

# Program Overview

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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](mailto:ARP@mchenrycountyil.gov).

## A. General Information

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### A. General Information

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Please provide the following information.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**A.1. First Name**

Brad

**A.2. Last Name**

Delatorre

**A.3. E-mail Address**

bdelatorre@caryfire.com

**A.4. Phone Number:**

(847) 639-2121

**A.5. Entity/Organization/County Department**

Cary Fire Protection District

**A.6. Entity/Organization/County Department Address**

400 Cary-Algonquin Road Cary, IL 60013

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

**A.7. Project Title**

Ambulance

**A.8. Funding Request**

\$339,483.00

**A.9. Submission Date**

06/23/2022

**A.10. Estimated Start Date**

07/18/2022

**A.11. Estimated End Date**

07/31/2024

**A.12. Applicant Type**

Other Government

## B. Relation to ARPA Funding Uses

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### B. Relation to ARPA Funding Uses

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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

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 fire district receives. From 2019 through September 7, 2022 the fire district responded to 6,299 Emergency Medical Service requests. As the fire district experienced an increase in ambulance call volume due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this has placed additional demands on our 3rd ambulance which is a 2008 Chevrolet. As we used the 2008 ambulance more often we experienced times that the ambulance was out of service due to the need for repairs. We experienced longer out of service time periods due to the impact of supply chain disruptions related to the availability of automotive repair parts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This caused our 2008 ambulance to be out of service for

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additional time leaving our fire district with two in service ambulances. The fire district currently staffs 2 ambulances every day with 1 ambulance in reserve which is manned with off-duty personnel. Since the start of the Pandemic in 2020, we continue to experience multiple ambulance requests causing our 2 front line ambulances to be committed on calls. There were 145 instances where we experienced all 3 ambulance committed on emergency calls. At times, this leaves the fire district to rely on mutual aid from surrounding communities to meet increasing service demands. The purchase of this ambulance will allow us the ability to operate 3 ambulances on a daily basis to meet with the increasing demands for our services.

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 service 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?**

The 3 goals for our project.

1. Increase the availability of ambulance service within the community so that we can effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be accomplished by increasing the number of available ambulances in our community from 2 to 3 on consistent basis.
2. Increase the safety of the public being transported by our ambulances by providing equipment that provides increased reliability and 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 a month or more due to lack of parts for repairs.
3. Ensure that we can maintain and improve our response times to ambulance service requests.

Overall, 35,000 people will directly benefit from this project. This equates to 10% of the population of McHenry County. Additionally, our ambulances respond to over 1,800 citizens a year. Based on a 12 year life span for this equipment, over 21,600 people would directly benefit from the funding. The entire county would benefit as our fire district has mutual aid agreements for ambulance service 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 Cary Fire Protection District will benefit. The fire district covers approximately 10% of the population in McHenry County. The Cary Fire Protection District protects approximately 35,000 citizens within a 18.5 square mile response area. Our fire district includes the Village of Cary, Village of Trout Valley, Village of Oakwood Hills along with unincorporated areas of McHenry and Lake County. In addition, the fire district ambulances regularly respond to other departments for mutual aid assistance in both McHenry and Lake 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	\$373,204.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375,704.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**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 fire district will fund the purchases of all "soft goods" needed to supply the ambulance. This includes radios, computers, star 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 fiscal year 2021 grant program had \$115 million dollars available for vehicle which included fire apparatus. FEMA appropriated \$11.5 million dollars for ambulances. Awards have not been announced, however at an average cost of \$300,000 for an ambulance, this would provide 39 ambulance awards for the entire country. Therefore it is unlikely the fire district would be able to 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 will be no ongoing project costs for this project. The Cary Fire Protection District will assume all future maintenance and repair costs. These costs will come from the property tax revenues and ambulance transportation

revenues.

## D. Labor Practices

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### D. Labor Practices

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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

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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 fire district ambulances responded and treated over 1,800 patients last year. Many of our patients that were seen by our ambulances come from underserved communities and vulnerable populations. The fire districts ambulances are often their first point of contact for medical services. Additionally, we have low income multi-family housing developments that have created a greater demand for our services. That roughly 50% of our patients are age 60 or older.

Over the years, our fire district sends out service questionnaire's to individuals who were treated by our ambulances. These surveys allow us to collect feedback on the performance of our personnel, training, and equipment.

## F. Equitable Outcomes

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### F. Equitable Outcomes

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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 Cary Fire Protection District. This project will serve our two low income multi-family residential housing developments in tandem with serving over 900 patients that 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 served by our ambulance service by dialing 911. In respect to this specific project, we will produce press releases that will be sent out via print media, our social media platforms will also announce this project and its services.

**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 senior citizens and low income groups. These individuals traditionally have relied on ambulance service 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 the Cary Fire Protection District to increase the amount of time that our fire district will be serviced by 3 ambulances. As a fire protection district whose ambulance services are accessed by the 911 system, we currently provide comprehensive service to all citizens. However, the increased demand on our service is reaching the point where response times may suffer without an additional ambulance available at all times 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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- ☐ 60180

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

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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 throughout the community. There are many known studies that indicate the effectiveness of an 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 fire district can maintain 3 ambulances that will be available at all times.
2. Maintain and / or reduce current response times to a target of 6 minutes or less.
3. The number of patients treated 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 available ambulances within the fire district	2 / 3	3
Fire District Response Times	The Current Response Time District Wide is 4:30 minutes	The ongoing goal is to reduce our overall response times.
Number of Patients Treated	From 2019 through Sept. 7, 2022 we treated 6,299 patients	Continue to respond to the 24.5% increase in call volume

#### 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 will include -

1. Number of incidents where all 3 ambulances were committed on Emergency Medical Service calls.
2. Number of patients treated by fire district ambulances
3. Number of patients transported by fire district ambulances
4. Total number of ambulances requests
5. Identification of why the ambulance was requested.
6. Which hospital were patients transported to.
7. Response times for ambulance service requests.

## H. Project Administration

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### H. Project Administration

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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.**

Cary Fire Protection District has been awarded FEMA AFG funds in the past. 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 fire district requires that 2 individuals from the district are shown on FEMA's online grant awards.

In addition, all purchases are approved by the Fire Chief. All purchases up to \$10,000 will require the approval of the Fire Chief. In addition, the Board of Trustees must approve any proposed purchases that will exceed \$10,000.

The fire 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.**

**First Name**

Brad

**Last Name**

Delatorre

**E-Mail**

bdelatorre@caryfire.com

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

**First Name**

Lorie

**Last Name**

Martenson

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**E-Mail**

lmartenson@caryfire.com

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

**First Name**

Brad

**Last Name**

Delatorre

**E-Mail**

bdelatorre@caryfire.com

**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

Brad Delatorre

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# Checklist

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## Checklist

Please review and confirm the following items.

Application Review	Date Completed	Notes
Threshold Review Complete		
Threshold Approval Email Sent		
Status Updated		
Approved Applications	Date Completed	Notes
Environmental Review Completed		
Agreement Full Executed		
Purchase Order Received		
Monitoring	Date Completed	Notes
Risk Assessment Completed		
Monitoring Completed		
Monitoring Follow-up (if applicable)		

## Threshold Review

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### Threshold Review

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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:**

This project will serve all citizens and visitors within the Cary Fire Protection District. This project will serve our two low income multi-family residential housing developments in tandem with serving over 900 patients that are age 60 or older.

**Reviewer Signature**

*\*\*Not signed*

**Date**

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## Expenditure Category

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### Expenditure Category

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Please provide the following information.

**Which expenditure category does this agency fall into?**

## Static Reporting Information

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### Static Reporting Information

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