

2022 ARPA REPORT

KANKAKEE COUNTY BOARD



The following impact report recaps the recovery plan performance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This report is for transparency and to be used for informational purposes only.



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In early February 2023, both the State of Illinois and the Federal Government announced that the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency will end on May 11, 2023.

Accordingly, Kankakee County Administration will transition from the “KCR3 Response” funding, which generally focused on replacing lost revenue for small businesses, not-for-profits, and governmental units that did not receive ARPA funding, and into the next Phase; Social Services grant opportunities.

The Board intends to devote \$2 million to partnerships and unique programming that is designed to address key community issues, avoid competition and redundancy between NFP service providers, and measure the impact which allows the entire community to better focus funding after ARPA funds have been expended in 2026.

The Kankakee County Board hopes that the application of these funds has been beneficial for our community, and we are excited to begin the process of funding results-oriented, data-driven social programming that addresses documented County-wide issues.

ANDREW WHEELER

KANKAKEE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN



UPDATES TO THE LAW

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule

The Overview of the Final Rule by the U.S. Department of the Treasury provides an updated summary of provisions for deployment of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Overall, the Final Rule delivers greater flexibility for use of funds. The Final Rule went into effect on April 1, 2022.

The Final Rule maintains the Interim Final Rule's restriction on ineligible uses of funds such as pensions, legal settlements, rainy day funds or changes that reduce net tax revenue.

Kankakee County was allocated \$21.3 million. The ARPA funding is separated into two funds, the ARPA fund and the Lost Revenue fund.

The following are key updates to the Final Rule:

- Allows counties to use up to \$10 million of ARPA funds as Lost Revenue or calculate Loss Revenue with the Treasury's formula with growth rate increasing from 4.1% to 5.2%.
- Clarifies eligible uses of funds for capitol projects, broadband infrastructure, and recovery projects.
- Streamlines options for recovering businesses and new businesses started during pandemic.
- Broadens water and sewer projects to include storm water, and culvert repair.
- Authorizes re-hiring of staff and streamlines options for premium pay.
- Presumes certain populations were "impacted" and "disproportionately impacted."

Overview of U.S. Treasury's Final Rule for ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

Source: National Association of Counties

KCR3 Policies

In July of 2021, Kankakee County introduced **Kankakee County's Respond, Revitalize and Reinvest (KCR3)** initiative to plan and guide the allocation of ARPA funds in Kankakee County.

The overarching policies adopted by the Kankakee County Board guides the process and deployment of ARPA funds by considering the following:

- As practicable, deploy two years of ARPA funds on initiatives that have a long-term (ten to twenty-year) impact.
- Where applicable, utilize Special/Internal funds before ARPA funds.
- Access grant funds instead of ARPA funds when possible.
- Identify and support communities that were unable/ineligible to participate in the CURES/PPP/CARES programs.
- Build a consensus for regional projects, solicit public involvement and deliver the same exceptional transparency exemplified by all other Kankakee County Administration processes.
- Where applicable, grantees must demonstrate access to operational funding post-ARPA (no county funding).
- Grantees with programs that overlap in terms of geography and/or scope-service area will be encouraged to partner and coordinate.
- Priority will be given to locally-owned business and employees/students.
- The Kankakee County Board supports initiatives, infrastructure improvements, and grant opportunities that address the effects of the pandemic on the Kankakee County Government. This policy is designed to reduce the future burden upon taxpayers and addresses County infrastructure needs.

Approved Applicants

Kankakee County Board approved and allocated \$2,856,929 in the year of 2022 as of March 7, 2023. Approved applicants completed the application, submitted supporting documentation and demonstrated a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic under U.S. Treasury's ARPA requirements.

*The numbers are a general overview of allocations for approved applicants in Kankakee County including local businesses, nonprofit organizations, non-covered governmental units, and internal departments to better serve the public. The following information will be updated in future reporting.

