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Medina County to Receive \$17 million as Early as This Week

Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack said today that the county expects to receive the first disbursement of American Rescue Plan monies from the U.S. Treasury as early as this week. “The county is set to receive \$17 million in the initial disbursement, while the cities of Brunswick, Medina and Wadsworth will receive over \$8 million amongst them,” Kovack said. The county’s five villages will split nearly \$800,000 in the initial rescue fund monies.

The American Rescue Plan is an effort to provide relief to state and local governments in the wake of effects from the Coronavirus pandemic. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help local governments address the economic fallout of the COVID pandemic and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

These funds provide substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs — including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

“It will be up to the governing body of each jurisdiction to determine how these funds will be spent in their areas,” Kovack said. “Tenant and landlord relief, small business loans and grants and broadband expansion are some of the areas that were specifically addressed while this bill was deliberated and I’m certain those will be some of the areas where the money is invested.” Kovack noted the funds may also be distributed to other governmental entities, such as school districts.

While the \$26 million infusion from the federal government is a substantial windfall for local governments, local entities can expect another \$26 million in 12 months. “Certainly, in our county, those monies will more than make up for the economic stresses created due to the pandemic,” Kovack said.