

RESOLUTION #21-29
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
STATE MATCH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has faced tremendous challenges as it dealt with a deadly pandemic for nearly a year and a half and is now presented with an opportunity to strategically invest in our residents, entrepreneurs, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, Michigan will receive more than \$10 billion in fiscal recovery aid, with 82 counties slated to get 1.9 billion directly in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds; and

WHEREAS, cities and larger townships will receive a total of \$1.8 billion and non-entitlement communities (smaller units) approximately \$644 million, with the state of Michigan itself receiving more than \$6.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, eligible expenditures include revenue reimbursements, savings and growing interest on the funds, broadband infrastructure, economic development and individual assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, county leaders are already under pressure to announce spending decisions and elected officials at all levels of government will have to make decisions on where and how they will use the dollars within federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is working on a match program to earmark close to \$4 billion in state ARP funds to leverage all levels of government to strategically invest the one-time dollars in are of greatest need for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties has received positive feedback on the ideas put forth for match programs within the state; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has a chance to amplify investments with the influx of federal funding and a collaborative effort by all levels of government that will allow the dollars to be stretched to invest in common goals; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive approach to leverage ARP dollars will provide Michigan the ability to amplify investment for our future by focusing resources in five key areas-water infrastructure and broadband, local capacity and fiscal stability, housing and community development, comprehensive economic development and public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, our future success is inextricably linked, and strategic investment of our available resources needs to support and strengthen these connections;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners supports the American Rescue Plan State Match Programs and authorizes the Board Chairperson and staff to forward a copy of this resolution directly to all County Commissioners, or their equivalents, in each of the 83 counties in the State of Michigan.