Approved Applicants *Non-covered Governmental Units (NCGU)*

Applicant	Approved Amount
Village of Union Hill	\$20,000
Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve	\$20,000
Limestone Township Library District	\$20,000
Aroma Park Township	\$20,000
St. Anne Fire Protection District	\$20,000
Ganeer Township Road District	\$20,000

Village of Sun River Terrace	\$20,000
Limestone Fire Protection District	\$16,322
Grant Park Fire Protection District	\$8,995
Village of Buckingham	\$20,000
Yellowhead Township Road District	\$20,000
Kankakee Valley Park District	\$10,000
St. Anne Township	\$20,000
Limestone Park District	\$20,000
Limestone Township	\$20,000
Sumner Township	\$20,000

Approved Applicants

Education and Youth Programs

Applicant	Approved Amount
I-KAN Regional Office of Education	\$30,000
Bishop McNamara Catholic School	\$10,000
Kankakee Eastside Junior Football League	\$5,000
Grace Christian Academy	\$10,000
River Valley Special Recreation Association	\$20,000



Approved Applicants

Local Businesses and Community Partners

Applicant	Approved Amount
Kankakee County Economic Development Association	\$49,000
Economic Alliance of Kankakee County	\$16,750
Shoup Manufacturing	\$75,000
Kankakee County Health Dept.	\$150,000
WLF Holdings LLC	\$5,000
Radulovic Enterprises	\$10,000
Tiny Tap	\$3,424
Jesse Belle Lane Memorial Park	\$10,000
Locavore Farm	\$10,000
FastSigns	\$5,000
Veda Nails & Spa	\$5,000
Turner Freight Systems LLC	\$5,000
Wright in Kankakee	\$10,000
Andrade Pizza, Inc.	\$5,000

More Hair Grow Hair	\$5,000
St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church	\$10,000
New Beginnings for Cats	\$8,348
Good Shepard Manor	\$10,000
McElroy Communications	\$422
Better Cut Lawn Care	\$5,000
Chiropractic Associates	\$5,000
Kruse Crew, Inc.	\$621
Hemenover Construction	\$5,000
Two Rivers Supply	\$5,000
Advantage Copier Equipment & Services	\$3,101

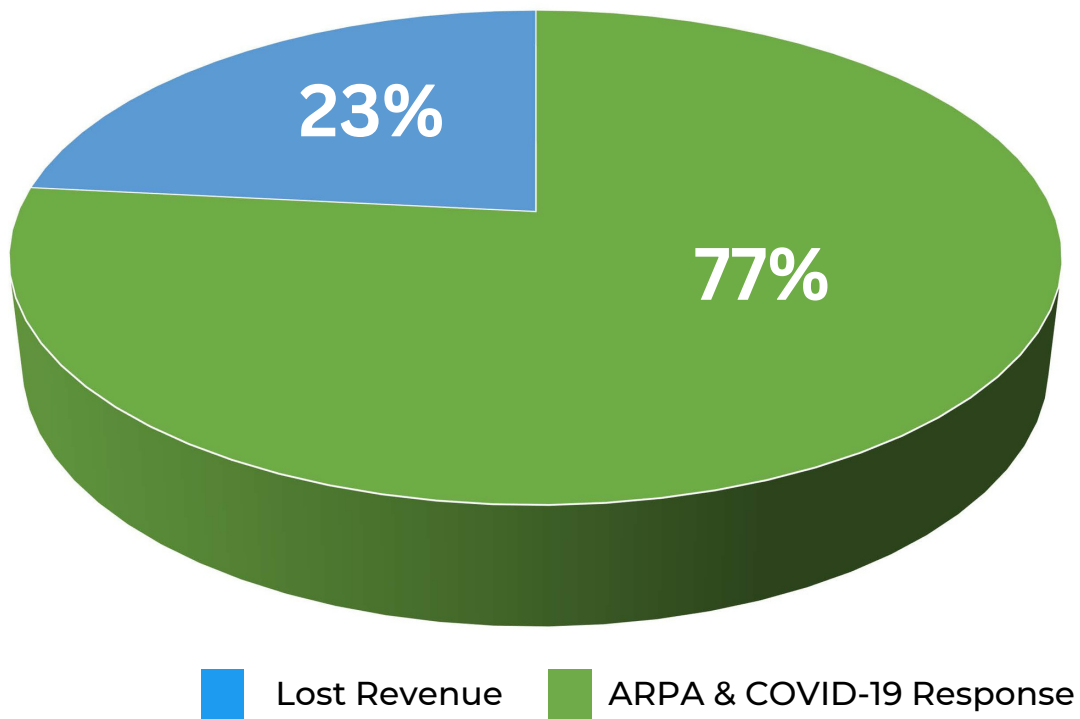
As changes in finances continued to be relevant with newer needs identified following the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 applicants and previously approved applicants by the Kankakee County Board were given the option to re-apply for a second round of funding if eligible. Approved applicants expressed gratitude for additional help stating even the smaller amounts may have paid a bill.

