? What, if any, other organizations are involved?*

All residents and visitors within the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District will benefit. The district covers approximately 15% of the population of McHenry County. The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District protects 36,000+ citizens within an 81 square mile response area. Our district includes all or/part of the City of Woodstock, Village of Bull Valley, Village of Greenwood, and Village of Wonder Lake, along with unincorporated areas of McHenry County. In addition, the district ambulances regularly respond to other departments for mutual aid assistance in McHenry County.

C. Budget and Finance

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C. Budget and Finance

Please provide the following information.

C.1. Please fill out the attached [ARPA Budget Template](#) spreadsheet and use it to report the breakdown of your anticipated costs for this project in the following table.

Cost	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commodities	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital	\$389,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$392,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

C.2. Please share any major budget uncertainties or unknowns that might impact this project.

There are no unknowns.

C.3. Are there any project costs that would not be covered by ARPA? What, if any, other funding sources will be leveraged?

Yes. The district will fund the purchase of all "soft goods" needed to supply the ambulances. These include radios, computers, stair chair and IDPH required supplies.

C.4. Describe any available funding alternatives for this project? For example, are there other grants available to fund this project? Are there opportunities to leverage non-County ARPA funds?

There is one alternative funding grant available through FEMA. Ambulances are an allowable project under the "Assistance to Firefighter's Grant" vehicle application. However, historically, less than 200 vehicles are awarded in this grant program for the entire country. The FY21 grant program had \$115 million available for vehicle which included fire apparatus. FEMA appropriated \$11.5 million for ambulances. At an average cost of \$300,000 for an ambulance, this would provide for 39 ambulance awards for the entire country. Therefore it is unlikely the district would secure funding for an ambulance through this program.

C.5. Are there any known alternatives for this project to accomplish the same project goals? If so, why is the most efficient and most economical way to meet the goals and objectives? For example, are there more costs effective options to achieve the same goal?

There are no known alternatives for this project.

C.6. Will there be ongoing project costs beyond ARPA? Is there a plan to sustain the project long-term after the ARPA funds are no longer available, if applicable? Please answer in detail and share any supporting documentation (e.g., alternative revenue plan, service model continuum, potential additional partners, organizational strategy).

There are no ongoing project costs for this project. The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District will assume all future maintenance and repair costs. These funds will come from property tax revenues and ambulance transportation revenues.

D. Labor Practices

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D. Labor Practices

Please provide the following information.

D.1. Is this an infrastructure project related to Expenditure Categories 5.1-5.17 listed in section A?

No

E. Community Engagement

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E. Community Engagement

Please provide the following information.

E.1. Is this the result of a community request or a community-identified need?

Yes

Describe how the project will capture diverse feedback from constituents, community-based organizations, and the communities themselves. Include how this engagement will impact people who face significant barriers to service (e.g., English-limited, socioeconomic, and other underserved groups).

The district's ambulances responded to and treated over 3,000 patients last year. Many of these patients come from underserved communities and vulnerable populations. The district's ambulances are often their first point of contact for medical services. Based on payer mix for January 2020 through June 2022, 75% of patients transported by our district are low income (coverage provided through Medicare or Medicaid). Over 50% of the patients treated by the district's ambulance are age 60 or older. The district encourages those that are treated by our patients' ambulances to provide feedback on the performance of our personnel, training, and equipment via survey or correspondence with management.

F. Equitable Outcomes

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F. Equitable Outcomes

Please provide the following information.

McHenry County is required to report whether certain projects primarily serve disadvantaged communities. **Please review the Expenditure Category (EC) you selected in Section B. If the EC has a ^ symbol after it, you must fill out this section.** All applicants are encouraged to fill out this section.

F.1. Please describe any particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that you intend to serve with this project.

This project will serve all citizens and visitors within the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District. Based on payer mix data, approximately 45% of patients served by the district are on Medicaid, and an additional 30% are on Medicare. Additionally, over 50% of the patients treated by the district's ambulance are age 60 or older.

F.2. Please explain how you are making residents or businesses aware of this project and its services.

Residents and businesses are largely aware of ambulance service by dialing 911. In correlation to this specific project, press releases will be sent out via print media and social media.

F.3. What differences are there in access to benefits and services across groups served by this project? Do any groups require supports to achieve equal opportunity to access services?

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted low income groups and senior citizens. These groups traditionally have relied on ambulance services for transport to the hospital for definitive care.

F.4. Describe any project outcomes focused on closing gaps, reaching universal levels of service, or disaggregating progress by race, ethnicity, or other (related) equity dimensions.

This project will allow us to increase the amount of available ambulances in our district from 4 to 5. As a fire protection district whose ambulance services are accessed by the 911 system, we currently provide universal service to all citizens. However, the increased demand on our service is reaching the point where response times may suffer without an additional ambulance in the community.

F.5. Service Region: Where will the services or benefits of this project's intervention be located? If at multiple sites, please indicate all locations.

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Address 2:

Address 3

F.6. Please indicate the zip code(s) where your project will take place.

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Other

F.7. Does your project primarily (+50%) serve disadvantaged communities?

- ☐ Yes, the project/service (or majority of sites) is located in a [Qualified Census Tract](#).
- ☐ Yes, a majority of the project/service's intended beneficiaries lived in a Qualified Census Tract.
- ☒ Yes, primary intended beneficiaries earn under [60% median income in McHenry County](#).
- ☐ Yes, over 25% of the intended beneficiaries fall below the [federal poverty line](#).

