

8/19 ARPA update

The Warren County Board of Supervisors voted to use \$4 million of ARPA funding to pay for bridge repairs and asbestos abatement and demolition at the former Warren County Jail. These expenditures qualify for ARPA funding through revenue recovery. The board also appointed Acting Warren County Administrator Craig Leggett to serve on the ARPA Advisory Committee.

8/9 ARPA update

The Warren County ARPA Advisory Committee began initial review of 84 applications for funding, amounting to \$22.6 million in requests. Committee members discussed the process to review them, using a scoring system that was discussed in detail, and agreed to take 45 days to score each application. [Watch the archived video here.](#)

7/20 ARPA update

The Warren County ARPA advisory committee recommended that \$4 million of Warren County's \$12.4 million stimulus funding allocation be placed in "revenue recovery," to make up for lost revenue during the pandemic. This funding will be used for infrastructure projects that include two bridge replacement projects in Queensbury and Stony Creek and capital improvement, including asbestos abatement and demolition of the interior of the former county jail at the county Municipal Center. The Warren County Board of Supervisors will consider the recommendation at its August 19th meeting.

7/5 ARPA Update

Warren County has received the following two documents that are available for public review related to the ARPA distribution process.

- [Warren County and US Treasury Agreement, dated May 18, 2021;](#)
- [Compliance and Reporting Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds \("Compliance & Reporting Guidelines"\)](#)

6/15 ARPA UPDATE

The Warren County Board of Supervisors ARPA Advisory Committee met Tuesday, June 14, and took action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors use \$463,000 in stimulus funding on workforce development to include increasing opportunities for training in the trades and other workforce development programs, in conjunction with BOCES and schools in Warren County. Some of this funding will also be used for bus passes for youth workers.

In addition, \$20,000 of funding will be used by Greater Glens Falls Transit Co. for bus passes for workers, while \$100,000 will be used for a study of improvements and modernization of Warren County Bikeway.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at its July 15th meeting.

5/31 ARPA UPDATE

The Warren County Board of Supervisors ARPA Advisory Committee met Tuesday, May 31, and took action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors use \$30,000 in ARPA funding to support counselors to assist with Warren County Employment & Training Administration's Summer Youth Employment Program. The Board of Supervisors approved this expenditure at its June 2nd meeting.

In addition, the committee discussed using ARPA money to fund an office specialist position in the Warren County Plannin Department to help oversee ARPA processes. The committee also debated re-working an application for businesses to use to apply for funding, which is hoped to be finalized in the coming weeks, as well as documentation parameters for businesses that apply.

The committee also discussed potential "retention" payments of up to \$1,500 for county employees, though no action was taken.

5/23 ARPA UPDATE

The Warren County Board of Supervisors has voted to use **\$1 million of federal stimulus money** to improve mental health services in Warren County as the board also prepares to seek applications from businesses that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Supervisors acted Friday, May 20th on 3 recommendations from the Warren County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee.

The \$1 million in funding is for use as grant money to recipients providing Warren County residents services in behavioral health care, including prevention and treatment programs, harm reduction, and supports for long-term recovery, as well as for behavioral health facilities and equipment, in the county. The use of this funding will be overseen by Warren County Community Services Board.

Said Robert York, Director of Warren County Director of Community Services: "The Office of Community Services and the Warren County Community Services Board would like to express our gratitude to the members of Warren County ARPA Committee and the Warren County Board of Supervisors for recognizing the behavioral health impacts of the pandemic, and for directing substantial resources to address this need. We have seen a significant increase in demand for mental health and substance use services over the COVID-19 period, and we look forward to partnering with local provider agencies to develop and implement projects to improve the behavioral health and well-being of the residents of Warren County."

In addition, \$200,000 was appropriated for Adirondack Sports Complex in Queensbury, and the Board of Supervisors also designated that no more than 3% of ARPA funding be used for administrative costs for ARPA oversight.

In all, the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$3.2 million of Warren County's \$12.4 million share of ARPA funding. Additional opportunities for businesses to apply for ARPA funding will be announced in the coming weeks.

5/10 ARPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Warren County Board of Supervisors American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee met Tuesday, May 10 and made a number of recommendations. Among them:

- Voted to put aside \$1 million to be used by Warren County Community Services Board to improve mental health and substance use treatment services in Warren County. That decision came after representatives of several agencies detailed the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on those battling addiction and needing mental health treatment. Overdoses have risen significantly.
- Voted to appropriate \$200,000 toward assisting Adirondack Sports Complex, aka The Dome, to overcome loss of business from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Voted to cap administrative costs paid to Warren County Planning Department for overseeing distribution of stimulus funding at 3%.
- Discussed using stimulus funding to assist the senior meals program find drivers to deliver food to homebound residents, but no action was taken. A proposal by the Glens Falls office of the Salvation Army will be reviewed by the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

In all, the committee has allocated \$3.2 million of the county's \$12.4 million share of federal stimulus funds.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors will vote on the committees recommendations at its May 20 meeting. These meetings can be viewed live or archived at the [Warren County YouTube page here](#).

3/29 ARPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

The Warren County Board of Supervisors American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 29 and took the following action:

- Approved an application from Southern Adirondack Child Care Network for \$112,500 to be used to open 15 additional family-based day care businesses, supplementing recent federal funding awarded to Warren County to help open 10 more home-based child care businesses. Lynn Sickles, director of SACCN, reported that Warren County lost 40% of its child care capacity during the pandemic. The Warren County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting this award at its April 14 meeting.
- The committee heard proposals to put aside 5% of its \$12.4 million in ARPA funding to build affordable housing, and to put \$200,000 toward Adirondack Sports Complex to help its pandemic recovery. No action was taken pending further review.
- The committee discussed using stimulus money to help find drivers for Warren County Senior Meals program, but no action was taken.

The committee's next meeting date has not been set, but is expected to be scheduled for the second week of April. Details will be posted when finalized.

ARPA COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL CENTER. PUBLIC IS WELCOME. LIVESTREAM WILL BE ON YOUTUBE HERE: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WarrenCountyNewYork>. Agenda can be found here: <https://www.warrencountyny.gov/MMA>

Meeting minutes here: [03.08.22 ARPA Advisory minutes 0.pdf](#)

3/11/2022 Update -- Project recommendations

The committee that is tasked with making recommendations to the Warren County Board of Supervisors on how to spend Warren County's \$12.4 million share of federal COVID-19 recovery stimulus money has forwarded five projects to the Board of Supervisors after a meeting on March 8. They include:

- \$950,000 to help fund capital improvements at Countryside Adult Home, including a MERV-13 air filtration system that is recommended by New York State.
- \$100,057 to cover increased costs that occurred because of pandemic-related materials delays during Warren County Airport's snow removal building project.
- \$250,000 for Information Technology upgrades to assist Warren County departments provide better continuity of services in the event of a future wave or subsequent pandemic.
- \$251,580 for vital equipment purchases including video messaging boards for public health and safety communication, emergency radio equipment and equipment for waste management improvements.
- \$30,000 to Warren County Employment & Training Administration for computer equipment to assist with workforce development, working in conjunction with Crandall Public Library.

In all since its inception, the committee has made recommendations for \$1,601,364 of Warren County's stimulus funding.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors will consider these recommendations at its March 18 meeting. The Warren County American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee will meet again on March 29.

Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its committees can be watched live at <https://www.youtube.com/c/WarrenCountyNewYork>. Videos of meetings are also archived on this page for viewing at your convenience.

1/22/22 update -- Priority discussions set

[Draft Priorities Discussion 01/21/2022](#)