



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Update

Chatham County

January 18, 2022

Agenda

1. Background
2. Planning Process
 - a. Engagement Plan
3. Key Takeaways

ARP Background

Also Known As...

American
Rescue Plan Act
Funds

ARP Funds

ARPA Funds

Coronavirus State
and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds
(CSLFRF)

State
and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds
(SLFRF)

Fiscal
Recovery Funds

ARP Background

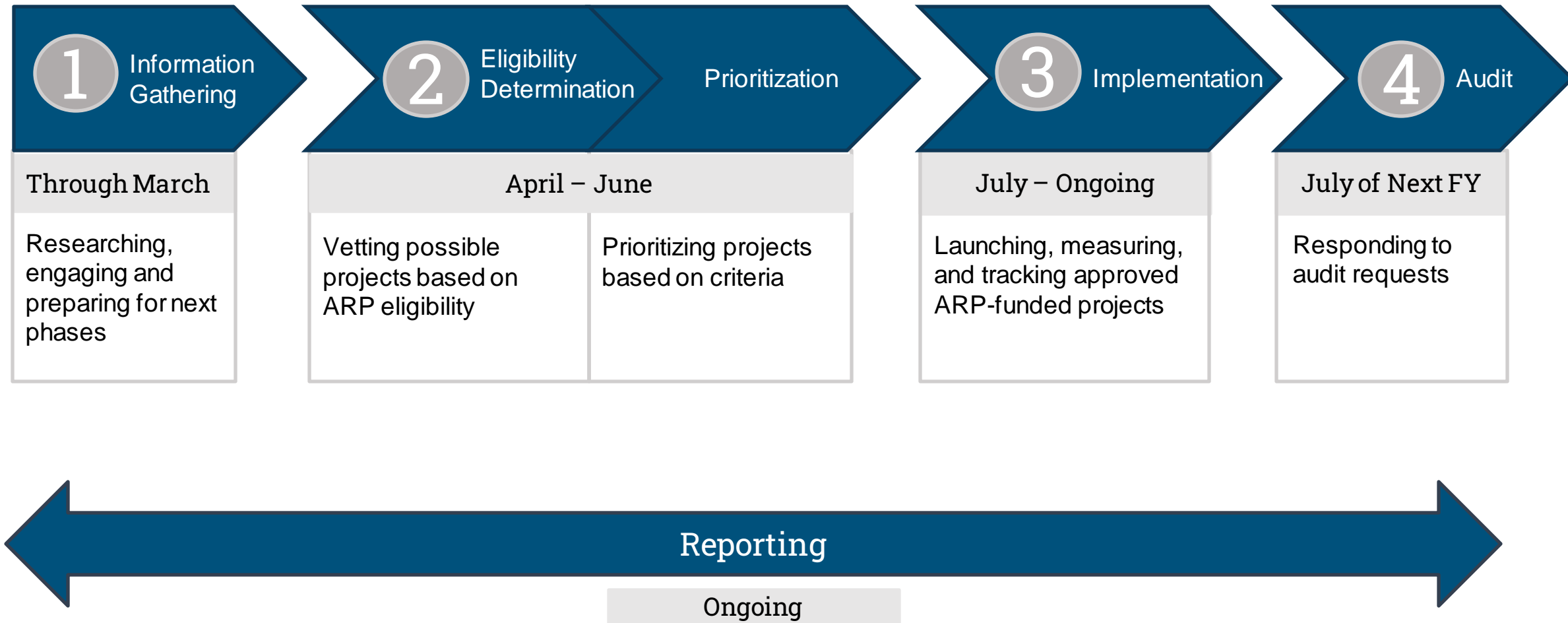
- Intended to **combat the COVID-19 pandemic**, including public health and economic impacts by:
 - Supporting urgent COVID-19 response efforts
 - Replacing lost public sector revenue
 - Supporting immediate economic stabilization for households
 - Addressing systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic
- Chatham County has been allocated **\$14,464,924**
- States, schools, and health departments received separate funds
- **Deadlines:**
 - Committed by December 31, 2024
 - Used by December 31, 2026

