American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
On March 6, 2021, nearly one year after the first confirmed case of COVID-19 was confirmed in New York State, the United States Senate passed the American Rescue Plan. This $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill makes unprecedented investments in the programs critical to ending the pandemic and aiding a nationwide recovery.
What's In The $1.9 Trillion Stimulus Package?

Composition of the American Rescue Plan Act (in billion U.S. dollars)

- Agriculture: $16b
- Small business: $59b
- Covid-19 response: $123b
- Education: $176b
- Extended unemployment programs: $246b
- Transportation: $56b
- Health: $105b
- Expanded tax credits: $143b
- Other: $194b
- Government: $360b
- Stimulus checks: $410b

Source: The Wall Street Journal
The American Rescue Plan includes $3.8 billion for the 57 counties ($2.2 billion) of New York State and New York City ($1.6 billion) based on population.

Chemung County will receive approximately $16,312,278.
Eligible Uses

• Response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality

• Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work.

• Provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such state/county/locality

• Investment in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure
Due to the reporting requirements involving the expenditure of stimulus funding the County Executive will be recommending to the County Treasurer that a special fund be generated for the stimulus funding so that monies are not co-mingled and the reporting process with the U.S. Dept. of Treasury can be streamlined for employees involved in that process.
Covid-19

Negative financial economic impact on Chemung County
2020 Revenue Loss:

We are currently tracking 2020 revenue loss at approximately $20,640,757:

- General Fund: $11,683,620
- Airport Fund: $3,338,993
- Nursing Facility Fund: $5,618,144

See handouts
2021 revenue losses are still being calculated

2021 Sales Tax receipts

YTD 2021 Budget Var: (-500,154.12)
Recommendations to the Legislature on possible stimulus projects, programs and personnel
Goals for stimulus funding

• Re-establish and stabilize the fund balance involving any revenue losses that were incurred in 2020 and 2021

• Prioritize services and programs that benefit Chemung County residents

• Identify community investments that can improve residential services

• Review personnel roster
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Program Funding Reinstatements
Restoration of 2021 Reduction to Organization Funding:

A total of ten (10) organizations received a reduction of approximately $248,612. *It should be noted the legislature advocated for four (4) of the ten (10) organizations to be restored to their 2020 amounts, however, as opposed to selecting specific organizations, I recommend restorations across the board to all organizations who received the reduction.*

**Total: $248,612**
2020 Room Tax:

Due to the pandemic, Chemung County room tax had a 2020 deficit of $376,403. It’s the recommendation of the County Executive that this funding be restored and distributed to the organization as outlined in Chemung County Resolution #19-582. The 2020 operating budget estimated room tax at $656,000, of which $294,839.45 was collected. Due to mandatory obligations: First Arena - $103,000; Clemens Center - $100,000; and County Administration Fee - $14,741.97 – totaling $217,741.97, that left a surplus of $77,097.48, which is being allocated on a percentage basis to the remaining organizations approved in the aforementioned resolution.

Total: $376,403
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- **Personnel: New Positions**

  Director of Civil Defense ($74,000) *partial salary & fringe funding throughout duration of stimulus. Executive and Legislative review for funding beyond that period* ($100,000)

  Assistant Director of Budget and Research ($85,000) *(24 month position) responsible for U.S. Treasury monitoring, tracking and submission of stimulus funding.* ($170,000)

Total: $270,000
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• Capital Projects Review – Dept. of Public Works:
The following projects were postponed/delayed due to the pandemic:

  Mallory Road Replacement Culvert - $ 145,000.00
  Brookline Avenue - 420,000.00
  Smith Road RFD & Paving - 540,000.00
  Ridge Road RFD & Paving - 465,000.00
  Hickory Grove Road Drainage - 670,000.00
  North South Bicycle Friendly Corridor - 50,000.00

  Total: $2,290,000.00
City of Elmira:

We have had some discussions with the Elmira City Manager and Mayor pertaining to possible collaborations between the two municipalities involving the expenditure of stimulus funding. Those discussions have included:

- Dunn Field
- First Arena
- Co-location of law enforcement services
- Sewer District Upgrades
Chemung County Communication Center:

Preliminary cost projections are currently being secured to relocate the Chemung County Communication Center from its current location at 317 E. Church St. to the former Progressive Transportation office building next door to the Elmira Corning Regional Airport on Sing Sing Rd. in the Town of Big Flats. It should be noted that much of the equipment and technology in the current Communication Center has become outdated. We’re also dealing with a lack of conduit space due to the fact that numerous cabling, wires and other infrastructure that are no longer utilized were never removed as upgrades were performed. Communities across New York State have been transforming their 911 Centers into “Next Gen 911,” which encompasses the latest technology involving emergency communication. This funding could provide the opportunity to relocate and update the Chemung County Emergency 911 Center. Every municipality in Chemung County benefits from the services being provided by this department.
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Park Station

Security & Camper Wi-Fi capability upgrade at Park Station to coincide with Spectrum co-axle installation.
The largest financial stress factor as we move forward is the Chemung County Nursing Facility which continues to operate at a large deficit, estimated to be between 2 and 3 million dollars for 2021 and 2022.
Once we have received specific guidelines from the Department of Treasury and are able to obtain estimates and quotes from recommended projects, we will be prepared to update.