

1. 3:00 P.M. Special Commission Meeting 11/15/2022

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**Cascade County**  
**Special Commission Meeting**  
**November 15, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers, Room 105**  
**325 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Great Falls, MT**



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Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to be in attendance at the time the meeting is scheduled to begin.

Public comment during public participation is limited to a maximum seven (7) minutes.

***Call to Order***  
***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Chairman Joe Briggs***

**1. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

**Resolution 22-76:**

A resolution affirming the allocation of ARPA funds for selected Public Water System Projects.

- 2. Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103)**
- 3. Adjournment.**

November 15, 2022

Agenda #1

**Agenda Action Report**  
*Prepared for the*  
**Cascade County Commission**

**ITEM:           Affirming the Allocation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Round ARPA Water funding**

**INITIATED AND PRESENTED BY:       Joe Briggs, Commissioner**

**ACTION REQUESTED:                   Approval of Resolution 22-76**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Congress passed, and President Biden signed into law, “The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)” on March 11, 2021, which included a direct allocation of funds to all counties, boroughs and parishes as well as all states and territories in the U.S. The Board of County Commissioners, following the guidance set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, determined that the opening of a second round of funding for Cascade County Licensed Residential Public Water Systems within Cascade County whose primary water source are ground water wells owned, maintained and operated by the Water System was appropriate.

Three applicants have been received and been reviewed by the ARPA review team. Specifically, the reviewed projects and proposed allocations were as follows:

The Town of Cascade well replacement project	\$ 300,000.00
Homestead Acres County Water repair of wells # 3 and #4	\$ 74,860.00
Grassland Colony well replacement project	\$ 50,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Cascade County Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the resolution, granting the distribution of ARPA funds to the listed organizations specified in the resolution.

**TWO MOTIONS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

“Mr. Chairman, I move Cascade County Commission **APPROVE** Resolution 22-76, for a total additional distribution of \$ 424,860.00 in ARPA funds.”

**MOTION TO DISAPPROVE:**

“Mr. Chairman, I move Cascade County Commission **DISAPPROVE** Resolution 22-76.”

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AFFIRMING THE ALLOCATION  
OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS**

**RESOLUTION 22-76**

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Congress passed and President Biden signed into law “The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)”, on March 11, 2021, which included a direct allocation of funds to all counties, boroughs and parishes as well as all states and territories in the U.S.; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Cascade County Commissioners (hereinafter “Commission”), while following federal guidelines for eligible uses, has determined that the uses for ARPA funding shall include the following:

- Deployment of said funds such that said funds assist in the mitigation of Covid-19 damages without creating multiyear funding obligations for the county;
- Provide one time capital to “jump start” long term sustainable projects that will improve the community;
- Improve the capacity and compliance of area water and sewer districts;
- Provide enhanced public access to county records and business processes via online access;
- Assist with workforce and supportive housing services in Cascade County;
- Enhance the capabilities of Montana ExpoPark facilities;
- Provide support for tourism and other Covid impacted industries;
- Assist in the creation of sustainable job training programs in Cascade County;
- Assist existing local providers with the expansion of High-Speed Internet capability into unserved and underserved areas;
- Provide, as necessary, budgetary assistance to County Departments directly impacted by Covid such as the Cascade County Sheriff’s Office, City County Health Department and Juvenile Detention Center;
- Support, as appropriate, one-time enhancements to a variety of nonprofit organizations serving our community;
- Provide support for economic development and retention activities; and
- Other projects that fall within the scope of the Federal ARPA guidance.

**WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2022, the Commission opened a second round of ARPA funding limited to Licensed Residential Public Water Systems (hereinafter “Licensed Water Systems”) within Cascade County whose primary water source is ground water wells owned, maintained and operated by the Licensed Water System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, following the guidance set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, deemed the following projects submitted in the second round of the ARPA funding for Licensed Water Systems listed below as an appropriate and compliant use of a portion of Cascade County’s ARPA allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, on the afternoon of November, 10, 2022, the Commission and the Cascade County ARPA Evaluation Team met in a duly-noticed public meeting with the three applicants who timely responded by the application deadline of November 1, 2022, so as to review their requests for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, a special Commission meeting was then scheduled for November 15, 2022 at

3:00 p.m. in the Commission chambers for the Commission to take formal action on the requested funding; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County do hereby affirm, ratify and incorporate all of the recitals set forth above,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County do establish and award the allocation of ARPA funding in the amounts listed below amounts to Licensed Water Systems listed below as having met the established and adopted criteria of the Commission's second round of ARPA funding, to wit:

The Town of Cascade well replacement project	\$ 300,000.00
Homestead Acres County Water repair of wells # 3 and #4	\$ 74,860.00
Grassland Colony well replacement project	\$ 50,000.00

Passed and adopted this 15th day of November 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

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Joe Briggs, Chairman

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James L. Larson, Commissioner

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Don Ryan, Commissioner

Attest

On this 15th day of November, 2022, I hereby attest the above-written signatures of the Board of Cascade County Commissioners.

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Rina Fontana Moore, Cascade County Clerk and Recorder

\* APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Josh Racki, County Attorney

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DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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- Other projects that fall within the scope of the Federal ARPA guidance.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission opened a second round of ARPA funding limited to Licensed Residential Public Water Systems within Cascade County whose primary water source are ground water wells owned, maintained and operated by the Water System on October 23,2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, following the guidance set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, deemed the following projects submitted in the second round of the ARPA water funding listed below as an appropriate and compliant use of the portion of Cascade County’s ARPA allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission and the Cascade County ARPA evaluation team met with the three applicants who had responded by November 1<sup>st</sup> to review their requests for funding. These reviews were held in a public meeting on the afternoon of November 10, 2022 and a special Commission meeting was scheduled to occur on November 15, 2022 at 3PM to take formal action on the requested funding; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County do hereby affirm, ratify and incorporate all of the recitals set forth above,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County do affirm and ratify the allocation of ARPA funding in the listed amounts to the following Licensed Water systems meeting the criteria of the Cascade County second round of ARPA funding,

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