



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT Expenditure Request

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SECTION 1: PROGRAM OVERVIEW/ELIGIBILITY

Lee County is the recipient of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The Lee County Board established an ARPA Committee to make recommendations to the Board on funding allocations which meet eligibility guidelines and respond to local needs. Pursuant to the Act, funding objectives include supporting the COVID-19 Public Health Response, addressing negative economic impacts, replacing public sector revenue loss, premium pay for essential workers, and water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

For more information on U.S. Treasury's ARPA guidelines and eligibility go to: [U.S. Treasury - ARPA Information](https://www.treasury.gov/economic-stimulus-payments/eligibility). For information on the Lee County ARPA program, email Sara Leisner, Lee County ARPA Grant Coordinator at arpa@countyoflee.org.

SECTION 2: REQUESTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Agency Lee County/Rochelle/Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Agency Phone 815-288-3024
Agency Address 112 E. Second Street, Dixon, IL 61021
Agency Representative Wendy Ryerson Title County Administrator
Representative Email wryerson@countyoflee.org Phone 815-288-3024

SECTION 3: REQUEST OVERVIEW

Brief Description of Project/Expenditure: EDA Planning Grant/development of Steward area industrial property (50% match)

Estimate of the Timeline for Project/Expenditure: 18 months after United States EDA approval, approximately 12/2023

ARPA Category this Expenditure Falls Under:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Support COVID-19 Public Health Response | <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Pay for Essential Workers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address Negative Economic Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure |

Have you sought other funding or matching funds for this project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, from where: Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone Project Fund

Total Project Cost: \$ \$125,000 ARPA Funding Request: \$ 75,000 Other Funding/Match: \$ 50,000

SECTION 4: DETAILS OF PROJECT/EXPENDITURE (ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION)

Please attach a narrative detailing the project, including an explanation of how this expenditure meets the ARPA eligibility guidelines, any additional details on the project costs (including if the cost is an estimate), other funding sources, and the project timeline. Attach the narrative along with all supporting documentation to this application.

SECTION 5: SIGNATURE

I hereby depose and say that I am an authorized representative of the Agency, that I have read this application, that I have personal knowledge of the contents thereof, that the same is true in substance and fact, and that I will comply with all grant and reporting requirements to Lee County on behalf of the Agency.

Wendy Ryerson

Digitally signed by Wendy Ryerson
Date: 2022.04.19 14:41:14 -05'00'

04/19/2022

Signature of Agency Representative

Date

Email this application and all supporting documentation to Sara Leisner, Lee County ARPA Grant Coordinator at arpa@countyoflee.org.



4/28/2022

Dear ARPA Committee of Lee County:

The City of Rochelle & GREDCO, LCIDA, and the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone ask for your support of a United States-EDA grant application by Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, set to develop a master plan to study the Lee County growth corridor where the City of Rochelle has annexed land for future industry and job growth for the entire region. This area has Village of Steward and other rural Lee County residents concerned and our hope is that a thorough process can produce a plan to mitigate concerns and find a successful development plan.

The project's output will address many vital aspects of managing growth in and around the Northeast Lee County corner gradually becoming part of the City of Rochelle. Through this, we hope to continue to make our region more competitive for industrial expansion as we follow a deliberate planning process to get the best results. Aspects of the plan include:

1. Existing and Future Conditions and Trends: This will lay out where we are now in terms of development and transportations, and trends for both, and develop models to find desirable paths for both land use and traffic flows
2. Scenario Planning and Selection of Preferred Scenario: Stakeholders such as the City of Rochelle, Village of Steward, Lee County, LCIDA, GREDCO, and IDOT will review and select a preferred scenario
3. Workforce/Cluster Analysis: This can allow us to find the best use for our resources, based on existing workforce and industry clusters, and find what amenities and services we need to provide for the workforce we are targeting
4. Master Plan for Design Options: Engineering design work for the selected scenario, including feasibility of extending existing infrastructure
5. Freight Routing, Road/Rail Safety Audit: Identify measures to improve routing, congestion, and conflicts in the system

We hope the committee will choose to assist this Lee County project that can make a difference for our communities and region. The total cost of the study is \$250,000. The US-EDA matches this type of project at 50%, leaving us with a local match needed of \$125,000. Since the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone has committed \$50,000 of that already, there is a gap of \$75,000 to get this work done. Our request of the ARPA committee is \$75,000.

Thank you,

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Andy Shaw
Lee Ogle EZ

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson
City of Rochelle/GREDCO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Marx".

Kevin Marx
LCIDA