Important Considerations

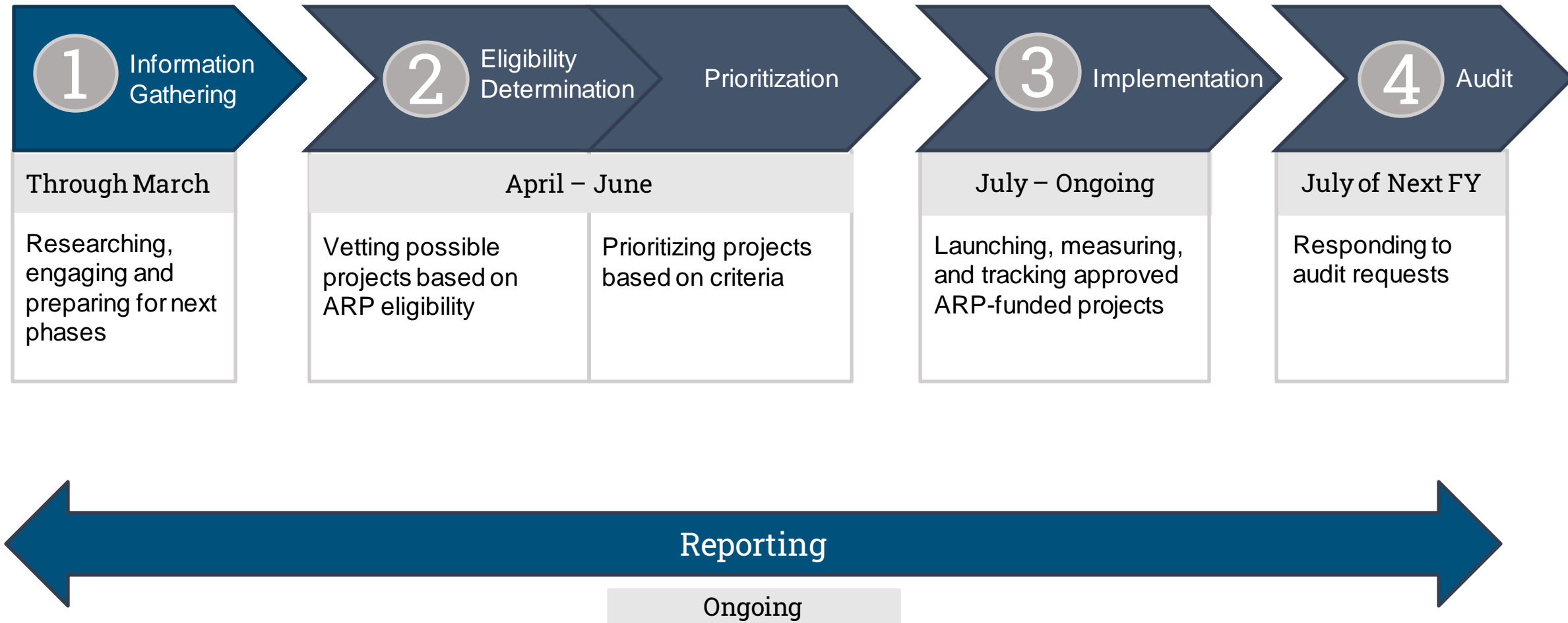
- Final guidance from US Treasury was **released 1/6/2022**
- **State budget released** which may have implications on Chatham
- ARP Flexibility Bill (House Bill 735) was approved by Senate and is **currently in the House**
 - Additional flexibility for ARP spending

Planning Process

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Information Gathering

Information Gathering:

- CRF Foundational Knowledge
- ARP Policy Analysis
- Internal Conversations with Management
- ARP+Nonprofit Forum Discussions

Moving Forward

- Engagement (January – March)
 - Collaborative Impact Teams
 - Public Input
- Community Health Assessment Data
- Project Prioritization

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CIT Engagement

Timeframe: January – March

Provide **departments** with the opportunity to identify needs that have been exacerbated by or are a direct result of the public health emergency.

Plan:

1. ARP Presentation & Discussion
2. Project Submission by CIT Team Lead
3. Project Review and Prioritization by all CIT Team Leads and Internal Review Team
4. CIT Team Leads and Internal Review Team Discussion & Decision



1 Public Input & Engagement

Timeframe: January – March

Provide **the public** with the opportunity to identify needs that have been exacerbated by or are a direct result of the public health emergency.

Ways to engage:

1. Public Input at Board of Commissioner Meetings
2. ARP Public Engagement Sessions
3. Online Survey



Public Input & Engagement

Public Input at Board of Commissioner Meetings

The public can sign up to speak or submit comments in writing for the **February 21st** and **March 21st** Board of Commissioner meetings.

