



**AGENDA**

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Thursday Evening, September 1, 2022, 6:30 pm  
Government Center Meeting Room**

**Public Hearing**

- 1. FY2022 Millage Rate.**

**WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Newton**

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVALS (Current)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-11; FY22 Millage Rate.**
- 2. Consideration to Approve Ordinance Amendment 22-02; Special Lighting Districts.**
- 3. Discussion Concerning Request for Use of ARPA Funds.**
- 4. Discussion Concerning Budget Amendments.**
- 5. Discussion Concerning Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant.**
- 6. Discussion Concerning Letter of Support.**
- 7. Discussion Concerning Vehicle Purchase.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**STAFF REPORT**

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING:** September 1, 2022

**DATE:** September 1, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** David R. Crawley, County Manager  
**ISSUE:** Discussion Concerning Millage Rate.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County's Net Digest for 2022 increased by 5.77% due to reassessment and 4.04% due to growth. The table below provides a comparison of the millage rate tax revenue for the existing and the proposed County millage rates.

	<b>Net Digest</b>	<b>Rollback Rate 7.399 Mills</b>	<b>Current Rate 7.809 Mills</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>2021</b>	\$650,478,829.00	\$4,812,892.86	\$5,079,589.18	\$266,697.18
<b>2022 Reassessment of Existing Real Property</b>	\$37,508,551.00	\$277,525.77	\$292,904.27	\$15,378.50
<b>2022 Other Net Changes to Taxable digest</b>	\$26,255,858.00	\$194,267.09	\$205,032.00	\$10,765.91
<b>2022 Total Net Digest</b>	\$714,243,238.00	\$5,284,685.72	\$5,577,525.45	\$292,839.73

As referenced within the above table, the difference in tax revenue between the current millage rate of 7.809 and the rollback millage rate of 7.399 is \$292,839.73.

In preparation for and from the point at which fire fees were implemented, the Board of Commissioners has reduced the millage rate to help offset the cost to the property owner. The two tables below provide the impact of millage reduction for the both the unincorporated area and the incorporated area. The millage rate was leveled countywide in 2019 with consolidation of the individual fire departments.

**Unincorporated (including Homestead Exemption)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Millage Rate</b>	<b>\$100K Value</b>	<b>\$200K Value</b>	<b>\$300K Value</b>	<b>\$400K Value</b>
<b>2018</b>	8.8	\$316.80	\$668.80	\$1,020.80	\$1,372.80
<b>2019</b>	8.8	\$316.80	\$668.80	\$1,020.80	\$1,372.80
<b>2020</b>	8.5	\$306.00	\$646.00	\$986.00	\$1,326.00
<b>2021/2022 (at same millage rate)</b>	7.809	\$281.12	\$593.48	\$905.84	\$1,218.20
<b><i>Difference</i></b>		<i>\$35.68</i>	<i>\$75.32</i>	<i>\$114.96</i>	<i>\$154.50</i>
<b>2022 (at rollback millage rate)</b>	7.399	\$266.36	\$562.32	\$858.28	\$1,154.24
<b><i>Difference</i></b>		<i>\$50.44</i>	<i>\$106.48</i>	<i>\$162.28</i>	<i>\$218.56</i>

**Incorporated (including Homestead Exemption)**

Year	Millage Rate	\$100K Value	\$200K Value	\$300K Value	\$400K Value
2018	9.2	\$331.20	\$699.20	\$1,067.20	\$1,435.20
2019	8.8	\$316.80	\$668.80	\$1,020.80	\$1,372.80
2020	8.5	\$306.00	\$646.00	\$986.00	\$1,326.00
2021/2022 (at same millage rate)	7.809	\$281.12	\$593.48	\$905.84	\$1,218.20
<i>Difference</i>		\$50.08	\$105.72	\$161.36	\$217.00
2022 (at rollback millage rate)	7.399	\$266.36	\$562.32	\$858.28	\$1,154.24
<i>Difference</i>		\$64.84	\$136.88	\$208.92	\$280.96

The School Board reduced their millage rate this year from 18.69 mills to 17.717 mills. Including the Schools millage rate will resulting in the following millage rate tax reduction. The table below provides the millage rate tax reduction, including the School System’s approved millage rate, and for both the existing and the rollback millage rates for the County.

