



ARPA Meetings 2022

March 15 and March 29

Commission Chambers, Historic Courthouse
225 North Broad Street
6:00 p.m.



Board of Commissioners

Michael J. Stephenson-County Manager

Thomas County ARPA

America Rescue Plan Act
U.S. Department of The Treasury
Final Rule
Effective 1 April 2022
(replaces Interim Final Rule enacted March 2021)



Thomas County ARPA

Thomas County Board of Commissioners Implementation Schedule

- 03 March 2021 Period of Performance Started
- 15 March 2022 First Information Sharing Meeting
- 29 March 2022 Second Information Sharing Meeting
- 29 April 2022 Final Date to Receive Written Comments
- 17 May 2022 TCBOC Revises Tentative ARPA Budget
- 14 June 2022 TCBOC Adopts Final ARPA Budget
- 31 December 2024 Final Date to Obligate ARPA Funds
- 31 December 2026 Final Date to Spend ARPA Funds
- 31 December 2026 Period of Performance Ends



Thomas County ARPA

Thomas County Board of Commissioners Current Grant Funding Status

15 March 2022

Revenues	June 2021	4,300,000
	June 2022	<u>4,300,000</u>
	Total	8,600,000
Expenses/Commitments	Premium Pay	3,900,000
	Broadband	<u>1,675,000</u>
	Total	5,575,000
	Balance Available	\$3,025,000



Thomas County ARPA

Three Main Purposes

Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses

Maintain vital public services

Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 4



Four Approved Categories

Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenues

Public Health and Economic Impacts

Premium Pay for County Workers

Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 4, 5



Eligible Category # 1

Replacing Lost Sector Revenues

A standard allowance of up to \$10 million in aggregate, not to exceed the award amount, during the program

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 9



Eligible Category # 1

Replacing Lost Sector Revenues

Examples of Eligible Government Services

- Road building and maintenance
 - Health services
- General government administration, staff and facilities
- Provision of law enforcement, fire and other public safety services
 - Purchase of fire trucks and law enforcement vehicles

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 11



Eligible Category # 2

Public Health and Economic Impacts

- Eligible uses, to respond to negative economic impacts by giving assistance to impacted households, include aid for re-employment, job training, food, rent, mortgage, utilities, affordable housing development, childcare, early education, addressing learning loss, and others.
- Eligible uses for assistance to impacted small businesses or nonprofits include loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship, technical assistance for small businesses, and many more uses.

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; pages 6, 7



Eligible Category # 2

Public Health and Economic Impacts

Proposed Guidelines

- Assistance to households

Seeking an agent to process applications for household assistance

- Assistance to small businesses & impacted industries

Seeking an agent to process applications for business/industrial assistance

- Assistance to nonprofits

County staff will process applications for non-profits

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 12



Thomas County ARPA

Eligible Category # 2 Public Health and Economic Impacts

Thomas County Poverty Rates - 2020 Census				
Jurisdiction	Population	Poverty %	Poverty #	\$ ARPA
Thomas County	45,798	0.1620	7,419	12,942,000
Thomasville	18,881	0.2500	4,720	3,500,000
Meigs	1,040	0.3631	378	192,000
Ochlocknee	692	0.2455	170	126,000
Coolidge	532	0.2618	139	98,000
Pavo	604	0.2283	138	112,000
Barwick	372	0.1941	72	69,000
Boston	1,332	0.2671	356	245,000
Total Municipal	23,453	0.2546	5,971	4,342,000
Uninc. Thomas County	22,345	0.0648	1,448	8,600,000



Eligible Category # 3

Premium Pay to County Workers

- Eligible workers performing essential work, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 7



Eligible Category # 3

Premium Pay to County Workers

- By the authority of the Interim Final Rule enacted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury in March 2021, the Thomas County Board of Commission approved the payment of \$3.9 million in premium pay to eligible County workers.

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; pages 35



Eligible Category # 4

Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

- Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet.

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 7



Eligible Category # 4

Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

- By the authority of the Interim Final Rule enacted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury in March 2021, the Thomas County Board of Commission approved the payment of \$1.675 million as a local match to State of Georgia grants for Windstream and AT&T to provide broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Thomas County.

U.S. Department of the Treasury; Final Rule; page 39,40



Written Comments Submittal

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
116 West Jefferson Street
Thomasville, Georgia
Attn: County Clerk, ARPA

By April 29th, 2022

