

**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 these funds such that they 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 Expo Park Facilities;
- 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 CCSO, CCHD 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, 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 1st 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,

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

Joe Briggs, Chairman

James L. Larson, Commissioner

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.

Rina Fontana Moore, Cascade County Clerk and Recorder

* APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Josh Racki, County Attorney

DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

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