**School and County (including Homestead Exemption)**

Year	Millage Rate	\$100K Value	\$200K Value	\$300K Value	\$400K Value
2019	28.49	\$1,025.64	\$2,165.24	\$3,304.84	\$4,444.44
2020	28.19	\$1,014.84	\$2,142.44	\$3,270.04	\$4,397.64
2021	26.499	\$953.964	\$2,013.92	\$3,073.88	\$4,133.84
2022 (County at 7.809)	25.526	\$918.94	\$1,939.98	\$2,961.02	\$3,982.06
<i>Difference</i>		\$106.70	\$225.26	\$343.82	\$462.38
2022 (County at 7.399)	25.116	\$904.18	\$1,908.82	\$2,913.46	\$3,918.10
<i>Difference</i>		\$121.46	\$256.42	\$391.38	\$526.344

The table below provides the increases in reserves year over from 2018 to present.

Year	Reserve Balance
2018	\$1,230,341.52
2019	\$2,278,050.19
2020	\$2,591,240.11
2021	\$2,592,314.83
2022	\$3,599,521.02
<b>Growth in Reserves</b>	<b>\$2,369,179.50</b>
<b>Average Growth Per Year</b>	<b>\$592,294.88</b>

As evident from the table above, the County has been able to increase reserves on average by approximately \$600,000.00 for each of the 4 years subsequent to 2018.

**ALTERNATIVES:** This is a discussion item.

**FUNDING:** Property Tax funds a significant portion of the County’s General Fund.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:** If the Board chooses to use the millage rollback of 7.399 mills, staff recommends using some portion of reserves to balance the budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCDUFFIE COUNTY GEORGIA ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING AD VALOREM TAXES ON PROPERTY IN MCDUFFIE COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

**THIS RESOLUTION** adopted by the Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County, Georgia (the “Board”).

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Board to establish annually the millage rate to be used in computing ad valorem taxes levied by the Board on taxable property in McDuffie County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, a report was published in the McDuffie Progress, a newspaper of general circulation throughout McDuffie County (the “Newspaper”) at least two (2) weeks prior to the certification of the Board of Education of McDuffie County (the “School Board”) to the Board of the School Board’s recommended school tax for the support and maintenance of education pursuant to Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia 1983 as amended, as required by Section 48- 5-32(b)(1), Official Code of Georgia Annotated (“O.C.G.A.”); and

**WHEREAS**, a report was published in the Newspaper at least two (2) weeks prior to the adoption of this Resolution by the Board as required by Section 48-5-32(b)(2) O.C.G.A.; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of property tax increase were published in the Newspaper at least one week prior to the public hearings that was held on the proposed millage rate to be levied, which public hearings were on August 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on September 1, 2022, which hearing was between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on a business weekday and a press release was provided to the local media all as required by Section 48-5-32.1 O.C.G.A.

**WHEREAS**, Insurance Premiums’ Taxes received by the City of Thomson and the McDuffie County Board of Commissioners are designated to fund consolidated Fire Services; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 2022 the School Board duly adopted a final school M&O Millage Rate, which by law must be confirmed by the Board of Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board and it is hereby resolved by authority of same as follows:

**Section 1. Levy of County Tax and School Tax.** That there is assessed, levied and shall be collected on every species of taxable property which is taxed by the State of Georgia ad valorem taxes for calendar year 2022 which shall be calculated according to the laws of the State of Georgia using the following millage rates:

A. For McDuffie County, a rate of **7.809** mills derived as follows:

Gross McDuffie County Countywide M&O	11.469
(Less Sales Tax Rollback)	(3.66)
<b>Net McDuffie County Countywide M&amp;O</b>	<b>7.809</b>

B. For school tax for the support and maintenance of education as recommended by the School Board, a rate of **17.717** mills.

C. The cumulative M&O Millage Rate for McDuffie County Countywide including McDuffie County and the School Board is a rate of **25.526** mills.

The Tax Commissioner of McDuffie County (the "Tax Commissioner") shall collect these taxes and pay the McDuffie County taxes to the Board as the governing authority of McDuffie County and the school taxes to the School Board all as provided by State law.

**Section 2. Due Date of Taxes.** The due date of the payment of all of the taxes referred to in Section 1 and 2 of this Resolution shall be at a minimum sixty (60) days after the date bills for such taxes are mailed, which due date is anticipated to be November 30, 2022. Taxes not paid by the due date shall bear interest at the rate of 0.52% per month from the date the tax is due until the date the tax is paid. For purposes of computing interest, any period of less than one (1) month shall be considered to be one (1) month. Any such taxes not paid when due shall also be subject to such penalties and charges, shall constitute liens on the property and be subject to those procedures for collection as provided by the laws of the State of Georgia.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED**, this 1st day of September, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCDUFFIE  
COUNTY, GEORGIA

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

[COUNTY SEAL]

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 22-02

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCDUFFIE COUNTY, GEORGIA AMENDING CHAPTER 74, SUBDIVISIONS OF THE MCDUFFIE COUNTY, GEORGIA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO SET SPECIAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

