



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

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

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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

The proposed project allows for mandatory upgrades to rescue equipment along with cleaning and decontamination supplies. The purpose of this project will be to replace current rescue lifting bags that are currently out of date. These items play a major role in keeping those living, visiting, and working in Boone County safe. The additional rescue equipment will replace out of date items currently being used. The purpose for the gear extractor and hose dryer are several things in one. First and foremost to clean and sanitize equipment. This is crucial for the safety of our personnel when it comes to COVID exposure and cancer prevention. Communities served include Boone County as a whole. As a primary department, we service all the communities on the Big Coal River however, we provide aid throughout Boone County. COVID-19 has increased the workload and demand on volunteer services. The need for additional means of decontaminating gear has become more pressing. With social distancing being promoted, an increase in outdoor activities has led to additional rescue calls which requires specialized equipment. Prices have been obtained for these projects through dealers and if the proposal is granted would be purchased using proper bid procedures. If awarded, these items can be in place to serve citizens in need and protecting our first responders immediately.

Section Three: Proposal details

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

This project will allow proper cleaning of personal protective gear which prevents exposure to cancer causing contaminants as well as the COVID-19 virus. This will allow us to update needed rescue equipment so that service can continue for citizens in need. Currently these items are not in the budget due a decrease in funding and now have reached their recommended shelf life.

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

Our goals with this project would be to protect our responders from exposure and have the ability to continue rescue services for citizens in need. We expect by having a means to properly cleanse our gear and hose, this will allow the opportunity to maximize its life to the recommended standard, therefor protecting our investment.

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

The project would be immediately put in place. The equipment requested are stock items and would ship within the week its ordered.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

Total proposed budget for this project is \$50,000. With group purchasing through a government cooperative purchasing system some additional money could be saved, however, can not be projected at this point.

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

This proposal will help both Whitesville Fire Department and Ambulance Service. Marfork Coal Company has offered to assist with some installation in the event its needed.

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

Our department can sustain through proper budgeting and planning for replacement items as needed in smaller quantities in the future. If awarded, this project will be a great benefit in sustaining life for the current gear investments we have.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

The Whitesville Fire Department is dedicated to protecting life, property and community resources through prevention, preparation, response and mitigation.

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

The Whitesville Fire Department was organized after a large town fire in 1936. Whitesville Fire is the only all hazard department within Boone County meaning that every form of service from specialty rescue to medical transport is provided. Whitesville Fire has the only Advanced Life Support first responder program in Boone County. This means in the event a ambulance is not available, fire department personnel can provide advance care from a rescue truck prior to ambulance arrival. This includes cardiac drugs, advanced airways and much more. We are proud to offer this service and take great pride in doing so. We currently have 27 volunteers and 9 full time employees.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

1. Advanced Life Support First Responder Program
2. Free smoke alarm and installation program
3. Community CPR programs

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

Fire Chief/ Paramedic- Matthew Lively
Deputy Chief/ Paramedic - Stephen Conrad
Asst Chief - Jeremy McCourt
Captain/ EMS Operations Director - Lisa Lively
Captain/Paramedic- Hannah Ranson

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

Chief Matthew Lively - Department Operations
Deputy Chief Stephen Conrad- Operations and Maintenance

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.

Yearly audit information on file with the County Commission in compliance with guidelines.

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 Kanawha County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

FEMA AFG - \$168,000 for radio system upgrades
FEMA SAFER - \$497,000 Recruitment and Retention Countywide

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.

Increased operational cost due to the pandemic and increased call volume with less staff.
Increased demand from the community for services.

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

N/A

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

It will allow our department to continue with services we currently provide while assuring safety for our first responders. It will allow our department to get the best use out of our equipment and use the equipment to full protective potential.

Section Six: Supplementary information

1. Please enter at least one third-party reference.

Mayor Fred Harless

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.

N/A

Signature: 

Name (Print): Matthew Lively

Title: Fire Chief

Date: February 4, 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