☐ No, it does not.

G. Evidence-based Practices

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G. Evidence-based Practices

Please provide the following information.

McHenry County is required to report regularly on the status of certain ARPA-funded programs. **Please review the Expenditure Category (EC) you selected in Section B. If the EC has a * symbol after it, you must fill out this section.**

All applicants are encouraged to fill out this section.

All subrecipients whose project(s) fall under these Expenditure Categories must report quarterly on the information described in this section.

Unclear or insufficient performance metrics may require follow up revision in the application period before projects can be approved.

G.1. Is this project intervention supported by a base of formal, peer-reviewed evidence, or is it undergoing project evaluation to gauge its effectiveness?

Yes

Please Explain

Ambulance services are well known within the community. There are large volumes of studies that show the effectiveness of ambulance service. For example, the study below shows an increased chance of survival from cardiac arrest by reducing ambulance response times.

<https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/JAHA.120.017048>

G.2. What measurable benefits or outcomes can reasonably be expected if this request is funded?

Measurable outcomes of this project include:

1. Ensuring that the district can maintain at least 4 ambulances available at all times (an increase from our current level of 3)
2. Maintain and/or reduce our current response time target of 6 minutes, 30 seconds or less
3. The number of patients treated will be measured.
4. The number of patients that are transported to area hospitals will be measured.

G.3. Please fill out the table below to illustrate likely changes expected as a result of award of ARPA funding.

Performance Measure	Current Output/Outcome	Expected Output/Outcome
Number of ambulances available	3	4

G.4. What specifically will be the data that will be reported in the County's ARPA database on a quarterly basis for this project?

Data that will be available for quarterly reporting include:

1. Response times for ambulance service requests

2. Number of patients treated
3. Number of patients transported
4. Total number of ambulance service requests
5. Reasons for the ambulance request
6. Destinations where patients were transported

H. Project Administration

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H. Project Administration

Please provide the following information.

H.1. If you are a non-County applicant, please describe any experience that your agency has managing federal grant funds in the past.

The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District has been awarded both FEMA AFG funds and FEMA SAFER grant funds. We have been involved in the managing of those funds along with federal CARES act funding received through the State of Illinois.

- All required reports have been submitted and are not delinquent.
- The district requires that two personnel are added to FEMA's online grant awards.
- All purchases must be approved by the Fire Chief. Additionally, all purchases over \$3,000 must also be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- The district performs an annual audit by a certified public accounting firm.

H.2. Does your organization have written policies and/or procedures with internal controls identified? *Approved applicants may be required to provide such documentation, depending on the nature of their project(s).*

Yes

H.3. Identify the contact information for the person or persons responsible for planning, implementation, follow-up, and reporting.

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Last Name

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E-Mail

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H.4. Identify the contact information for the person who will be responsible for record keeping.

First Name

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Last Name

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E-Mail

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H.5. Identify the contact information for the person who will be responsible for financial management.

First Name

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Last Name

Hill

E-Mail

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There are limits on the use of other Federal fund sources when used in conjunction with ARPA funds to sustain new projects.

H.6. Has or will this expense be submitted for reimbursement through another federal or state relief program?

No

H.7. Is this expense eligible for reimbursement through another federal or state relief program, such as FEMA Public Assistance?

No

H.8. Will ARPA funds supplant or lead to reductions of existing project revenues or budgets?

No

Submit

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Once an application is submitted, it can only be "Re-opened" by an Administrator.

☒ I certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Michael Hill

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Checklist

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Checklist

Please review and confirm the following items.

Application Review	Date Completed	Notes
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Threshold Review
Complete

Threshold Approval Email
Sent

Status Updated

Approved Applications	Date Completed	Notes
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Environmental Review
Completed

Agreement Full Executed

Purchase Order Received

Monitoring	Date Completed	Notes
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Risk Assessment
Completed

Monitoring Completed

Monitoring Follow-up (if
applicable)

Threshold Review

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Threshold Review

Please provide the following information.

PLEASE VERIFY EACH TIME LISTED BELOW TO ENSURE THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR THE CDBG RFA ACCURATELY MATCHES BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

- ☒ 1. Agency SAM Information complete and verified to not be on the debarred list.
- ☐ 2. Agency CDBG request does not exceed outlined limit.
- ☒ 3. Agency services to be provided to citizens of the City of Neighbors ONLY.
- ☐ 4. Agency answered question D.3 and the amount is feasible for funding.

The Reviewer confirms all of the above-required documentation are eligible and included in the package. The listed ESG applicant:

No

If the CDBG applicant does not meet Threshold or is Ineligible, use the check boxes below to identify the reason(s).

- ☐ Agency is debarred from receiving Federal Funds.
- ☒ CDBG request exceeds outlined limit.
- ☒ Agency services provided to all citizens and not limited to City of Neighbors.
- ☐ Agency CDBG lowest funding amount not feasible.

If denied or ineligible for another reason, please explain below:

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Reviewer Signature

***Not signed*

Date

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Expenditure Category

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Expenditure Category

Please provide the following information.

Which expenditure category does this agency fall into?

Static Reporting Information

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