

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rick Richard  
INITIATED BY



2/24/2022  
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing the Use of ARPA Funds for Payroll Costs of Public Health Staff Primarily Dedicated to COVID-19 Response in 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act allows counties to use ARPA funds for payroll and covered benefits for public health employees that are “primarily dedicated” to responding to COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA Final Rule states that employees are eligible for their full wages and benefits to be covered if they spend more than half of their time responding to COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, some staff time in the Public Health department was covered by other grants in 2021, and therefore is not eligible for ARPA funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, there were seven employees in the Public Health department that spent more than half of their time responding to COVID-19 in 2021 and did not have their payroll costs covered in full by other grants; and,

**WHEREAS**, ARPA funds can be used for expenses incurred starting March 3, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, it was determined that \$357,834.54 of these employees’ wages and benefits are eligible for ARPA reimbursement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 10th day of March, 2022, does hereby authorize the use of \$357,834.54 of the County’s ARPA allocation for reimbursement of the eligible Public Health payroll costs from 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2022 budget be amended as follows:

Account	Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
19-1980-0000-42100	\$24,001,795	\$357,835	\$24,359,630
ARPA Allocation			
Use of Funds			
19-1980-3102-62109	-0-	\$357,835	\$357,835
Personnel			

**FISCAL NOTE:**

This resolution allocates \$357,835 of ARPA funds to be used to reimburse the Health Dept for 2021 staff costs.

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2022 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

This is an eligible use of funding under ARPA rules.

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Committee Action**

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a vote of 2-1 in which Supervisors Aegerter and Bostwick voted “Aye,” Supervisor Mawhinney voted “Nay,” and Supervisor Davis abstained. Supervisor Fox was absent.