

**Andrew County Strategies for Distributing
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)**

**(Adopted by the Andrew County Commission August 2021;
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On June 01, 2021, Andrew County, Missouri was allocated its first tranche of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the United States Department of Treasury in the amount of \$1,720,174.00. Allocated CSLFRF may be used to cover eligible costs incurred by the County during the period beginning March 3, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2024, as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 are expended by December 31, 2026. Costs for projects incurred by the County prior to March 3, 2021 are not eligible.

Andrew County may use its allocated CSLFRF to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts through four categories of eligible uses.

- **Public Health/Negative Economic Impacts**
Including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality
- **Premium Pay**
To eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency
- **Revenue Loss**
For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency
- **Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband**
To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

While the County has considerable flexibility to use its allocated Fiscal Recovery Funds to address the diverse needs of its county, some restrictions on use of funds apply across all eligible use categories, including:

- No extraordinary payments to a pension fund, thereby reducing an accrued, unfunded liability
- No payments for debt service
- No payments into rainy day funds
- No satisfaction of obligations arising pursuant to a settlement agreement or judgment (unless the obligation requires the provision of services or other incurred costs that are eligible uses of CSLFRF)
- No uses that violate the American Rescue Plan Act, Uniform Guidance, conflict of interest requirements, and other federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The Andrew County Commission, in conjunction with the Andrew County Treasurer, will solicit input from numerous organizations and entities throughout the County prior to obligating their

allocated CSLFRF. These entities will include, but are not limited to, the following: municipalities (i.e., Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government) within the County, the Andrew County Health Department, the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation, Andrew County officeholders, Public Water Supply Districts within the County, United Fiber (a part of United Electric Cooperative), and other nonprofit organizations within the County.

Due to the fact that CSLFRF legislation allows for the funds awarded to Andrew County to be obligated over an extended period of time (i.e., through December 31, 2024), the County Commission will establish a reserve account of 25% of each tranche received from the United States Department of Treasury. The funds in this account will be held in reserve and targeted to address any eligible expenses that arise in the final two years (i.e., 2023 and 2024) of the designated obligation period. The County Commission reserves the right to use these funds prior to 2023 if it is deemed in the best interest of the county to do so.

The Andrew County Commission, in conjunction with Travis Elliott, Attorney for the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC), will develop an application process for the awarding of grants from the CSLFRF allocated to Andrew County.

The Andrew County Commission, in conjunction with the Andrew County Treasurer and Travis Elliot, Attorney for the Missouri Association of Counties, will develop a process for evaluating applications and assessing each subrecipient's risk of noncompliance based on a set of common factors, such as:

- Active registration within SAM.gov
- Prior experience managing Federal funds
- Proposed costs are allowable under CSLFRF legislation
- Implements policies and procedures in compliance with CSLFRF Terms and Conditions, including Civil Rights Compliance

The Andrew County Commission will award grants at its discretion only after it has confirmed that the applicants have conformed to all of the requirements of the application process.

The Andrew County Commission, via the Andrew County Treasurer's office, will monitor the grants awarded, collecting all data necessary for the annual reports to be submitted to the United States Department of Treasury, as well as all supporting documentation in preparation for future audits.

The County will maintain all appropriate records in a secure location for a minimum of 5 years after the timeline for the CSLFRF grant program has concluded.

Addendum to the Andrew County Strategies

(Adopted by the Andrew County Commission April 2022)

Pursuant to the issuance of the Final Rule issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury (DoT), the Andrew County Commission adopts the following addendum to Andrew County's Strategies for disbursing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds obtained from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

- Andrew County will claim the standard allowance for Revenue Loss as described in the final rule issued by the U.S. DoT.
- The Andrew County Commission is committed to applying the funds received from the ARPA legislation to address larger capital improvement projects within the county. The types of projects the Commission targets will have long-term impacts on the community and attempt to address projects where funding has been difficult to obtain in the past.
- Some projects the Commission will consider funding will directly benefit the county and community as improvements to county owned and managed facilities. Potential in-house projects the Commission is considering include: updating HVAC systems at both the county courthouse and the county law enforcement center, dredging of the pond at Ford's Farm (a public use facility which is under the trusteeship of the County Commission), addressing modernization and safety improvements at the county owned nursing home, and addressing maintenance or replacement of bridges deemed "deficient" or "poor". In addition, the County Commission will dedicate some of the funds to address communication improvements at the County Sheriff's Department and to satisfy the local match of a grant for an emergency response trailer.
- The Commission also plans to collaborate with other public entities within Andrew County to address infrastructure issues, such as access to reliable and affordable broadband for the unserved or underserved areas of the county and clean water, stormwater, and wastewater modernization.
- In an effort to maximize the efficiency of the CSLFRF allocated to Andrew County, the Commission will give preferential consideration to those projects which are able to secure other grants or funds for their projects (i.e., the Commission will give preferential consideration to helping an entity fund the local portion of a state or federal cost-share grant, when the use of CSLFRF as cost-share is admissible).
- The County Commission, in conjunction with the County Treasurer, the County Clerk, and the county's attorney, will develop a process to disburse, collect and evaluate applications for ARPA funding.