



The **American Rescue Plan** Act provides the Boone County Commission with \$4,167,771 in direct federal aid to assist our community in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Boone County received the first round of funding, approximately \$2 million, in 2021. In general, the American Rescue Plan Funds can be used to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to replace lost public revenues, to support economic stabilization, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, public health and broadband infrastructure. For additional information please see ARP State and Local Rules.¹

Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages if needed. Once submitted this application and any supporting document is considered a public record and will be made available to the public and media upon request.

☐ PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE US TREASURY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ELIGIBLE USES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Section One: Contact information

Name: Boone County Parks and Recreation Commission

Address: PO Box 37, Madison, WV 25130

Phone number: 304-369-6125

¹ <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

Email address: boonecountyparks@wirefire.com

Section Two: Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal
2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
3. Individuals or communities served
4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request
5. Amount of funding requested
6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable
7. Amount and source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used
9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

Section Three: Proposal details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address.

We are asking for a portion of the ARP funds to replace lost revenue due to COVID – 19. We did not open any of our facilities in 2020 due to safety concerns. This caused us to lose an enormous amount of revenue for that summer season. See attached figures.

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

The goal is to reopen all of our facilities and make necessary repairs. We have no outside funding sources.

3. Please provide your project timeline, e.g., if funded when the project or proposal be fully implemented

Most projects would need to be completed by May 28, 2022 which is opening day for our pool seasons.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

Lost revenues: \$250,000 (Net)

Total repairs, project, and start-up cost: \$62,500

Grand Total: \$312,500.00

See attached documentation

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

6. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

We are confident that with financial help to get things back on track and with the additional income from amphitheater events in spring and fall we can be self-sufficient for years to come.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

Our mission is to continue to provide recreational activities to the residents of Boone County as well as become a tourist attraction not only at our Water Ways facility but also at our Racine facility that anticipates a huge boost in attendance once the Hatfield McCoy trail system is completed in that area.

Our mission is to also continue providing the youth of this county with over 100 jobs in the summer months. This is huge for a county of our size. They acquire many important job skills through their employment with us.

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities.

The Boone County Parks and Recreation Board was created in 1975. The parks included two pools and several community parks. In 1988 Water Ways Waterpark made its mark as a tourist attraction for the county. It has grown from a lazy river, kiddie island, and two slides to include a Jr Olympic size pool, more slides, miniature golf, paved walking trails, picnic areas, soccer field, and in 2021 opened the exciting new Water Ways Amphitheater.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

First and foremost, we take pride in providing our county with access to parks, pools, and other recreational activities.

Second, we have grown our waterpark so much so that we have visitors from surrounding states on a daily basis during the summer season.

Third, we are very proud that we provide over 100 jobs for the youth of Boone County in the summer months.

Last but not least, we are very excited for the possibilities that the new amphitheater will bring.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:

Scotty Cook, President

Joey Sharp, Vice President

Daniel Parker

Rita Michaelson

Pamela White

Chad Toney

Sarah Runyon

Robert Miller

Kevin Graley

Larry Lodato

Jason Hill

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:

Melissa Legg, Director: Overseeing any projects and also putting in the work hours needed to make things successful.

Geri Martin, Events Coordinator: Scheduling events for the parks and recreation to bring more attention to our facilities and bring in revenues not only in the summer months but also in the Spring and Fall.

Daniel Parsons, Full Time Maintenance: Will work different shifts including evenings and weekends to make sure pool and park maintenance is taken care of as well as working special events.

Also, we have a great board of directors that volunteer time and labor to make things go smoothly.

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable: cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year, two years of audited financial statements, current operating budget. If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant.
7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Boone County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).
8. If you have made application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here. N/A

Section Five: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request, e.g., reduction in services, closures, increased costs, impacts to the community.

We completely closed down all facilities when the pandemic hit our area. We were unsure at the time how we could effectively keep things sanitized enough to keep from spreading the COVID-19 virus. This had an enormous impact on the Parks & Recreation. We average \$500,000 in revenue each summer season thru Water Ways alone. This in turn caused a reduction in workforce as well as repairs being delayed. Also, we employ an average of 125 people through the summer months. Most of these are high school and college age individuals. This created a huge economic impact for these individuals that count on these jobs each year.

2. If you are requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19, provide that information. Attach documentation sufficient to verify your request.

See attached documentation.

3. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

It will keep us from closing one of our great facilities in Racine WV. The pool is a great place for families to gather. It will also allow us to make necessary repairs to all parks and Water Ways as well as help us with startup cost and hiring part time employees .

Section Six: Supplementary information

1. Please enter at least one third-party reference.
2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc.) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

Signature: _____

Name (Print): Melissa Legg

Title: Director _____

Date: 02/14/2022

➤ How to Submit an ARP Application to Boone County?

You may email it to pwhite@boonecountywv.net or mail to:

Boone County Commission

Attention County Administrator

206 Court St.

Madison, WV 25130.

For questions, call 304-369-7301 or email pwhite@boonecountywv.net