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Jim Wells County has received 7.8 million in American Rescue Plan Funds and Seeks Public Input on Spending Priorities. Join us to voice your ideas on how these funds will be spent in your community to recover from COVID-19 pandemic.

JOIN JIM WELLS COUNTY FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Pct. 4 Commissioner Wicho Gonzalez at Premont High School Cafeteria – 6:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 2, 2021, Pct 3 Commissioner Renee Kirchoff Chapa Orange Grove City Hall, 310 Pundt Ave., Orange Grove, TX 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Overview

The \$1.9 trillion **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021** signed into law on March 11, 2021. Under the ARP Act, the **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** provides a combined \$350 billion to State, local, and Tribal governments to help cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue, mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is allocating Jim Wells County \$7.8 million in additional funds to address local needs generated by the COVID-19 pandemic to address local needs generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) compliance and requirements, the county will describe how its planned or current use of funds incorporates written, oral, and other forms of input that supports projects that will help the local economy, stimulate economic growth, maintain, or upgrade infrastructure and help with the recovery from COVID-19 public health emergency.