

## Kankakee County's ARPA Funding FAQ's

### **1. What is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?**

The **American Rescue Plan (ARPA)** was signed into law by President Biden in March of 2021. Through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), it provides direct relief to counties, cities, towns, and villages in the United States. The U.S. Department of Treasury provided guidelines and is responsible for overseeing the program.

### **2. What is KCR3?**

**Kankakee County's Respond, Revitalize, and Reinvest (KCR3)** initiative is a targeted deployment plan of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in Kankakee County. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was established by the Federal government to help speed up COVID-19 recovery efforts. Kankakee County was allocated \$21.3 million in ARPA funds.

### **3. What are eligible uses for ARPA funds?**

Eligible uses for ARPA funding have been determined and outlined by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Federal rules require funds to be used to address negative economic impacts, support public health response, replace lost revenue, support stabilization efforts, strengthen the workforce, invest in infrastructure, and overall address immediate to long-term needs. For more information, visit <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule.pdf>. For additional information, visit [www.treasury.gov/SLFRP](http://www.treasury.gov/SLFRP).

**4. How do I apply for Kankakee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds?**

Applications can be downloaded online at [www.k3county.net](http://www.k3county.net) or found on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Administration Building located at:

189 E. Court Street  
Suite 502  
Kankakee, IL 60901

**5. What do I need to provide when applying for Kankakee County ARPA funds?**

Please provide the most up-to-date information available. Applicants will need the following to apply:

- Application packet
- Reasons for funding or outlined project description
- Social security number or FEIN number
- 2019 and 2020 tax returns (Form 990 for tax-exempt nonprofits also accepted)
- Valid primary email address
- Valid phone number
- Valid address

*\*For all communication purposes, please make sure your contact information is correct.*

**6. How far can I go back with expenses?**

Expenses incurred before March 3, 2021 are not eligible for reimbursement.

**7. Additional questions on the application include:**

- Have you received federal COVID-19 relief funding?
- Have you previously applied for grant funding?
- Have you received any PPE loans?

**8. If we received CARES funding, but NOT from Kankakee County, can we still apply?**

Yes

**9. What if my description or narrative does not fit on the application?**

Narratives may be attached as a separate document if necessary.

**10. What if my request does not fall within the listed categories?**

The project or funding request must meet criteria listed in the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule attached in order to qualify.

**11. What is the Marketing and Communications Agreement?**

If your request is approved by the Kankakee County Board, the marketing and communications agreement states that all applicants agree to promotional and transparency purposes associated with ARPA. This may or may not include having your photo taken, social media and web updates, and a possible video produced to further share your story on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted you, your local business, organization or entity. Under this agreement, applicants must also understand how to credit Kankakee County ARPA funding as a sponsor when referring to ARPA funded projects, programs, or initiatives.

## **12. How long will applications be accepted?**

There is no deadline for an application, but funds are limited. Once an application is submitted, it remains on file and will go through the process. Funds are available until they have been expended. ARPA funding must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026.

## **13. How will I be notified about my request?**

Applicants may be notified through various communication including by mail, phone or email. If a request is approved, the applicant will be contacted for further steps. If a request is not approved, the applicant will be contacted with the reason(s) and has the option to reapply. If a request is on hold, more information may be needed and the applicant will be contacted.

## **14. How will funding be awarded?**

Any funding awarded will be received on a reimbursement basis and will only be paid after review of proper receipts or invoices.

## **15. Where can I follow updates for ARPA?**

Visit Kankakee County's website at <https://www.k3county.net/kcr3.html> for more information on Kankakee County ARPA funding. Requests are discussed in the County Board's monthly Finance Committee meeting. Visit [www.k3county.net](http://www.k3county.net) to view the calendar on the homepage. Meetings are also broadcasted LIVE on the Kankakee County Board's [YouTube channel](#). All meetings are open to the public. For additional updates, follow Kankakee County Board on [Facebook](#).

## **16. If your question is not listed here, please email your question to [administration@k3county.net](mailto:administration@k3county.net).**