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Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to Consider American Rescue Plan Act Funding

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) will hold a meeting on Friday, December 2, 2022, to approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to help address statewide water needs.

Last year, Governor Hutchinson created a Water and Other Infrastructure Working Group to assist the Arkansas ARPA Steering Committee in identifying water infrastructure projects. The working group conducted a needs survey that identified more than \$5 billion in water, wastewater, and stormwater needs across the state.

On September 16, 2022, the Arkansas Legislative Council approved \$270 million in ARPA funding to address water, wastewater, and stormwater needs across the state. The application period for funding was September 16 – November 4, 2022. More than 880 applications were submitted and scored by a review committee.

The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and will be livestreamed on Arkansas Citizens Access Network (ARCAN) at myarkansaspbs.org/arcan/home.

Additional information on the grant program can be found at agriculture.arkansas.gov/american-rescue-plan-funding-water-and-wastewater-grant-program/. A list of awarded projects will be available after the commission meeting.

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