

Greene County American Rescue Plan Act Citizen Advisory Committee

In 2021, the U.S. Senate passed the American Rescue Plan Act to provide direct funding to states, territories and tribal governments. The goal is to promote recovery by funding programs and services that support the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. An initial deposit of \$28,464,260 arrived on May 19, 2021 and the second allocation is scheduled to arrive in late spring of 2022. In total, Greene County will receive \$56,928,520 in ARPA funding to support local efforts to recover from COVID-19.

To help ensure equitable allocation of these funds locally, the Greene County Commission has appointed a citizen advisory committee from a diverse number of sectors to bring their expertise to the County's ARPA application review and approval process.

The ARPA Citizen Advisory Committee members are:



Candace Adams, Emergency Management Retiree and Educator

Adams is retired from both Greene County OEM and Missouri SEMA where she coordinated disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery planning for 18 counties. She currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at University of Central Missouri in the Crisis and Disaster Management Bachelor degree program.



Kristoffer Barefield, Attorney

Barefield has been practicing law for over 15 years, the majority of that time dedicated to working in the juvenile courts assisting with children in foster care and adoptions. He serves as municipal judge in Willard, Walnut Grove and Marionville. He also serves on the board of directors for the AIDS Project of the Ozarks.



David Burton, University of Missouri Extension

Burton, of Republic, is the County Engagement Specialist for the MU Extension where he works with staff and members of the elected extension council to create impactful and sustainable educational programs in the community. He is also the past chair of the Greene County Historic Sites Board.



Bridget Dierks, Vice President of Programs CFO

Dierks has been with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for 15 years and is responsible for the CFO's unrestricted Springfield Metro grant programming as well as the Coover Regional grant programming, and oversees the CFO's field of interest grant programming, scholarships, benevolence funds and the Youth Empowerment Project. She also serves on the Missouri State Arts and Letters advisory board, Prosper Springfield board of directors, CPO board of directors, and as a volunteer for Springfield Public Schools.



Rev. Saehee Duran, Pastor and Educator

Duran is the pastor at Life360 Church in addition to teaching at Evangel University and serving on the Evangel Alumni Board, AG U.S. Missions Board, Network of Women Ministers and the Korean-English Fellowship. She is also a police chaplain and has served on the Springfield Public Schools Diversity and Equity Committee.



Keith Ray Mackie, KRM Counseling and Consulting

Mackie is the owner of KRM Counseling and Consulting, a private practice that works with children and families with acute emotional, behavioral and psychiatric needs. He spent 15 years as a counselor at Boys & Girls Town of Missouri/Great Circle. Mackie is involved in numerous community organizations and is a board member for Missouri Kids First.



Dr. Mark Maynard Sr., Business Consultant and Retired Educator

Dr. Maynard is an international professional speaker, business consultant and travel host. He has led 20 international business/service trips and has extensive experience in development, entrepreneurship and social enterprise. Maynard serves on the board for Adult and Teen Challenge USA and is a volunteer with Convoy of Hope. He is a retired professor of business, having served at both Evangel and Drury Universities.



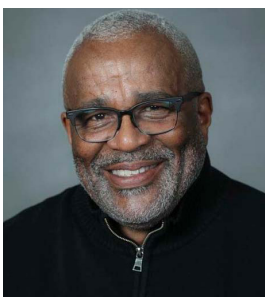
Justyn Pippins, Small Business Manager

Pippins currently manages Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar. He also owns Vision Group Development. Pippins is active in Minorities in Business, Big Brothers Big Sisters, North Springfield Betterment Association and NAACP.



Jill Stoner, Business Owner, Turners

Stoner has been the owner/operator of Turners Station Mercantile for over 25 years. She has served on the board of directors of the Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District for over 20 years and is a member of the 4-H Foundation. Stoner is an active participant and organizer of events that benefit the citizens of rural Greene County.



Dr. Lyle Foster, ARPA Grant & Equity Specialist

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