



**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/press-releases/Pages/2020/ARPA%20Information.aspx). 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 _____ Agency Phone _____
Agency Address _____
Agency Representative _____ Title _____
Representative Email _____ Phone _____

SECTION 3: REQUEST OVERVIEW

Brief Description of Project/Expenditure: _____

Estimate of the Timeline for Project/Expenditure: _____

ARPA Category this Expenditure Falls Under:

- Support COVID-19 Public Health Response
- Address Negative Economic Impacts
- Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- Broadband Infrastructure

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

If yes, from where: _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____ ARPA Funding Request: \$ _____ Other Funding/Match: \$ _____

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.

Signature of Agency Representative

Date

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

Note: At the 03-24-2022 Board meeting a motion was approved to allocate \$5,000 towards the benefit cost analysis, and up to \$50,000 towards the local match if the grant is awarded. The City of Dixon has also committed \$5,000 towards the BCA and up to \$50,000 towards local match.

RAISE Round Two

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

LOCAL PROJECT OF INTEREST

What is being proposed is the development of a multi-use path from the City of Dixon to Sauk Valley Community College. Currently, the City of Sterling is working on a similar path from their municipality to Sauk. Current local partners around the table are: Lee County, City of Dixon, Dixon Park District, Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Fehr-Graham (architectural/engineering). Another partner will likely be Black Hawk Hills Regional Council.

An opportunity for this collaborative group is a federal grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation, which has the RAISE grant program. RAISE funds transportation infrastructure projects. The City of Dixon in November received word that they had been awarded \$12.0 million in funding from RAISE to develop multi-use pathways including the pedestrian bridge across the Rock River. A new round of RAISE funding is available – see details below.

What has been proposed for the new local project is to develop an application for the purposes of planning the proposed multi-use path from Dixon to Sauk Valley Community College.

MORE ABOUT RAISE

\$1.5 billion dollar program funding overall. DOT will award at least \$75 million for eligible planning, preparation or design of projects eligible for RAISE Grants that do not result in construction with FY2022 RAISE funding. Minimum award for rural projects is \$1.0 million. Cost sharing for rural applications is 20%, although in previous iterations this has been amended to 10% of the overall cost. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM Eastern on April 14, 2022.

Merit criteria used for this program include:

- a) Safety
- b) Environmental Sustainability
- c) Quality of Life
- d) Improves Mobility and Community Connectivity
- e) Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity
- f) State of Good Repair
- g) Partnership and Collaboration
- h) Innovation

Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) is also required. BCA will evaluate the project's cost-effectiveness by comparing its expected benefits to the project's expected costs.

THE ASK OF LEE COUNTY

- 1) Is Lee County willing to serve as Fiscal Agent for the project?
- 2) Is Lee County willing to share (50%) of expected cost of Benefit Cost Analysis, which is estimated at \$10,000 overall. So Lee County is being asked to provide \$5,000.
- 3) Is Lee County willing to provide a portion of the expected local match for this \$1.0 million dollar project? If the local match for the project is 10% then LM would be \$100,000. If the local match expectation is 20% of the overall cost, then LM would be \$200,000.