



Per June 9, 2022 ARPA Committee recommendation: Approve \$10,000 from the Community Service Allocation; applicant will submit an additional application to the Small Business Program.

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/arpa). 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 Clipper Kiddies Christian Preschool Agency Phone 815/857-2225
Agency Address 960 US Route 52, Amboy IL; 61310
Agency Representative Liz Bedford Title Director / Teacher
Representative Email ckcpreschool@comcast.net Phone 815/585-5665 (personal cell)

SECTION 3: REQUEST OVERVIEW

Brief Description of Project/Expenditure: Maintain operation of preschool program & develop a summer day camp program.

Estimate of the Timeline for Project/Expenditure: Starting June 2022 through May 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 checked="" 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: _____

Total Project Cost: \$ 27,500.00 ARPA Funding Request: \$ 15,000.00 Other Funding/Match: \$ -0-

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.

Elizabeth Bedford

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Date: 2022.03.09 12:55:25 -06'00'

March 9, 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.

Clipper Kiddies Christian Preschool operates as an outreach of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy, IL. The preschool does exist as a separate entity with its own tax ID number and its own bank accounts. CKCP has been a significant part of the Amboy area community since before being purchased by the church in 2000. We are concerned for the future of this educational program due to the effects of the COVID pandemic.

Clipper Kiddies is requesting funds in order to off set the loss of enrollment and fund-raising opportunities due to COVID. Having operated at an \$11,000 to \$13,700 deficit over the past three years, any portion of that which is replaceable through the American Rescue Plan Act funding would be of assistance. Without some way to replenish some of the loss the preschool would most likely close in December of 2022 or May 2023, at the latest. A general operational fund grant may be the boost needed to remain open, providing preschool programs to Amboy and other near by communities. Any help will be appreciated.

If a specific program is required for grant approval, beyond the preschool's operational expenses, a Summer Day Camp is being planned for June and July 2022. The program was initiated in order to provide a structured summer activity for children, ages 3 – 5. The total camp budget is \$2,500. Ten children will be needed to cover the basic cost of the program. Any children beyond the base of ten would be fundraising for the preschool operations fund. Along with providing a positive experience for the community's children the camp will hopefully raise funds for and spread the name, Clipper Kiddies, boosting enrollment.

The information on the enclosed table reflects the significant decrease in fund raising; fluctuation in donations and the decrease of tuition-based income. Since COVID began in March of 2019, the Board of Directors has taken steps to off set the financial losses by decreasing staff pay, lowering classroom expenses and an increased use of savings / Money Market fund. Every effort has been made to decrease costs and cover expenses during this difficult time. Maintaining a quality program that successfully prepares children for Kindergarten is equally important.

At the rate that savings; Money Market; and tuition have decreased, we were already faced with a difficult decision about the status of the 2022-23 school year. We chose to take a leap of faith. There are two fund raisers in the planning stages – one for April and a second in June. The Board recently voted an increase in tuition, for the first time in twenty years. While this new tuition will increase income, CKCP will continue to operate in the red for another two to three years while the area continues to recover from the economic impact of COVID. We have concerns for families with children that may be At Risk due to learning or financial challenges. The school district's At-Risk program is full annually with a significant waiting list. We have Special Education certified staff and a small scholarship fund to assist with the overflow, if we can remain operational.

Please refer to the enclosed table for exact numbers reflecting COVID's financial impact on our program. Thank you for considering Clipper Kiddies Christian Preschool for this grant. Please feel free to contact Liz Bedford, Director/Teacher at 815/857-2225; 815/585-5665 or clipperkiddies@gmail.com with any questions.

	Fundraising Income	\$ Mkt Transfer to Operations	Donation Inc.	Classroom Exp.	Staffing Exp.*
FY 18	\$7,495.00	0	\$146.00	\$1,300.00	\$34,870.00
FY 19	\$7,886.00	\$2,500.00	0	\$1,040.00	\$35,239.00
FY 20	\$872.00	\$10,000.00	\$311.00	\$895.00	\$32,930.00
FY 21	\$919.00	\$15,000.00	\$445.00	\$805.00	\$22,400.00**
FY 22 (as of 3/1/22)	0	\$2,500.00	0	\$4.31	

* Staffing Expenses are listed by school year not Fiscal Year

** Staffing Expenses for 21-22 School Year, up to 3/1/22

Enrollment	
2017-18	48
2018-19	39
2019-20	35
2020-21	20
2021-22	17