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## **Nonprofits can apply for Greene County ARPA funds starting August 24**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – Applications will soon be available online for Greene County nonprofits seeking American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Organizations can begin the application process at [arp.greencountymo.gov](http://arp.greencountymo.gov). Applications will be open for three weeks starting on Wednesday, August 24, and ending on Wednesday, September 14.

The county has a total of \$56.9 million in ARPA funds to support recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be two funding rounds for nonprofits. Approximately \$5.9 million is available in the first round.

Awards will be divided into three funding tiers based on the organizations' budget. Agencies are encouraged to apply in only one of the funding tiers. Applicants are also encouraged to keep funding requests below twenty percent of the agency's total project budget.

The eligibility criteria for ARPA funding is as follows:

- The organization must be located in Greene County, Missouri or provide services for Greene County residents. If the organization's primary office is located outside of Greene County, grant dollars may only be requested for work completed in Greene County for Greene County residents.
- The organization must have existed in Greene County, Missouri as of March 3, 2021.

- The organization must have maintained without revocation 501(c)3 public nonprofit status with a ruling date at or before March 3, 2021.
- The organization must demonstrate the existence of negative impacts incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency since March 3, 2021.

Additionally, nonprofit projects must be in compliance with the following:

- Projects must address an eligible category in the ARPA guidelines as part of the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Be consistent with the Greene County ARPA Needs Assessment.
- Have experienced impact from the pandemic in terms of revenue decline, increased requests for service or other documented impacts.
- Board Certification and evidence of an engaged agency Board of Directors.

Funded agencies will need to complete an annual report to Greene County at the end of the calendar year.

The county will host two online ARPA workshops to help nonprofits with registering, applications, and answer any questions.

The first workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. The second workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, at 3:00 p.m. To join the virtual meetings, use this link: <https://www.gotomeet.me/GCCommissionOffice>.

All ARPA funds must be allocated by Dec. 31, 2024 and all projects funded by the county must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

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*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.*

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