
AGENDA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) COMMITTEE
JUDGE E. MAURICE BRASWELL CUMBERLAND COUNTY
COURTHOUSE-ROOM 564
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2024
2:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. PRESENTATION
 - A. **Update on the Hope, Opportunity, Prosperity through Education (H.O.P.E.) Program and Education Center**
4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Consideration of the Creation of Endowment Scholarship Fund on Behalf of Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Methodist University Medical School
 - B. Consideration of funding for the NORCRESS Water and Sewer District
5. OTHER ITEMS
 - A. Subaward with Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC)
 - B. Contract Amendment with Fayetteville State University's (FSU) Fayetteville-Cumberland Regional Entrepreneur and Business HUB
 - C. Request for Consideration and Guidance on Failing Septic Systems in Bragg Estates Neighborhood
6. UPDATES
 - A. Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Match
 - B. ARPA SLFRF Obligation Deadline
7. ADJOURN



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**MEMORANDUM FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE AGENDA OF
OCTOBER 10, 2024**

TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE

FROM: COMMISSIONER JIMMY KEEFE

DATE: 10/1/2024

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, PROSPERITY THROUGH
EDUCATION (H.O.P.E.) PROGRAM AND EDUCATION CENTER**

BACKGROUND

Fayetteville Technical Community College will give a presentation and provide an update on the Hope, Opportunity, Prosperity through Education (H.O.P.E.) Program and Education Center.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

For informational purposes only.



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TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE

FROM: COMMISSIONERS ADAMS & KEEFE

DATE: 10/1/2024

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE CREATION OF ENDOWMENT
SCHOLARSHIP FUND ON BEHALF OF CAPE FEAR VALLEY MEDICAL
CENTER AND METHODIST UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL**

BACKGROUND

The American Rescue Plan Staff Committee members have requested the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee's approval for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from ARPA freed-up General Fund capacity for the creation of an endowment scholarship fund. This fund will be designated for students who are admitted to and enrolled at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Methodist University Medical School.

This initiative aligns with Cumberland County's commitment to support educational advancement in the medical field and contribute to the development of skilled healthcare professionals within our community. Commissioners Adams and Keefe will provide additional details regarding this proposal during the upcoming American Rescue Plan meeting.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Direct staff to allocate \$1,000,000 in ARPA freed-up General Fund capacity funding for the creation of an endowment scholarship fund for the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Methodist University Medical School.



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TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE

FROM: TYE VAUGHT, CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE: 10/4/2024

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR THE NORCRESS WATER AND
SEWER DISTRICT**

BACKGROUND

The American Rescue Plan Staff Committee is requesting funding for the NORCRESS Water and Sewer District to support several critical infrastructure upgrades. Staff is seeking approval for the following projects:

1. Acquisition of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system – \$250,000
2. Generator rehabilitation project – \$200,000
3. Air release valve replacement – \$250,000
4. Pig launch stations – \$60,000

The total funding required for these projects is \$760,000. Staff recommends utilizing \$760,000 from the ARPA freed-up General Fund capacity to cover these essential purchases. These upgrades will improve the efficiency, reliability, and operational control of the NORCRESS Water and Sewer District, ensuring continued quality service for our community.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests approval of the funding allocation and authorization to present contract recommendations at a future Board of Commissioners meeting, as necessary.



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DATE: 10/4/2024

**SUBJECT: SUBAWARD WITH FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY
COLLEGE (FTCC)**

BACKGROUND

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee received a request from Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) to reallocate their budget associated with the HOPE program to provide employment services. The request comes in response to staffing changes within the program and the need to allocate a larger portion of the award towards student outcomes.

ARP staff have reviewed the request and supports the proposed budget reallocation, as it will not increase the contract's not-to-exceed amount. Additionally, staff recommends amending the contract date to extend through June 30, 2025, to align with the current fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests the American Rescue Plan Committee's approval to work with FTCC to prepare a contract budget amendment for consideration, to be executed by the Chairman of the Board upon obtaining legal sufficiency.



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DATE: 10/4/2024

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH FAYETTEVILLE STATE
UNIVERSITY'S (FSU) FAYETTEVILLE-CUMBERLAND REGIONAL
ENTREPRENEUR AND BUSINESS HUB**

BACKGROUND

Fayetteville State University (FSU) has requested a contract amendment for the Fayetteville-Cumberland Regional Entrepreneur and Business HUB program to better align with their current needs and goals. The proposed changes will not result in an increase to the contract's not-to-exceed amount.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests the American Rescue Plan Committee's approval to amend the contract with Fayetteville State University's (FSU) Fayetteville-Cumberland Regional Entrepreneur and Business HUB and allow the Chairman of the Board to execute the agreement.



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TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE

FROM: TYE VAUGHT, CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE: 10/6/2024

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND GUIDANCE ON FAILING
SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN BRAGG ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD**

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to discontinue the Bragg Estates Sewer Project due to unfavorable easement conditions put forward by the Army Corps of Engineers, including a restrictive thirty-day reversion clause. The Board directed staff to explore alternative options for the residents of Bragg Estates and to present potential solutions.

At that meeting, Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson presented two possible courses of action: either extend sewer lines to the neighborhood and require mandatory connections, or pursue a gradual relocation of residents as septic systems continue to fail.

During the March 15, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board further directed staff to work with the Community Development Department to provide assistance to eligible property owners and renters with failing septic systems. Additionally, staff was asked to approach Fort Liberty's Garrison Commander to explore the possibility of incorporating the area into the military installation.

Given the continued outreach from Bragg Estates residents and the lack of a long-term resolution for their failing septic systems, staff is seeking the ARP Committee's guidance and consideration of potential funding through ARPA freed-up General Fund capacity to assist with the repair or replacement of septic systems for eligible property owners and renters in the Bragg Estates neighborhood. By conducting an environmental study, staff will be able to provide viable options to the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests authorization from the American Rescue Plan Committee to engage County Environmental Health and an engineering firm to conduct an environmental assessment of the Bragg Estates neighborhood.



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DATE: 10/6/2024

SUBJECT: COMPLETING ACCESS TO BROADBAND (CAB) MATCH

BACKGROUND

Although the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee appropriated \$2,800,000 to meet the 35% match requirement for the Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) grant, there is currently a moratorium in place with the North Carolina Department of Information Technology (NCDIT) on accepting matching funds from counties. This moratorium is due to pending legislation in the General Assembly, which may eliminate the match requirement altogether.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation and bring back a recommendation in November based on the information available at that time.

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SUBJECT: ARPA SLFRF OBLIGATION DEADLINE

BACKGROUND

As we approach the upcoming December 31, 2024, deadline for the obligation of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), it is crucial to ensure that all remaining unencumbered funds are appropriately allocated and obligated to meet compliance requirements.

Staff will bring back detailed recommendations in November regarding the final disposition and obligation of any unencumbered funds. These recommendations will focus on maximizing the impact of the remaining funds and ensuring they are aligned with the ARPA guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

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