

**Supplemental Budget Request***Status:* Pending**Non-Departmental**

Suppl ID # 3218	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Cost Center</b>	<b>Originator: M Caldwell</b>
	Year 1	2021	Add'l FTE <input type="checkbox"/>
			Priority 1

**Name of Request: Establish ARPA Fund and Initial Budget**

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**Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)**

**Date**

<i>Costs:</i>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Object Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	4331.2101	American Recovery Plan Act	(\$22,264,271)
	6320	Office & Op Supplies	\$14,000
	6610	Contractual Services	\$487,000
	6870	Space Rental	\$390,000
	6990	Solid Waste	\$1,400
	8351	Operating Transfer Out	\$840,450
	<b>Request Total</b>		<b>(\$20,531,421)</b>

**1a. Description of request:**

Recognize receipt of first half of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Initial uses:

Fund reinstatement of "frozen" positions which were not budgeted in the 2021-2022 biennium due to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Fund continued operation of the Byron Street Isolation and Quarantine (IQ) Facility.

**1b. Primary customers:**

Residents of Whatcom County

**2. Problem to be solved:**

As a result of the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, 19.5 FTE positions were "frozen" during the 2021-2022 biennial budget and remained unfilled and unbudgeted. The ARPA specifically encourages public entities to utilize this funding to return to normal staffing levels. The budget authority requested in this supplemental will fund the reinstated positions added back in Supplemental #9, supplemental ID #s 3205-3213.

Whatcom County has been funding the IQ Facility since last April out of CARES Act funding. The County has a continued need for this facility; however CARES Act funding for this service has been exhausted. This is a qualified use of ARPA funding. This request will fund rent payments, laundry, cleaning, security, facilities management, SeaMar, Lighthouse Mission, and supplies needed for this facility for March through September 2021. The current lease runs through the end of September.

**3a. Options / Advantages:**

Leave positions "frozen" and unfunded or utilize ARPA to fully fund the positions.

IQ: Use FEMA to partially fund the facility; however, FEMA has more restrictions and is harder to utilize. ARPA is the more appropriate funding source for this service.

**3b. Cost savings:**

Costs are completely covered by ARPA funding

**4a. Outcomes:**

Staffing: Improved county services to taxpayers.

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IQ Facility will be fully funded with grant proceeds.

**4b. Measures:**

**5a. Other Departments/Agencies:**

All departments with "frozen" positions will return to pre-COVID staffing levels

**5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:**

**6. Funding Source:**

American Recovery Plan Act