Details:

- Must [sign up](#) prior to meeting
- Each speaker has three (3) minutes to speak
- Written comments are submitted to Lindsay Ray or via sign-up



Public Input & Engagement

Public Engagement Sessions

The public will have the opportunity to learn more about ARP and share project ideas with County staff.

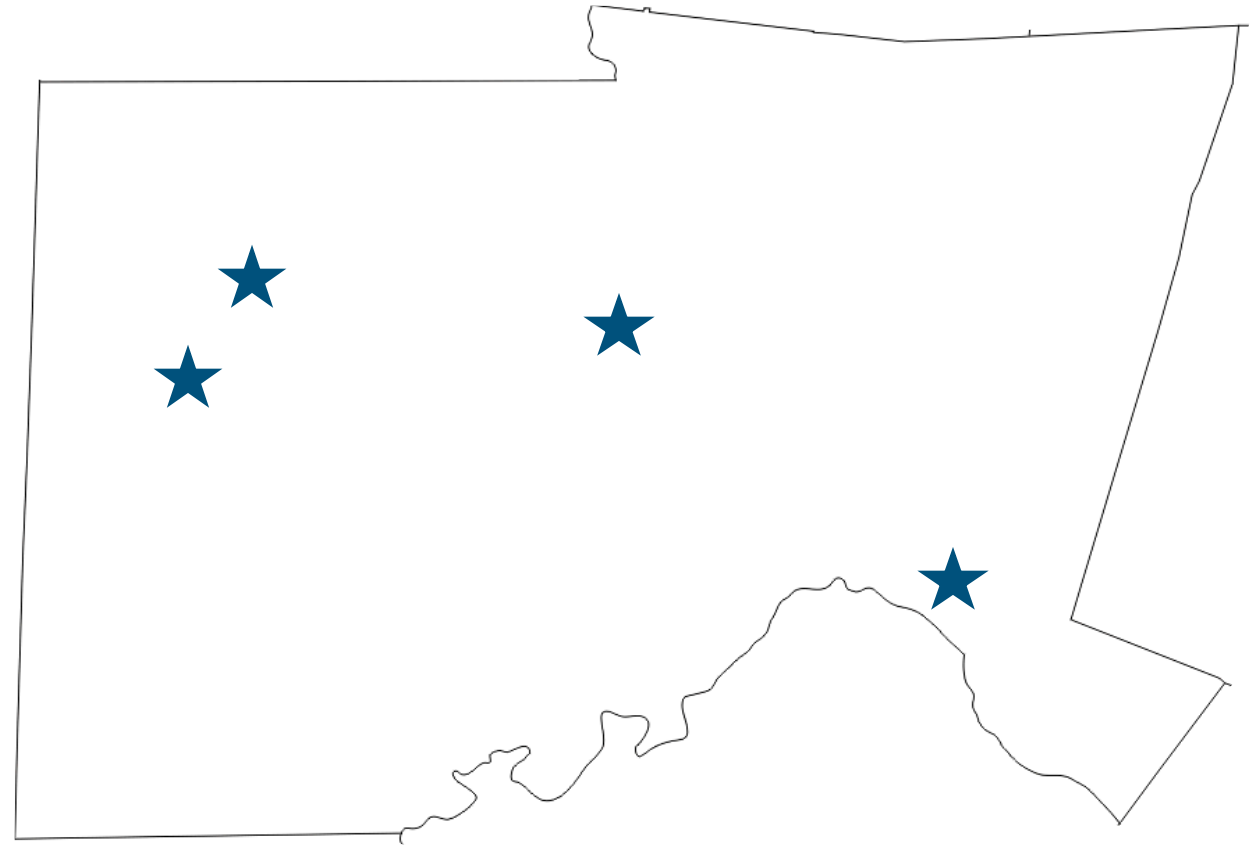
Details:

- No decisions will be made; only gathering information
- Start at **6 PM** with a kickoff ARP presentation
- Each person will have 5 minutes to present to staff
- Staff will ask clarifying questions