**THIS ORDINANCE** adopted by the Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County, Georgia (the “Board”).

**WHEREAS,** the Board is charged with providing for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board is authorized pursuant to the Georgia Constitution, Article IX, § II, Paragraph VI to establish Special Street Lighting Districts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board is authorized pursuant to the Georgia Constitution, Article IX, § II, Paragraph VI to establish fees for Special Street Lighting Districts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board desires to amend “Sec. 74-321. Northview Acres” and “Sec. 74-322. Cedar Creek Subdivision” and “Sec. 74-323 (a-3) & (b-2). Deerfield Subdivision” and “Sec. 74-324. Elias Station Subdivision” and “Sec. 74-325 Belle Meade Subdivision”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board and it hereby is ordained by the authority of same as follows:

**PART I**

Chapter 74, Article VIII of the present Subdivisions Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

**Amendment of Section 74-321.** The existing Chapter 74, Subdivisions, Article VIII, Special Street Lighting Districts, Section 74-321, “Northview Acres” (c) of this Code is amended as follows:

“There is hereby created a special street lighting tax of ~~\$35.17~~ \$35.57 per year per lot due and payable when county ad valorem taxes are due each year from which the county shall pay for the continuing cost of providing street lights in the future. This tax shall remain in effect until further amendment or resolution from this board.”

**Amendment of Section 74-322.** The existing Chapter 74, Subdivisions, Article VIII, Special Street Lighting Districts, Section 74-322, “Cedar Creek Subdivision” (c) of this Code is amended as follows:

“There is hereby created a special street lighting tax of ~~\$161.76~~ \$154.30 per year per lot due and payable when county ad valorem taxes are due each year from which the county shall pay for the continuing cost of providing street lights in the future. This tax shall remain in effect until further amendment or resolution from this board.”

**Amendment of Section 74-323.** The existing Chapter 74, Subdivisions, Article VIII, Special Street Lighting Districts, Section 74-323, “Deerfield Subdivision” (a)(3) & (b)(2) of this Code is amended as follows:

(a)(3) “There is hereby created a special street lighting tax of ~~\$85.26~~ \$86.46 per year per lot due and payable when county ad valorem taxes are due each year from which the county shall pay for the continuing cost of providing street lights in the future. This tax shall remain in effect until further amendment or resolution from this board.”

(b)(3) “There is hereby created a special street lighting tax of ~~\$85.26~~ \$86.46 per year per lot due and payable when county ad valorem taxes are due each year from which the county shall pay for the continuing cost of providing street lights in the future. This tax shall remain in effect until further amendment or resolution from this board.”

**Amendment of Section 74-324.** The existing Chapter 74, Subdivisions, Article VIII, Special Street Lighting Districts, Section 74-324, “Elias Station Subdivision” (b) of this Code is amended as follows:

(b) “There is hereby created a special street lighting tax of ~~\$53.45~~ \$55.91 per year per lot due and payable when county ad valorem taxes are due each year, and for which in return the county shall pay for the continuing cost of providing street lights in the future. This tax shall remain in effect until further amendment or resolution from this board.”

**Amendment of Section 74-325** The existing Chapter 74, Subdivisions, Article VIII, Special Street Lighting Districts, Section 74-325, “Belle Meade Subdivision” (b) of this Code is amended as follows:

(b) “There is hereby created a special street lighting tax of ~~\$72.15~~ \$74.03 per year per lot located in the Belle Meade Subdivision Street Lighting District, due and payable when county ad valorem taxes are due each year, and for which in return the county shall pay for the continuing cost of providing street lights in the future in the Belle Meade Subdivision Street Lighting District. This tax shall remain in effect until further amendment or resolution from this board.

## PART II

Repeal of Conflicting Ordinance. Any Ordinance or portions thereof previously adopted by the Board in conflict with this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent necessary to eliminate such conflict.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective September 1, 2022.

**ADOPTED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2022.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MCDUFFIE  
COUNTY, GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

[COUNTY SEAL]

