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Dear El Dorado County Community Partner:

If you were not aware, on Monday, May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released the final direct allocation amounts of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to counties, along with guidelines relative to allowable uses of these funds. El Dorado County will be receiving approximately \$37.46 million. Half of this amount is scheduled to be provided to the County this month, and the second half will likely be provided within 12 months. In accordance with the guidelines, which can be found at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>, all funds must be obligated to a specific expense no later than December 2024, and must be spent by December 2026.

If you are receiving this letter, it is because the County would like to provide you the opportunity to submit a request for funding to be used in a manner allowed by the U.S. Treasury. Please keep in mind that based on the inquiries I have received to date, in all likelihood the requests will exceed the total amount allocated to El Dorado County. Over the next few months, County staff will be having discussions with the Board of Supervisors regarding allowable uses, priorities, and the process that will be used relative to the distribution of these funds.

In the interim, if you have a request for funding that meets the Treasury Department criteria, please submit those requests to Elizabeth Sorg via email at Elizabeth.sorg@edcgov.us. All requests should be received no later than the close of business on July 31, 2021. Please ensure your request identifies the following:

- Purpose and amount of each request, recognizing that some organizations may have multiple requests.
- Timeframe as to when the funding is needed for each request.
- Each request should include the language from the Treasury Department guidelines identifying that the request is allowable.

Upon receiving funding requests from our community partners, County staff will review the requests and contact you with any follow-up questions, and ultimately return to the Board of Supervisors for further discussion, recommendations and approval of funding allocations.

Please keep in mind, considering the funds do not need to be obligated until December 2024, and considering only half the funding is being allocated at this time, that it is possible some requests will be approved immediately and other requests will be deferred for consideration until the summer/fall of 2022.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to review all other funding amounts available through ARPA beyond the direct allocation to the County as those funding amounts may address your needs. A helpful resource for reviewing these funding uses can be found at <https://www.naco.org/covid-19-recovery-clearinghouse>.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Ms. Sorg for assistance.

Sincerely,



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c. Members, Honorable Board of Supervisors