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Public Engagement Sessions

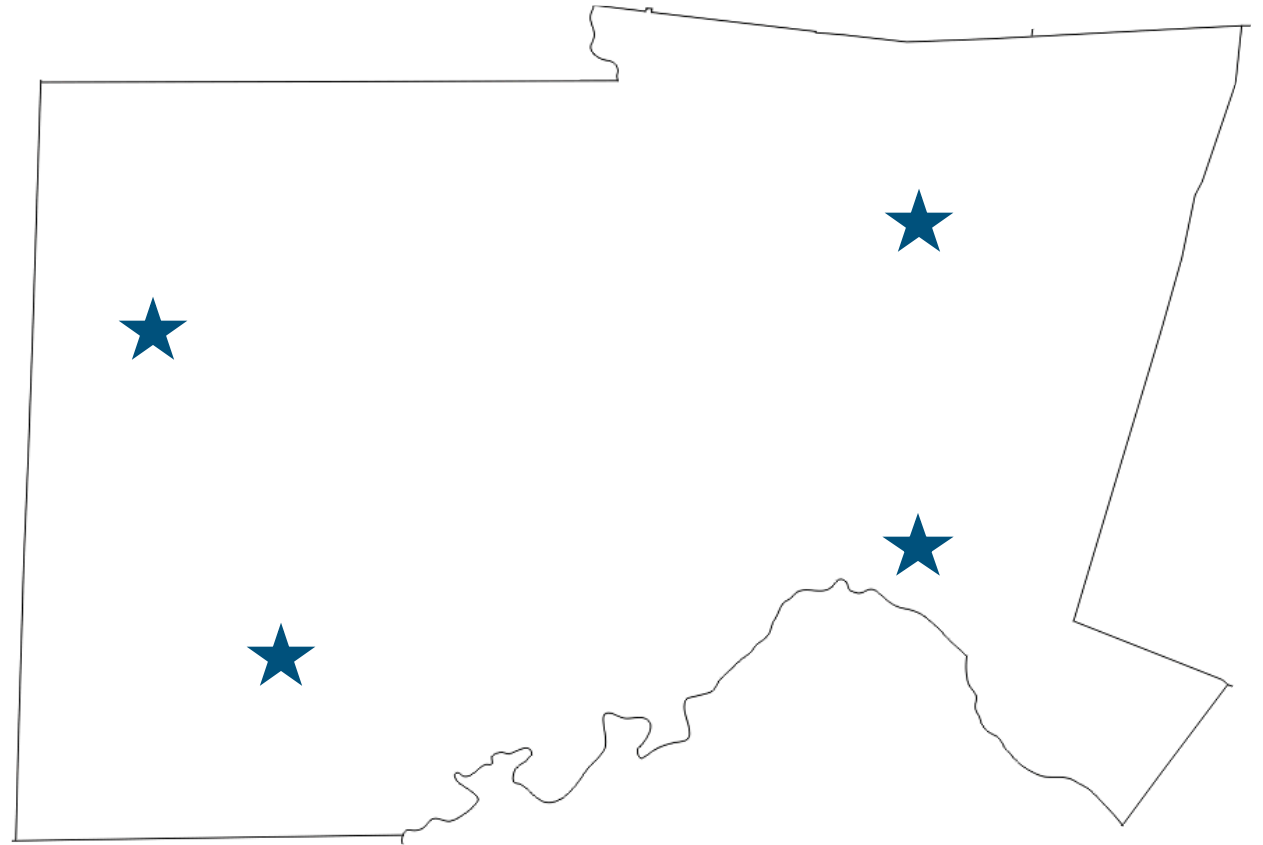
- **Feb 1, 2022** – Haywood
 - Sprott Youth Center
- **Feb 3, 2022** – Pittsboro
 - *Location pending*
- **Feb 8, 2022** – Siler City
 - *Location pending*
- **Feb 10, 2022** – Siler City
 - *Location pending*