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk



**2022  
STREET LIGHTS**

BELLE MEADE		CEDAR CREEK		ELIAS STATION		NORTHVIEW		DEERFIELD PLANTATION	
CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT
1/12/2021	\$ 1,267.18	1/12/2021	\$ 506.90	1/12/2021	\$ 194.94	1/12/2021	\$ 222.75	1/12/2021	\$ 348.13
2/10/2021	\$ 1,256.33	2/10/2021	\$ 458.90	2/25/2021	\$ 194.94	2/10/2021	\$ 222.75	2/10/2021	\$ 348.13
3/10/2021	\$ 1,256.33	3/10/2021	\$ 458.90	3/25/2021	\$ 194.94	3/10/2021	\$ 222.75	3/10/2021	\$ 348.13
4/9/2021	\$ 1,256.38	4/9/2021	\$ 458.90	4/23/2021	\$ 194.94	4/9/2021	\$ 222.75	4/9/2021	\$ 348.13
5/14/2021	\$ 1,256.38	5/10/2021	\$ 458.90	5/25/2021	\$ 194.94	5/14/2021	\$ 222.75	5/14/2021	\$ 348.13
6/10/2021	\$ 1,256.38	6/15/2021	\$ 458.90	6/25/2021	\$ 194.94	6/10/2021	\$ 222.75	6/10/2021	\$ 348.13
7/9/2021	\$ 1,260.04	7/15/2021	\$ 458.90	7/23/2021	\$ 194.94	7/9/2021	\$ 222.75	7/9/2021	\$ 348.13
8/9/2021	\$ 1,260.04	8/17/2021	\$ 458.90	8/25/2021	\$ 194.94	8/9/2021	\$ 222.75	8/9/2021	\$ 348.13
9/10/2021	\$ 1,260.04	9/10/2021	\$ 458.90	9/24/2021	\$ 194.94	9/10/2021	\$ 222.75	9/10/2021	\$ 348.13
10/19/2021	\$ 1,260.04	10/8/2021	\$ 458.90	10/26/2021	\$ 194.94	10/19/2021	\$ 222.75	10/19/2021	\$ 348.13
1/12/2022	\$ 1,261.96	11/10/2021	\$ 458.90	11/30/2021	\$ 194.94	1/12/2022	\$ 237.98	1/12/2022	\$ 377.73
1/12/2022	\$ 1,324.42	12/10/2021	\$ 458.90	12/22/2021	\$ 203.96	1/12/2022	\$ 237.98	1/12/2022	\$ 377.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,175.52</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,554.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,348.30</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,703.46</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,236.76</b>
<b>AVERAGE COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,264.63</b>	<b>AVERAGE COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 462.90</b>	<b>AVERAGE COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 195.69</b>	<b>AVERAGE COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 225.29</b>	<b>AVERAGE COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 353.06</b>
<b>NUMBER OF PARCELS</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PARCELS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PARCELS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PARCELS</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PARCELS</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>2022 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 74.03</b>	<b>2022 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 154.30</b>	<b>2022 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 55.91</b>	<b>2022 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 35.57</b>	<b>2022 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 86.46</b>
<b>2021 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 72.15</b>	<b>2021 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 161.76</b>	<b>2021 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 53.45</b>	<b>2021 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 35.17</b>	<b>2021 RATE</b>	<b>\$ 85.26</b>



# Harold A. Hinesley

Chief Judge, Superior Courts

Toombs Judicial Circuit

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GLASCOCK, LINCOLN  
McDUFFIE, TALIAFERRO  
WARREN AND WILKES  
COUNTIES

August 22, 2022

Charlie Newton  
Chairman, McDuffie County  
210 Railroad Street  
Thomson, GA 30824

Dear Chairman Newton,

On behalf of the Toombs Judicial Circuit, we respectfully ask for consideration for use of some of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by McDuffie County. As you know, the county has received \$4,139,606.00 amount from [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds\\_countyfundng\\_2021.05.10-1a-508A.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds_countyfundng_2021.05.10-1a-508A.pdf) in such funds. We recognize that the county may have already used some of their funds to support judicial staff and facilities for which we are grateful. The state's upcoming ARPA grant process will require that we report the status of this request along with any other previous ARPA support in order to receive some of the limited state ARPA funds.

The state of Georgia received \$4.8 billion of which only \$110 million was made available to the courts throughout the state via a grant process distributed by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) in coordination with the Administrative Office of the Courts. Those funds are allocated to cover a 3-year period ending December 31, 2024, whereby each circuit must apply for funds each year. In addition to a limit on total funding each year, our local judicial circuits have been further limited by OPB in what we can request funding for as noted below.

- ✓ To provide additional, temporary court staff such as senior judges, bailiffs, court reporters, judicial officers, court staff, and other necessary persons to address the case backlog created by COVID-19.
- ✓ To contract with third party locations to conduct court proceedings in larger facilities.
- ✓ To pay for additional, temporary prosecutors, investigators, legal administrative positions, and contract legal services.
- ✓ To provide additional circuit and conflict attorneys for the Georgia Public Defenders Council.

