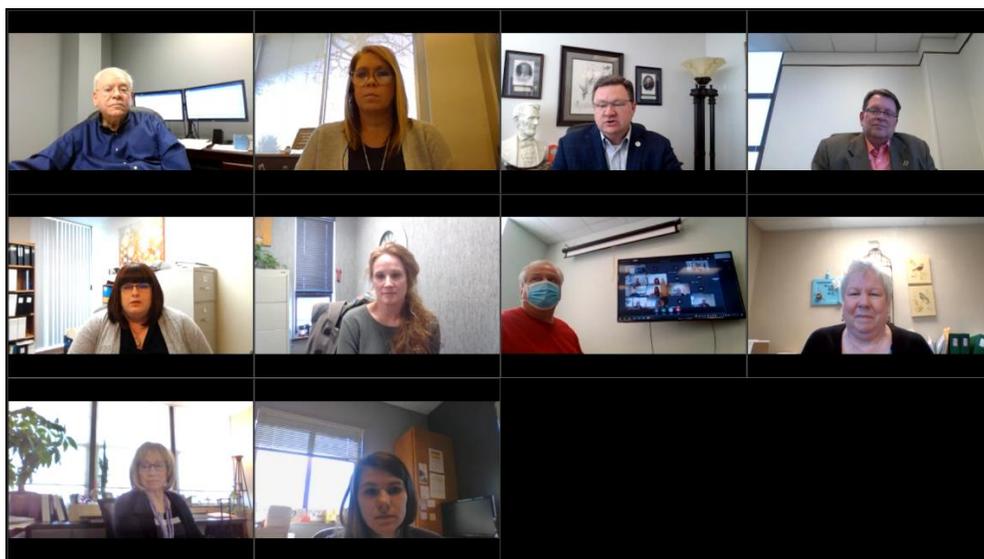




**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Jan. 26, 2022**

## **Greene County ERA program 1-year anniversary**



*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – The Greene County Commission recognized the ongoing collaborative effort with six local organizations on Tuesday, Jan. 11 after completing one year of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program.

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC), Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Council of Churches of the Ozarks, and The Salvation Army all received Greene County Proclamations celebrating their accomplishments in 2021.



In total, \$7,747,884 was awarded to 1,969 local households. Over 90% of ERA 1 funds and 15% of ERA 2 funds have been paid out. According to Greene County Budget Officer, Jeff Scott, the County has distributed ERA 1 funds more than one and a half times quicker than the national average rate.

ERA 1 funds were a part of a \$900 billion federal relief package approved by Congress in 2020. They're designed to help families and individuals pay rent and utilities who've been impacted by COVID-19. Greene County was the recipient of \$8.7 million from the U.S. Treasury Department.

A second round of ERA funds were a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act in 2021. Greene County was awarded \$6.9 million by the U.S. Treasury Department.

“We are grateful for our community partners and the role they each played in getting available resources into the hands of those who needed them most,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “We are very pleased with the partnership and salute each of these vital community organizations.”

The Greene County Commission is excited to continue its partnership with the six local ERA organizations in 2022. More than \$12.3 million in funds is expected to be available for Greene County residents in need.

To apply for available ERA funds, a Greene County resident can click on the green “Rental Assistance” button on the homepage of [www.greencountymo.gov](http://www.greencountymo.gov).



- Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) - (417) 447-0554
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services - (417) 889-7474
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks - (417) 888-2020
- Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri - (417) 268-9998
- Council of Churches of the Ozarks - (417) 887-3545
- The Salvation Army - (417) 862-5509

There they will find the phone numbers to the six partnering agencies and more information on how to make an appointment and fill out an application.

###

*Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.*

**For additional information, contact Robert Jehle, Public Information Officer, at 417-844-4311 or [rjehle@greencountymo.gov](mailto:rjehle@greencountymo.gov).**