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Public Engagement Sessions

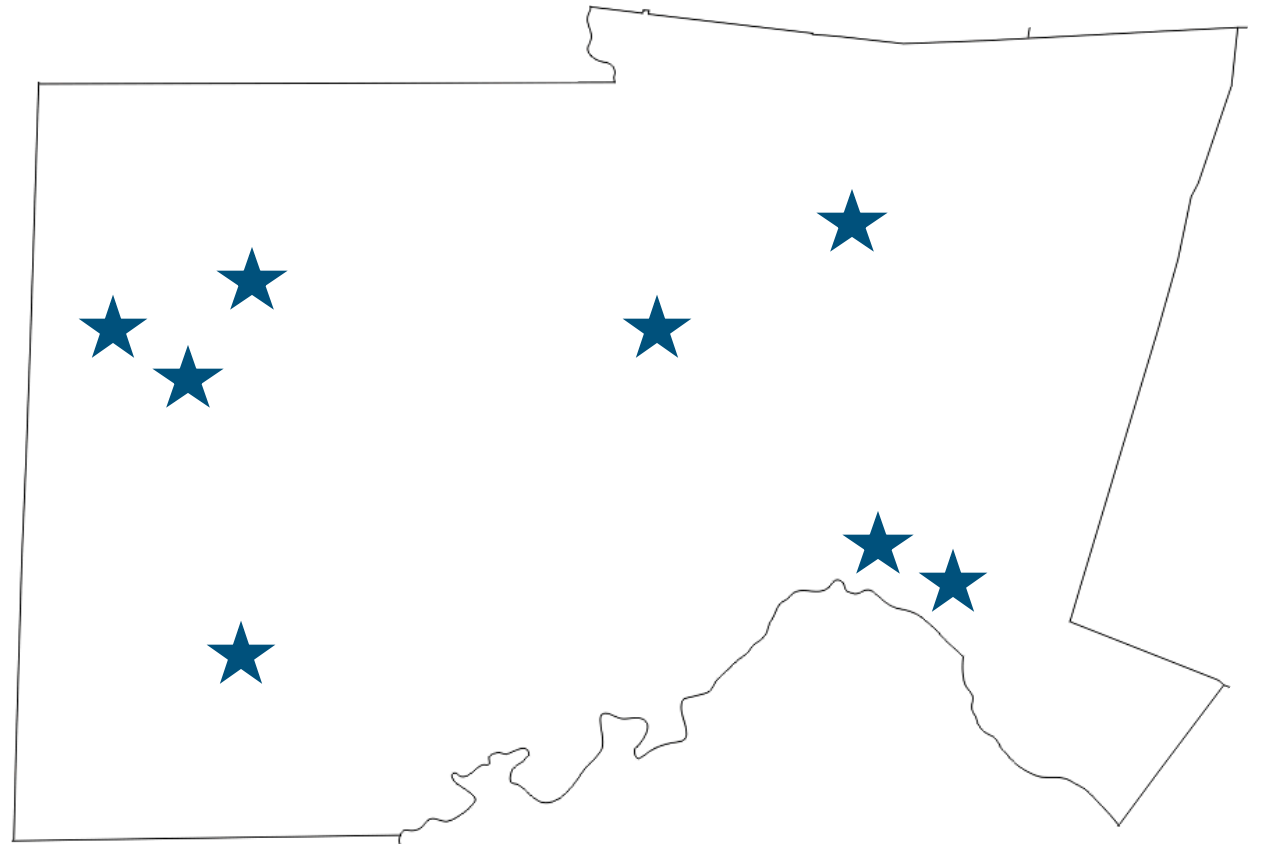
- **Mar 8, 2022** – Southwest
 - *Location pending*
- **Mar 10, 2022** – Southeast
 - *Location pending*
- **Mar 15, 2022** – Northwest
 - *Location pending*
- **Mar 17, 2022** – Northeast
 - *Location pending*



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1 Public Input & Engagement

Online Survey

English (United States)

American Rescue Plan Act Survey of Resident Funding Priorities

Chatham County received \$14 million through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These one-time funds provide a unique opportunity to invest in projects and programs that benefit residents and help our community rebound from the pandemic.

Please consider spending five minutes to take this brief survey. The results will provide feedback to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and County staff about how residents would like the ARPA funds invested in our community.

Hi, Courtney. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

Your Information

Please provide your contact information, so that we may follow up with you if we have questions about your answers.

1. First and Last Name

2. Phone Number

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Engagement Survey

Public Health Response

Public health response means using ARPA funds to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 and its negative impacts. Some examples of this are:

- purchasing masks
- paying for COVID-19 testing
- supporting mental health/substance abuse treatment