Our understanding is that the county has its own ARPA funds. Further, those funds are available to be spent for a longer period and have only those restrictions which the U.S. Treasury Department places on them. In short, the county's ARPA funds can be utilized in a much broader way than our funds accessed through the state. Such eligible expenses that intersect with our judicial needs include:

- ✓ Legal aid such as legal services or attorney's fees related to eviction proceedings and maintaining housing stability, court-based eviction prevention or eviction diversion programs, and other legal services that help households maintain or obtain housing.
- ✓ Services to foster youth, including those aging out of the system, and child welfare involved families may encompass a wide array of financial, educational, child development, or health supports, or other supports necessary, including supports for kinship care.
- ✓ Hiring additional court staff or attorneys to increase speed of case resolution, and other expenses to expedite case resolution.
- ✓ Expand affordable access to broadband internet that, upon completion, reliably meet or exceed symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds where practicable.
- ✓ Premium pay for essential workers, which includes court employees, who were working in person to compensate them for their service during the pandemic. Such pay can also be made retroactive.
- ✓ Technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user-experience of government information technology systems, including upgrades to hardware and software as well as improvements to public-facing websites or to data management systems, to increase public access and improve public delivery of government programs and services (including in the *judicial*, legislative, or executive branches).

As you can see the, the federal requirements for the eligible use of ARPA funds are much broader than what the state has limited our requests to. Our circuit is committed to reducing the backlog of cases created by the pandemic. With access to county ARPA funds in conjunction with our state ARPA funds, we can work through these cases and provide meaningful access to justice for the citizens of our circuit.

Therefore, we respectfully request to partner with the county for use of some of their ARPA funds. We can put together a list of possible expenditures. Our state ARPA Funding Committee has asked that we provide them with any details on our access to funds from our counties. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible!

Sincerely,



Harold A. Hinesley  
Chief Judge, Superior Courts

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2022 Budget Amendments**

**GENERAL FUND**

<u>Department / Fund</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
	34110000-341165	Public Relations Reimbursement		(\$29,972)
	1001500-579000	Budget Contingency		(\$29,972)
County Manager	1001320-511100	Salaries	\$46,202	
County Manager	1001320-512200	Fica	\$2,998	
County Manager	1001320-512300	Mica	\$701	
County Manager	1001320-512100	Group Insurance	\$7,518	
County Manager	1001320-512110	Group Life	\$75	
County Manager	1001320-512017	Phone Allowance	\$350	
County Manager	1001320-512015	Auto Allowance	\$2,100	
<b>To budget public relations position</b>				
Victims Assistance	1002205-511100	Regular Salary	\$24,216	
Victims Assistance	1002205-512200	Social Security	\$1,501	
Victims Assistance	1002205-512300	Medicare	\$351	
Victims Assistance	1002200-512100	Group Health Insurance	\$5,215	
Victims Assistance	1002200-512110	Group Life Insurance	\$75	
Victims Assistance	34110000-349915	Victims Assistance Reimbursement		(\$31,358)
<b>To budget position for Victims Assistance Grant</b>				
Information Technology	1001536-542200	Vehicles	\$33,265	
	1001500-579011	Insurance Contingency		(\$33,265)
<b>To budget vehicle purchase</b>				
	33552000-371000	Contributions		(\$5,800)
Senior Citizens	1005520-523500	Travel	\$5,800	
<b>To budget for senior citizens trip</b>				
<b>Additional Revenues</b>				
	3410000-342328	Work Source Georgia		(\$34,355)
	3410000-342326	Adult Day Care Rent		(\$2,700)
	31150000-311105	Timber Tax		(\$8,800)
	32740000-322210	Zoning Fees		(\$6,000)
	34330000-371000	Contributions		(\$5,000)
	1001500-579000	Budget Contingency	\$56,855	
<b>Additional Expenses</b>				
Commissioners	1001110-521210	Legal	\$25,000	
County Manager	1001320-542500	Equipment	\$5,870	
County Manager	1001320-523600	Dues/Fees	\$1,500	
County Manager	1001320-531600	Small Equipment	\$560	
County Manager	1001320-523300	Advertising	\$550	
Employee Relations	1001502-511202	Employee Relations	\$5,000	
Tax Commissioner	1001545-523240	Wireless internet	\$500	
Tax Commissioner	1001545-531110	Office Supplies	\$4,000	
Board of Equalization	1001560-511275	Board of Equalization	\$2,500	
Board of Equalization	1001560-512200	Fica	\$155	
Board of Equalization	1001560-512300	Mica	\$4	
Senior Citizens	1005520-541200	Site Improvements	\$56,224	
Clerk of Superior Court	1002180-531400	Books & Periodicals	\$9,005	
Public Defender	1002800-522200	Contract Repair & Maintenance	\$800	
Recycling	1004550-572000	Agency Appropriations	\$10,000	
Meals On Wheels	1005510-511200-WORKS	Temporary/Part-Time	\$9,648	
Library	1006500-522245	R&M Buildings	\$20	
	1001500-579000	Budget Contingency		(\$131,336)
<b>To budget additional revenues and expenses</b>				

