

COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15

Be It Ordained by the Quorum Court of Fulton County, State of Arkansas:

An Ordinance to Obligate Remaining ARPA Funds on the Books of the County;
and to Declare an Emergency.

Article 1. Affirmation. This court affirms the requirements of the U.S. Treasury to obligate any remaining funds on the books of the county by December 31, 2024, for expenditure on or before December 31, 2026, this court is cognizant of the definition of "obligation" in the final rule to mean "an order placed for property and services entering into contracts, sub-awards, and *similar transactions* that require payment." Similar transactions for the governments in the State of Arkansas include an obligation made through the precepts of a county ordinance with the ordinance being defined "*as an enactment of compulsory law for a quorum court that defines and establishes a system of principals for the control and conduct of county affairs.*"

Article 2. Obligation. The following is Fulton County's obligation of the American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$112,471.82 to be expended on or before December 31, 2026, and appropriated as needed, Said American Rescue Plan Act dollars received through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund are obligated for the following expenditures:

Capital Outlay:

Building Purchase	<u>\$58,674.43</u>
Courthouse	<u>\$19,350.00</u>
Old Sheriff's Dept./Federal Bldg.	<u>\$34,447.39</u>
<u>Total ARPA Obligation</u>	<u>\$112,471.82</u>

Article 3. Legislative Intent. This ordinance's sole intent, which is compulsory law, is to obligate the remaining ARPA funds held in the county treasury for the purposes listed in Article 2.

Article 4. Declaration of Emergency. The U.S. Treasury has mandated that any unspent ARPA funds held by this county must be obligated no later than December 31, 2024. To facilitate that mandate without error an emergency is declared to exist. This emergency ordinance is effective immediately upon passage by the quorum court and approval by the county judge according to § 14-14-908(f).

Adopted: November 19th, 2024

Approved: _____

Kenneth Crow, Fulton County Judge

Attest: _____

Vickie Bishop, Fulton County Clerk

FILED
OFFICE OF THE
FULTON COUNTY CLERK

Dated _____

11/19/2024

Vickie Bishop, Clerk