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Greene County Commission Approves First Round of ARPA Funding

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission awarded nearly \$23 million in the first distribution of American Rescue Plan funding on Thursday.

There are 66 eligible categories in the ARPA legislation. The legislation strongly suggests that counties and municipalities consider and incorporate an equity focus to ensure underrepresented and underserved community pockets receive eligible funding.

Below is a list of the organizations and the amount that was approved by the Commission:

- Greene County Family Justice Center Alliance \$855,670
- Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri \$475,000
- Missouri State University \$1.455 million
- Ozarks Technical Community College \$750,000
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield \$2 million
- Burrell Behavioral Health \$5.325 million
- Ozark Empire Fairgrounds \$5 million
- Vecino Group \$4.5 million
- Neighborhood Coalition Group \$1.5 million
- Council of Churches of the Ozarks \$1 million

"Today marks a major milestone in the ARPA process," said Greene County Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "We are pleased to make these awards in our county and we are grateful for what each of these excellent organizations does in our county every day. It was difficult to narrow the field as all the applicants make such a difference for our citizens. ###

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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