County Government Operations (CGO)

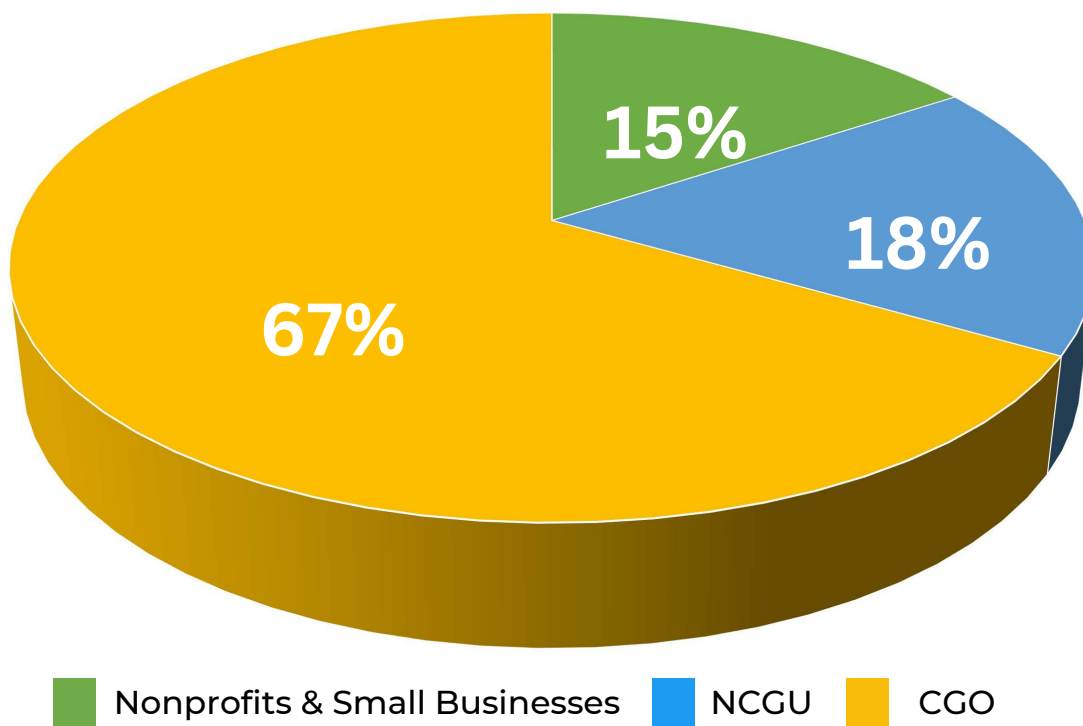
An estimated total of \$2,092,620 was allocated for County Government Operations. Local offices were equipped with upgrades and new services to better serve the public, as well as critical infrastructure upgrades such as newer Sheriff vehicles for public safety. The photo to the right (outside ballot box) is an example of an upgraded public service in the Kankakee County Clerk's Office. A new Kankakee County Animal Control facility is also in the works. "Lost Revenue" ARPA funding for these upgrades to enhance public services saves the taxpayer local property tax dollars.



