The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) includes $633 billion for cybersecurity, cloud readiness, and other 'IT-related' initiatives. The prevention, detection, assessment, and remediation of cyber incidents is a top priority and it is essential to national and economic security. The County Information Systems should meet or exceed the standards and requirements for cybersecurity set forth in and issued pursuant to this order.

With regard to cybersecurity, the ARPA fund will support investments that move the county to a consistent baseline of maturity in cybersecurity and privacy protections, including addressing any gaps uncovered. This may include identity, credential, and access management, as well as moving towards a "zero trust" architecture – while maintaining the capabilities and performance that the county IT needs to deliver modern services and succeed at their mission.

In order to reduce our attack surface and build a more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future, we request $125,301.05 in ARPA funding for the following:

Account auditing to monitor and report activity of modifications, deletions, and additions.
Licenses for secure remote access used by vendors and contractors to access County resources.
Two-Factor authentication licenses.
GRC Platform to assess contractor/vendor risk, manage compliance, reports, and audits.