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2022 Budget Amendments**

<u>Department / Fund</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
		<b>Transportation SPLOST</b>		
	3304974-542852	Western Bypass	\$3,000,000	
	33031000-341114	Grant Reimbursement		(\$3,000,000)
<b>To budget additional grant reimbursements and expenses for West Bypass</b>				
		<b>Small Grant Expenditures</b>		
	2504981-511100-CARES	Regular Salary	\$89,300	
	2504981-512200-CARES	FICA	\$5,537	
	2504981-512300 CARES	MICA	\$1,300	
	2504981-511100-ARPA	Regular Salary	\$30,000	
	2504981-511200-ARPA	Temp/Part Time Salary	\$14,000	
	2504981-512200 ARPA	Fica	\$2,728	
	2504981-512300 ARPA	Mica	\$638	
	2504981-512100 ARPA	Group Insurance	\$8,000	
	2504981-512110 ARPA	Group Life	\$125	
	2504981-541200-HPF	Site Improvements Rockhouse	\$20,000	
	2504980-349000-CARES	Cares Act		(\$96,137)
	2504980-334123-ARPA	ARPA Grant		(\$55,491)
	2504980-334070-HPF	Historical Preservation Grant		(\$20,000)
<b>To budget grants - ARPA, CARES and HPF revenues and expenses</b>				
		<b>FIRE/EMS</b>		
	2703500-522200	Contract Repair & Maintenance	\$70,171	
	34350001-344130	Insurance Reimbursement		(\$70,171)
	2703500-521102	Warren Billing	\$14,105	
	34350001-342608	Warren UPL payment		(\$14,105)
	34350001-321018	Merchant fees		(\$500)
	2701510-523601	Merchant fees	\$3,000	
	2701510-511300	Overtime	\$1,000	
	34350001-342608	McDuffie UPL payment		(\$32,809)
	34350001-512700	Workers Compensation	\$18,468	
	34350001-389001	Misc. Revenues		(\$10,000)
	2703500-552201	Refunds/Overpayment	\$2,000	
	2703500-521210	Legal	\$1,000	
	2703500-523900	Purchase Services	\$9,800	
	2703500-522200	Contract Repair & Maintenance	\$4,741	
	2703500-521200-MITP	Professional Services	\$24,901	
	34350001-334122-MITP	Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant		(\$24,901)
	2703500-542701-MITP	Pre-Disaster Local Match	\$3,300	
<b>To budget additional revenues and expenses</b>				
		<b>Forfeiture Fund</b>		
	2093329-542500	Equipment	\$34,000	
	35332900-389060	Prior Year Funds		(\$34,000)
<b>To budget additional revenues and expenses</b>				
		<b>Solid Waste</b>		
	32450000-323300	Tipping Fees		(\$472,145)
	5404500-523927	Transportation and Disposal	\$472,145	
<b>To increase budget for hauling contract/rate increase</b>				

**Governor's Office of Planning and Budget**  
**Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program**  
**CFDA 210.27 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds**  
**Notice of Funding Opportunity**  
**August 24, 2022**

**DISCLAIMER**

**This Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) is intended to be a guide to the application process for perspective applicants applying for consideration of funding through the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program. This guidance is not exhaustive, binding, or final.**

**I. OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this funding is to address violent gun crime and community violence that have increased as a result of COVID-19, or to address a decrease in public sector law enforcement staffing as a result of COVID-19.

**II. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE**

The primary program specialist for the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program is Amanda Hawkins ([Amanda.Hawkins@opb.georgia.gov](mailto:Amanda.Hawkins@opb.georgia.gov)). For general questions on our grant programs, applicants may also reach out to [grants@opb.georgia.gov](mailto:grants@opb.georgia.gov).

**III. FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR AWARD**

OPB anticipates that approximately \$100,000,000 million may be available under this NOFO, which may be increased or decreased at OPB's discretion. Awards may be made up to Up to \$1,500,000 per entity. OPB reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this NOFO.

