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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has allocated \$40+ million for Champaign County. These funds can be used to help our county recover from the effects of the pandemic over the next 4 years by offsetting government revenue declines, investing in critical infrastructure, and mitigating other community needs related to COVID-19.

The Finance Committee has scheduled a zoom study session on Tuesday, May 25, 6 pm, for the purpose of hearing thoughts from the public about the use of these funds.

- As usual for board meetings, members of the public wishing to speak will have up to 5 minutes during public participation on a first-come basis.
- The board members will then discuss county needs put forward by members or groups of the public in writing. To be included in the study session packet, written comments of 250 words or less may be sent to Megan Robison at mrobison@co.champaign.il.us by end of day Sunday, May 16th.

Please keep in mind:

- This is NOT a request for specific project funding proposals—this is an initial step to gain public input as the Board begins to think through potential priorities.
- The detailed rules for use of the funds have not been made known yet by the federal government.
- This is one-time funding.