

GOAT HILL FINAL REPORT

January 2022 Special Session on State ARPA Funds

Members of the Alabama County Family,

On January 27, the Alabama Legislature concluded its first special session of 2022 after fulfilling the Governor's call for lawmakers to make supplemental appropriations (*detailed below*) with the State's first truncate of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Throughout the special session, the Association staff worked closely with legislative leaders to achieve an ongoing ACCA priority to ensure counties are reimbursed for their extended care of State-responsible inmates throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Counties were reimbursed for 2020 State inmate costs with State funds received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act; now, thanks to efforts this session, **counties will soon have access to \$11 million in State ARPA funds for State inmate costs incurred in 2021.**

Work is already underway at the Alabama Department of Finance to set up processes and procedures for providing access to the State's newly appropriated funds. The ACCA staff will keep county leaders informed as protocols are established for counties to apply not only for reimbursement of 2021 State inmate costs but also for State grant dollars appropriated this session for broadband, water and sewer projects.

Sincerely,
Your Association Staff

Enacted Legislation from the January 2022 Special Session

Act 2022-1 by Rep. Steve Clouse & Sen. Greg Albritton

This law directs the State's first truncate of funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be supplementally appropriated for fiscal year 2022 as follows:

- \$11 million for reimbursements of expenses of State inmates in county jails from March 3, 2021, to December 31, 2021;
- \$30 million for assistance to rural hospitals;
- \$10 million to volunteer fire departments;
- \$10 million to other emergency response providers;
- \$85 million to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADCEA) for broadband improvements;
- \$191,887,857 to ADECA to be used for the delivery of broadband and related services;
- \$225 million to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for water and sewer projects;
- \$80 million to the Alabama Hospital Association and the Alabama Nursing Home Association for health care and related services;
- \$5 million to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) or any other health provider to facilitate telemedicine;
- \$36,796,346 to ADPH, the Alabama Department of Mental Health, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, or any other State entity of competent jurisdiction, health care association, or health care provider;
- \$79.5 million to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund; and
- \$7,843,362.50 for reimbursement of costs for the administration, auditing, and reporting requirements of the state and local fiscal recovery funds.

Effective January 28, 2022.