**IV. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY**

**Note: State agencies are not eligible to apply for program category 1 below.**

**1. Law Enforcement Staffing (Hiring law enforcement officials)<sup>1</sup>:**

- Hire Public Safety employees for the same positions that existed on January 27, 2020 but that were unfilled or eliminated as of March 3, 2021.
- Hiring above pre-pandemic baseline, by adjusting the pre-pandemic baseline for historical growth in the public sector employment over time. If choosing this option, the formula prescribed in Treasury's final rule that must be completed to determine eligibility

**2. Violent Crime Reduction Programs<sup>2</sup>:** Evidence-based practices like focused deterrence, street outreach, violence interrupters, and hospital-based violence intervention models, complete

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<sup>1</sup> State Agencies are not eligible to apply for Program Category 1, Law Enforcement Staffing

<sup>2</sup> Many communities are using SLFRF funds to invest in holistic approaches in violence prevention that are rooted in targeted outreach and addressing root causes. For example, the City of St. Louis is planning to invest in expanding a “community responder” model designed to provide clinical help and to divert non-violent calls away from the police department. Additionally, the city will expand access to mental health services, allowing residents

with wraparound services such as behavioral therapy, trauma recovery, job training, education, housing and relocation services, and financial assistance

**3. Equipment and Technology:** Investments in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to the rise in gun violence resulting from the pandemic, for example technology to assist in the identification of guns whose serial numbers have been damaged.

**4. Community Violence Intervention Programs<sup>3</sup>:** Funding more intervention workers, increasing their pay, providing training and professional development for intervention workers, and hiring and training workers to administer the programs.

## V. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

All ARPA applicants must have an organization, or subrecipient, that will serve as the fiduciary agent and assume overall responsibility for the grant. As this is a law enforcement grant, the implementing agency must be a law enforcement agency and the affiliated unit of government will be either the municipal or county governance of the law enforcement agency. Eligible ARPA applicants include:

- Law enforcement agencies
- A unit of local government
- State agencies

## VI. SCORING CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the committee to score applications for this Grant Program:

- Description of the Issue (30%)
- Project Design and Implementation (30%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (15%)
- Performance Measures (10%)
- Budget (15%)

## VII. MATCHING FUNDS

Match funding is not required or scored in this application.

## VIII. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

All funds must be expended by October 31, 2026, which is the end of the period of performance. The awardee may use PSCVRG funds to cover costs incurred beginning from the date of award approval by OPB through October 31, 2026.<sup>4</sup>

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to seek support at city recreation centers, libraries, and other public spaces.<sup>57</sup> Similarly, Los Angeles County will further invest in its “Care First, Jails Last” program which seeks to replace “arrest and incarceration” responses with health interventions. Los Angeles County, CA Recovery Plan

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSinter/bos/supdocs/160391.pdf>. (Department of U.S. Treasury’s Final Rule)

<sup>3</sup> The White House, FACT SHEET: More Details on the Biden-Harris Administration’s Investments in Community Violence Interventions (April 7, 2021), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statementsreleases/2021/04/07/fact-sheet-more-details-on-the-biden-harris-administrations-investments-in-communityviolence-interventions/>.(Department of U.S. Treasury’s Final Rule)

<sup>4</sup> Award approval requires an executed Terms and Conditions agreement, active UEI, vendor location on file, and approved budget. The award status will move from ‘awarded’ to ‘approved’ when the requirements are met.



Only new projects that have not started at the time of the release of this NOFO are eligible for the PSCVRG Program.

**IX. ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS**

Allowable costs are determined in accordance with the cost principles identified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. Federal funds committed to an award may only be used to cover allowable costs incurred during the period of performance for eligible activity outlined by the program category allowable activity.

**X. PAYMENT REQUESTS**

All payment requests for allowable activity will be paid using a reimbursement method.

**XI. GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE**

August 24, 2022: NOFO Release

September 1, 2022: Application Period Begins

September 6, 2022: Virtual Applicant Workshop

November 18, 2022: Application Window Closes. Applications due by 11:59 PM EST (OPB Staff will be available until 5pm for technical assistance)

November 19-December 19, 2022: Application Review

January 2023: Final Recommendations and Preliminary Awards Announced (Date is dependent upon the volume of applications received)

***\*OPB will hold an in-person training(s) and technical assistance for this program. Dates, times, and location for in-person training are forthcoming.***

**XII. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness, and then evaluated based on the priorities and criteria identified herein. Recommendations will be made to the governor for final selection.

**XIII. APPLICATION AWARD AND NOTIFICATION**

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the scoring criteria, priorities, and preferences outlined in this NOFO. All award results will be posted on OPB's website and applicants notified in writing.

**XIV. GRANT AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

An applicant selected for funding through the Public Safety Community Violence Reduction Strategies Grant Program that wishes to accept this award must execute the Grant Program Terms and Conditions within 60 days of award announcements. The State will not accept proposed changes or amendments to the Terms and Conditions. Failure or refusal to comply with this requirement will result in award funds being rescinded.

**XV. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, including 2 C.F.R. Part 200 apply to awarded projects, except for any provisions the Treasury may determine are inapplicable to an award. Each award is further subject to such exceptions as may be



otherwise provided by Treasury. More information on applicable policy requirement can be found under the [21.027 assistance listing](#) for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF).