6. Do you support the use of ARPA funds for public health response?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

7. Do you have any additional comments or project ideas to support public health response?

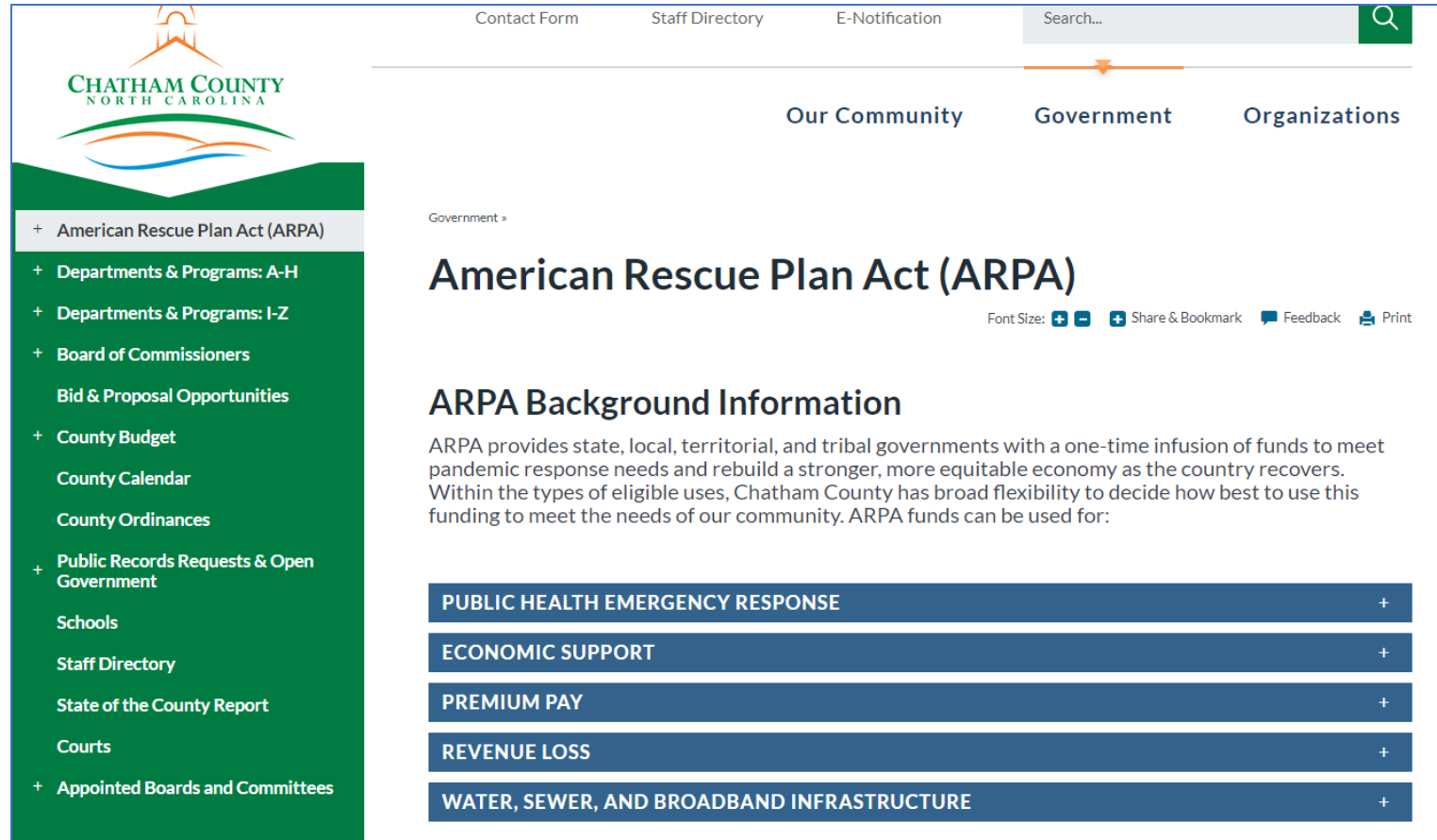
IMPORTANT: Projects must be respond to the negative impacts of COVID-19 to be eligible.

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1 Public Input & Engagement

Webpage will include:

- Basic ARP background information
- Public engagement meeting schedules
- Online survey
- Additional resources





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Preparation for Next Phase



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Established internal controls through the **Board of Commissioners** and an **Internal Review Team** to move to Eligibility and Prioritization.

The Board of Commissioners and Internal Review Team helped map out:

- Values
- Guiding parameters
- Prioritization process

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Prioritization Process

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Each member of the Internal Review Team (IRT) will:

1. Receive and review project descriptions and considerations
2. Use a **high-medium-low** priority scale that considers:
 - Fiscal foresight
 - Transformational
 - Disparity Reduction
 - Feasibility
3. Meet and come to a consensus on final project prioritizations
4. Presents to the Board of Commissioners

Key Takeaways

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- Chatham County is in the **first phase** of the planning process (**information gathering**).
- All eligible projects **must be related to mitigating the negative impacts of COVID-19**.
- Engagement with the public and CITs to **launch in January** and **extend through March**.
- Present the ARP Plan at an upcoming **Board of Commissioners meeting** after all public engagement is done.



THANK YOU!

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Resources

- [US Treasury Final Rule](#)
- [US Treasury FAQs](#)
- [US Treasury Factsheet](#)
- [NACo Legislative Analysis](#)
- [NACo FAQs](#)