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January 26, 2022

TO: Traill County Municipalities, government entities/political subdivisions, and private businesses

RE: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant Program

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Traill County has been allotted ARPA funds for distribution and use in Traill County. Congress and the US Department of the Treasury have developed and issued guidance and rules on much needed direct and flexible financial aid for every county, parish and borough in America. Counties are on the front line in delivering this aid to their residents and are the driving force connecting communities and strengthening the economy through the disbursement and use of ARPA funds.

The Traill County Board of Commissioners has appointed an ARPA Committee to explore the best available options to utilize these funds within the provisions of the Act. Based upon guidance from the ARPA Committee, the Traill County Commission made the decision to accept applications for ARPA fund grants from qualifying entities, provided the requests conform to the guidelines of the American Rescue Plan Act. Traill County ARPA funds are earmarked for use only within Traill County.

The Traill County Commission's overall objective for use of ARPA funds is to benefit Traill County taxpayers and residents in the best and most encompassing way possible. The ARPA funds may be used and or awarded for the following (not in order of priority):

- **Replace lost public sector revenue:** using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic;
- **Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic:** by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts;
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers:** offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors;
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure:** making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRAILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY DECIDE, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, TO NOT AWARD ARPA FUNDS TO ANY PRIVATE BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT ENTITY, MUNICIPALITY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND, INSTEAD, USE ARPA FUNDS FOR COUNTY PROJECTS/INFRASTRUCTURE AS ALLOWED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

If your business, government entity, municipality or political subdivision has a project that fits the ARPA fund use criteria outlined above, you are encouraged to apply for a grant. Grant applications will be received, reviewed, and analyzed by the ARPA committee. The ARPA committee will make recommendations to the Traill County Board of Commissioners on how to best use/distribute ARPA funds, but the Traill County Board of Commissioners, at its sole discretion, will make all final decisions.

Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2022. All applications and associated documents/correspondence must be submitted to the Traill County ARPA Committee via email, in person, or mailed, and must be typed, not handwritten:

Mailing: Traill County ARPA Committee
Re: ARPA Grant
PO Box 429
Hillsboro, ND 58045

In person: Traill County Auditor's Office
Traill County Courthouse
114 West Caledonia Ave
Hillsboro, ND 58045

Emailing: heather.hovey@traill.nd.us

Please see the included grant guidance for more information. Grant guidance and the application can be found at www.co.traill.nd.us.