



ARPA Grant Administration Fiscal Recovery Funds Project Proposal Form

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DEPARTMENT / OFFICE: Development Services

Project Sponsor: Zach Kirk

Project Manager: Zach Kirk

Background

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury launched the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. To identify projects, Ada County developed a three-tiered approach: First, to address COVID19 response needs within Ada County services to protect both staff and the people we serve. Second-tier is for new County projects needed to reduce the spread of COVID19 and fiscally recover to pre-pandemic levels. The third tier incorporates our partners to support additional services to Ada County residents.

Statutory Eligible Uses

1. To respond to the COVID-19 **public health emergency** or its **negative economic impacts**; including providing assistance to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and impacted industries, such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
2. To respond to workers **performing essential work** during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing **premium pay** to eligible workers of eligible employers that have eligible workers who are performing essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible entities who perform essential work;
3. Provide government services to the extent COVID-19 caused a reduction in revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county;
4. Make necessary investments in **water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure**.

Key Principles as a Grant Participant

- Recipients and subrecipients are the first line of defense, and are responsible for ensuring the Coronavirus SLFRF award funds are **not used for ineligible purposes**, and there is no fraud, waste, and abuse associated with their SLFRF award;
- Many SLFRF-funded projects respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and meet urgent community needs. **Swift and effective implementation** is vital, and recipients must balance facilitating simple and rapid program access widely across the community and **maintaining robust documentation and compliance regime**;
- Treasury encourages recipients to use SLFRF-funded projects to advance shared interests and **promote equitable delivery of government benefits and opportunities to underserved communities**, as outlined in Executive Order 13985, On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government; and
- **Transparency and public accountability** for SLFRF award funds and use of such funds are critical to upholding program integrity and trust in all levels of government, and SLFRF award funds should be managed consistent with Administration guidance per **Memorandum M-21-20** and **Memorandum M-20-21**.



PROPOSAL

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Please select only one of the seven categories below and only one from the subcategory that best describes your proposal:

* Denotes areas where recipients must identify the amount of the total funds that are allocated to evidence-based interventions being funded.

[What Works Clearinghouse](#), [CLEAR](#), [Childcare & Early Education Research Connections](#), [Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness](#)

^ Denotes areas where recipients must report on whether projects are primarily serving disproportionately impacted communities. [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance \(treasury.gov\)](#) – page 21/22

5. Infrastructure: water, sewer, or broadband

5.16 Water and Sewer: Private Wells

1. SCOPE OF WORK:

1.1 Need: What business need makes the project necessary and what factors are triggering it?

Approximately 160 shallow private wells are at risk due to declining aquifer.

1.2 Timing: Is this a need currently identified in the Master Facilities Plan or a priority previously discussed during a budget presentation?

No, notification of wells going dry has been recent.

1.3 Project: Describe the project and how it is the best solution to satisfy the triggering need. Identify what will be in scope and if anything is specifically not included in the scope.

The project is to fund connection to the public water system nearest to the properties that are experiencing well failure. This is the best solution because it protects water quantity by stopping 160 homeowners from chasing groundwater by digging deeper wells in an area. This solution protects water quality by removing 160 new well locations that have the potential to contaminate groundwater if the wells are not construction properly. It also protects the public because the public water system has greater water treatment capabilities.

1.4 Alternatives: Are there other alternatives?

The only other alternative is for each private well owner to dig deeper wells. However, the waiting list is 1 to 3 years.

1.5 Stakeholders: What people, groups, systems, etc., will be affected by the project?

Individual homeowners on fixed income (retired) and low-income households will benefit. The public water system (Veolia) will be able to connect main loops adding redundancy to the system.

1.6 Risks: What are the anticipated risks associated with the project?

The risks are just the typical risks associated with water line construction. Increased construction costs are the largest risk, however, this can be mitigated by quick action and following the Idaho Standards for Public Work Construction.



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1.7 Impact: How will the services provided by your office or department be impacted if the project is funded and completed? What negative impacts will result if not funded with ARPA funds?

The project does not affect the services offered by the department. The only negative impact to the department would be public perception that government could not help these homeowners in their time of need. Another negative impact will be that each individual homeowner 'chases the grounder water' deeper potentially drawing down the water faster in that area.

1.8 Resources: Will this project require the County to hire temporary staff, contract for professional services or hire employees?

No. Veolia the public water system owner, would hire the contractor and complete the inspections.

2. FINANCIALS:

2.1 Project Cost: What is the estimated cost to complete the project?

\$2,678,400

2.2 Cost Estimate: How was the estimated cost determined and who developed the estimate?

For each reported area the total length of water line needed was quantified by GIS. Then the per foot cost reported by the water company was applied to the length of pipe required. This cost per foot was also correlated with the most recent quote provided by a contractor doing this work in the area. Zach Kirk developed the estimate.

2.3 Ongoing Costs: How much will it cost each year to maintain or operate the solution?

\$0

2.4 Cost Savings: How much operational expenditure will the solution save each year?

\$0

3. TIMEFRAME:

3.1 Contract: How soon can a contract be executed for the project?

6-10-2022

3.2 Start / Completion: If funded, when will the project start and be completed?

The project could start 7-1-2022 and would be completed by 1-8-2024.

4. COMPLIANCE:

4.1 Identify staff member or members responsible for compliance monitoring and reporting

Zach Kirk, Ada County Development Services and Veolia Staff for construction and inspection of the water lines.

4.2 Please explain compliance monitoring plan

The construction will following the Idaho Standards for Public Works Construction and Veolia Water construction standards. Onsite inspections to confirm construction meets these specifications will be conducted by Veolia.



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4.3 Identify any prior experience in managing Federal funds.

None at Ada County. However, Zach did work on projects that used Federal Funds for projects including Bonneville Power Funding and Dingell Johnson Act Funding.

4.4 In collaboration with Ada County, will your agency/organization adopt and enforce policies and/or procedures required to meet the grant requirements: Yes No

4.5 Will your agency/organization accept additional performance measures as identified by Ada County to meet the grant requirements: Yes No

I certify by electronically signing my name to this application that the project, as detailed above, was not budgeted or otherwise awarded funding during the FY21 or FY22 budget process.

Zach Kirk, P.E. County Engineer