**XVI. REPORTING**

Subrecipients awarded funding through the PSCVRS Grant Program will be subject to all reporting requirements as set forth by the State and Treasury.

**XVII. OVERSIGHT**

Subrecipients awarded funding through the PSCVRS Grant Program will be subject to audit or review by the Treasury Inspector General and Government Accountability Office. Additionally, all subrecipients will undergo a subrecipient monitoring program.

August 29, 2022

Dr. Jermaine Whirl  
President  
Augusta Technical College  
3200 Augusta Tech Drive  
Augusta, GA, 30906

Dear Dr. Whirl

I am writing to express my support for the funding of Augusta Tech's new Commercial Driver's License (CDL) truck driving range at the Thomson/McDuffie campus. As the Chairman for McDuffie County Board of Commissioners and a local small business owner, I personally understand the need for skilled drivers. A local training program dedicated to assisting drivers in attaining their CDL would be invaluable to our area.

The prospects for the future of the freight trucking industry is bleak. Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows the average age of a commercial truck driver in the U.S. is 55 years old, meaning many will retire in the next decade. Meanwhile, the Transportation Department estimates approximately 300,000 drivers leave the profession annually. The American Trucking Association reported an annual shortage of about 80,000 drivers in 2021, with that number growing to 160,000 by 2030.

In the Augusta region today, there are more than 200 CDL openings, a number that continues to grow daily with resignations and retirements. This is driven by the busy I-20 corridor – including the recent opening of the Amazon distribution center in Columbia County – the growth of Fort Gordon, new logistic companies, and other factors. This need will only increase with the development of the Interstate 14 project and increased traffic between Augusta and the Port of Savannah.

Augusta is quickly becoming a transport hub for the Southeast. For us to stay competitive, we must grow our talent pipeline, and the creation of a local program is an important, immediate need. In an effort to support Augusta Tech's new CDL truck driving range by referring potential drivers to the program and hiring graduates as positions are available. In addition, we can assist with any site prep work and serve on any needed committee or advisory boards.

We look forward to the creation of the CDL range and are confident this investment will help spur economic growth and supply skilled, qualified drivers for years to come.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Newton, IV  
Chairman

THOMSON CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM FIAT  
 2158 WASHINGTON RD NE  
 THOMSON, GA 308246653

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 2158 WASHINGTON RD NE  
 THOMSON, GA 308246653

Ship to: THOMSON CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM FIAT (68426)  
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 THOMSON, GA 308246653

Vehicle: 2022 PROMASTER CITY CARGO VAN / WAGON (122.4 IN WB) (VMDL51)

	Sales Code	Description	MSRP(USD)
Model:	VMDL51	PROMASTER CITY CARGO VAN / WAGON (122.4 IN WB)	31,970
Package:	24C	24C - Tradesman Cargo Van	-495
	MMC	Window Insert Panel-Rear Cargo Door	
	CJ8	Delete 2nd Row Side Curtain Airbags	
	GA6	Window Insert Panel Passenger	
	GA5	Window Insert Panel Driver	
	CJ4	Supp Side Curtain Front Air Bags	
	CYX	Delete Rear Seating	
	CKT	Cargo Tie Down Loops	
	AVM	Cargo Van Group	
	GC1	Wdo Grp 03 (LT & RT Pnl/RR Pnls)	
	ED6	2.4L I4 MultiAir Engine	0
	DFH	9-Spd 948TE FWD Auto Trans (Make)	0
Paint/Seat/Trim:	PW7	Bright White	0
	APA	Monotone Paint	0
	*C7	Premium Cloth Bucket Seats	0
	-X9	Black	0
Options:	NAS	50 State Emissions	0
	AGF	Heated Seats & Power Mirror Group	445
	CMB	Heated Driver Seat	
	CMC	Heated Passenger Seat	
	GTS	Power Heated Mirrors Fold-Away	
	JPM	Heated Front Seats	
	TZN	Nexen Brand Tires	0
	BC3	Upfit Interface Connector	145
	TBB	Full Size Spare Tire	305
	XA5	Park Assist System Delete	-80
	4NU	Fuel Fill/Battery Charge	0
	YHR	1.2 Additional Gallons of Gas	0
	5D2	Distribution Services Tracking	0
	4EX	Sales Tracking	0
Special Equipment:	99615A		0
	99604B		0
	99604A		0
Destination Fees:			1,795

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**Total Price:** 34,085 .

**Order Type:** Retail  
**Scheduling Priority:** 4-Dealer Order  
**Salesperson:**  
**Customer Name:**  
**Customer Address:**

**PSP Month/Week:** 04/2  
**Build Priority:** 01

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