2022 Approved Allocations by Fund



2022 Approved Allocations by Sector





KANKAKEE COUNTY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2022

To make local government more accessible online, the ARPA funding enhanced [Kankakee County's new website](#) to include more ways to access digital services, frequently asked questions, news, social media integration, and more. It is also equipped with innovative tools to improve communication in local government. New features such as "Notify Me" give visitors the option to opt in for updates and receive them via text message or email. In addition, those who are interested in starting a career with Kankakee County can now apply online on the website. To sign up, click on "[Stay Connected](#)" on the homepage, put in your email address or create an account.

"Our previous web presence was strictly 'push' in terms of information, meaning there was a large amount of info placed on the site, but nothing dynamic or of targeted interest on a user level."

- Chairman Andy Wheeler

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Kankakee County Community Needs Assessment

In July of 2022, the Kankakee County Board in partnership with the City of Kankakee and Respark Consulting launched a Countywide [community needs survey](#) to further identify and address local needs. The public was encouraged to respond by sharing their input to target local ARPA funding. The [Community Needs Assessment results](#) were announced in the September of 2022 and can be viewed on the Kankakee County website at www.k3county.net.

**10 MINUTES.
BIG IMPACT.**

KANKAKEE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY NEEDS
ASSESSMENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



TAKE THE **DIGITAL** KANKAKEE COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS **ASSESSMENT**

July 12, 2022 - July 31, 2022



- ☐ **Identify** key LOCAL needs
- ☐ **Create** LOCAL partnerships
- ☐ **Strengthen** LOCAL connections
- ☐ **Target** LOCAL ARPA funding
- ☐ **Measure** LOCAL impact of programs

We **NEED** your feedback!
Scan me to take the survey!



Kankakee County Community Needs Assessment

The following are a few highlights from the Kankakee County Community Needs Assessment survey. The survey captured input related to the following five areas of scope.

- Business and Economic Development
- Housing
- Mental Health
- Law Enforcement
- Workforce Development

1,062 community members participated in the month long survey. The following reflects the responses. Education ranked the highest priority with mental health coming in second place, and youth support programs rounding out third.

10%

of respondents are currently looking for other jobs while some face barriers related to skills, pay, and experience.

36%

of respondents indicated their housing may become more insecure within the next 12 months.

34%-47%

of respondents report negative mental health impacts within the last 12 months. Many believe mental health services should be more accessible.

62%

of respondents believe their communities would benefit from additional local law enforcement and 52% believe they would benefit from an additional local justice center.

Source: Respark Leadership Consulting

Kankakee County Social Services Grant Program

Following the Kankakee County Community Needs Assessment, the Kankakee County Board released its \$2 million [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) in [December of 2022](#) for targeted social service efforts in Kankakee County. The following applicants were approved as of March 14, 2023 to receive its allocation to continue to enhance related social services efforts in Kankakee County.

- A More Excellent Way – Youth Supports
- NAACP – Youth Development Program
- NAACP – Morning Star Baptist Church Rental Assistance Program
- NAACP – New Vision Food Pantry
- NAACP – Kankakee Eastside Football
- Merchant Street Art Gallery – Workforce Training
- KCC Foundation Diesel Mechanic Program
- Kankakee County Community Services Inc. (KCCSI) Housing Voucher Program
- Kankakee County CEO - Youth Program
- St. John Paul II Food Bank

"We are now entering the phase where we will strategically deploy funding in areas that address future impacts. We are looking to build connectivity between service providers and begin a coordinated, data-driven approach to addressing these areas identified as community needs."

- Chairman Andy Wheeler



KCR3
RESPOND ■ REVITALIZE ■ REINVEST

SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

**KANKAKEE COUNTY
IS SEEKING APPLICANTS
TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS:**

- MENTAL HEALTH
- HOUSING
- WORKFORCE
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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**ALL PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY
JANUARY 16, 2023**

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