



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

**4A**  
Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** March 28, 2023

**Title of Item:** Approve use of FRF Funds (ARPA) for Long Lake Conservation Center

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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<b>Submitted by:</b> DJ Thompson	<b>Department:</b> Land
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Dave McMillan, LLCC Manager	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 Minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**

Approve use of FRF Funds (ARPA) in the amount of \$5,000 to contract with Solomon Strategies Group to lobby for the passage of an "Outdoor School for All" bill in Minnesota.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve recommendation to use FRF Funds (ARPA) for LLCC to contract with Solomon Strategies Group.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?       Yes       No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ \$5,000.00

Is this budgeted?       Yes       No      *Please Explain:*

The amount requested are funds that have not been allocated elsewhere.

# Aitkin County Fiscal Recovery Funds

## Strategic Investment Project

Project Identification: [Project Name]

Funding amount: [Funding amount]

Project Expenditure Category: [Category number, Category Name]

### Project overview

- A description of the project that includes an overview of the main activities of the project, the approximate timeline, primary delivery mechanisms and partners, if applicable, intended outcomes and briefly describe the goals of the project:

***Long Lake Conservation Center would like to enter into a contract with Solomon Strategies Group to lobby for the passage of a "Outdoor School for All" bill. The bill would appropriate funding for Minnesota students to attend an Outdoor Learning School. There are 5 Outdoor Learning Schools in Minnesota including Long Lake. The work will be done in phases with the hopes of a signed bill in May of 2024. The other 4 Outdoor Learning Schools have also signed on with Solomon Strategies Group.***

***Similar legislation has been passed in Oregon and Washington with Maine hoping to pass something this year.***

- Identify the dollar amount of the total project spending that is allocated towards evidence-based interventions for each project in the Public Health (EC 1), Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2), Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3), Infrastructure (EC 5) Revenue Replacement (EC 6) and Administrative (EC 7) Expenditure Categories. Attach all quotes, invoices, etc.

**\$5,000.00**

**Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category**

Category		Funding Requested for Project	Funding Approved for Project
<b>1</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Public Health</b>		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
<b>2</b>	<b>Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts</b>		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		

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2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	<b>Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	<b>Expenditure Category: Premium Pay</b>		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	<b>Expenditure Category: Infrastructure</b>		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		

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5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services		
7	Administrative and Other	5,000.00	
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

Signature of Applicant; \_\_\_\_\_

Date; 3/17/23

Reviewed by Economic Development Coordinator;

Signature; \_\_\_\_\_

Date; 3/17/23

Approval by County Administrator; ,

Signature; \_\_\_\_\_

Date; 3-20-23

*(Approval by County Administrator allows request to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.)*