

RESOLUTION # 2021-14

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND ALLOCATE AMERICAN RECOVERY
RELIEF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused unprecedented economic and community disruption across the country and Putnam County has not been impervious; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021 the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local, tribal and territory governments in responding to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is expected to receive \$1,114,733.00 in funding; such funding to be received in two installments, approximately \$557,366.50 has been received and the remaining funding approximately 12 months later; and

WHEREAS, such funds are to be used in accordance with the guidelines of the general plan summarized below (it is anticipated that this plan will be updated and amended as new projects arise):

1. Update broadband and modernization of cyber security.
2. Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, human services and any employee whose services are/were essential during the pandemic.
 - a. Each eligible employee shall receive 25% of the average hourly rate for qualified hours worked from the time period of 1/27/20 to 9/30/20 with the possibility of an additional payout in 2022 depending on availability of funds.
3. Make necessary improvements to courthouse infrastructure, specifically water and sewer systems.
4. Increase safety at courthouse and sheriff's department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Putnam does hereby accept the allocation of funds in the amount of \$1,114,733 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act; and such funds shall be placed in a special revenue fund for the sole purpose of tracking all approved transactional activities.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the County of Putnam hereby establishes a Recovery Plan Committee that will develop implementation proposals and partnerships with government entities for the effective delivery of funds to the community in alignment with the requirements of the ARPA and the guidance published by the US Department of the Treasury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Recovery Plan Committee will suggest specific proposals for consideration of the County Board on a rolling basis. The County Board will approve or deny all proposals and the committee will implement the project with County Board oversight.

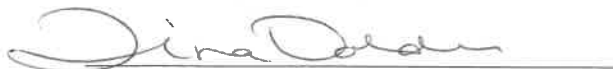
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Putnam will adhere to the existing, additional and amended guidelines as set forth by the federal government in the allocation or distribution of said funds, the welfare of the County and its Citizens requiring it.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Putnam County, Illinois, this 9th day of August 2021, by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstain.

Roll Call:	<u>Aye:</u>	<u>Nay:</u>	<u>Abstain:</u>
Holly	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Holocker	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Lenkaitis	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Malavolti	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Rue	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>


Charles Lenkaitis, Chairman
Putnam County Board

ATTEST:


Tina Dolder, Clerk
Putnam County Board