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**Subject: Grand Traverse County Opens the Official American Rescue Plant Act Funds Application**

Grand Traverse County has opened the official application for the American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA). The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners will be making decisions on how to allocate funds to support community projects based on the applications received. The County's consultants at Public Sector Consultants (PSC) have designed the application to be easy to access as a fillable PDF application. Organizations seeking ARPA funding are encouraged to fill out the following application form found [here](#). **Note, that the application portal is open for 60 days and will be closed after Monday, October 31st.**

Grand Traverse County received \$18,081,253 from the Federal Government under the American Rescue Plan Act. The County must obligate these funds by December 31, 2024 and expend them by no later than December 31, 2026. The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners (BOC) formed an ARPA advisory committee (ARPAAC) made up of members of the community representing key sectors of our region. The ARPAAC has made recommendations regarding the priorities for use of these funds. Grand Traverse County will use the information provided by the applications to assess and determine alignment with community priorities for purpose of allocating funding. Following the application process, the ARPAAC will review the applications and make recommendations to provide to the Board of Commissioners at a future meeting.

The application portal, and information about Grand Traverse County's ARPA funding, are accessible via Grand Traverse County's website, [gtcountymi.gov](http://gtcountymi.gov), and the County Administration page found [here](#).

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