

**American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund  
Grant awarded to the City of Carrabelle.**

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, the Carrabelle City Commission, City Department Superintendents, and members of the Carrabelle Aviation Advisory Board participated in a publicly advertised workshop to “Review and consider proposed revenue commitments of federal funding provided through the “American Rescue Plan Act”. This federal grant funding is provided to all state, counties, cities, and Tribal governments throughout the United States through the “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds” program which is part of the overall “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”.

To see the American Rescue Plan funding amounts allocated to Florida’s cities and counties, follow this Florida League of Cities link: <https://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/research-resources/rescueplan/funding>

Note: Non-entitlement units (NEUs) are a unit of general local government with population under 50,000. The City of Carrabelle is classified as a non-entitlement unit.

The total award to the City of Carrabelle (NEU with a population estimate of 2,820 in 2019) is \$1,412,407. The first tranche award of \$706,203.50 from the US Treasury was deposited into the City’s bank account in October 2021. The second half and final tranche from the US Treasury is scheduled to be deposited 12 months later.

Prohibited uses of this grant are:

- Offset a reduction in net tax revenue.
- Deposit into pension funds.
- Debt service and replenishing financial reserves.
- Settlements and judgements.

Below is the list of suggested allocations developed at the July 12, 2022 workshop for use of the American Rescue Plan Act funding awarded to the City of Carrabelle. The next steps will be to prioritize the items, obtain cost estimates, and vote on a final list of project allocations. All of this will be conducted through public workshops and/or public meetings with upcoming scheduling to be announced.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- High efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration system for HVAC systems at City Hall and W&S Headquarters.
- Stormwater drainage management; city-wide mitigation projects.
- Administrative staff computers synched with an automatic electronic archiving system for records retention of all communications related to city business.
- City email address, laptop computer, and smart phone provided to all City Commission members:
  - all laptop computers synched with an automatic electronic archiving system for records retention of all communications related to city business.
- Additional smart TV and wireless sound system for Commission Chambers.

**AIRPORT**

- Airport grounds tree removal and stormwater drainage improvements/mitigation.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

- Satellite phones (2).
- Carrabelle Police Department satellite command unit (1).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Digital Radar Speed Signs (3).

- Tasers (5):
- Police dog for proposed CPD K-9 program (1).
- New CPD vehicle (1).

#### STREETS & ROADS DEPARTMENT

- New variable message board (1).
- Construction of department office in south section of existing Streets & Roads pole barn.
- New tractor with attachments (1).

#### WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

- Series of test wells for a new potable water supply in west Carrabelle.
- New bar screen filtration system for Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (1).

#### VARIOUS PROJECTS

- Development of Evergreen Cemetery annex/expansion.
- Rehabilitate Old Water Plant Building on SE Ave C.
- Clean up Patton Park.
- Construct a new city-owned storage facility on west side of Carrabelle for:
  - City-owned implements currently housed at the Carrabelle Industrial Building.
  - firetruck currently housed in Fire Department building at Airport.
- Improvements to boat ramp overflow parking area on SE Ave C.

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