

Georgia Jobs and Infrastructure Committees

State Fiscal Fund Overview

Call to Order: The commencement meeting of the Georgia Jobs and Infrastructure committee was held The Office of Planning and Budget on Thursday, July 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Georgia Jobs and Infrastructure Committee Members

Staff Attendees: Kelly Farr, Stephanie Beck, Jen Wade and Sameerah Anderson

Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting commenced with welcome and introduction from OPB Budget Deputy Director Stephanie Beck. Additional remarks were offered from OPB Director Kelly Farr welcoming committee members.

Stephanie Beck informed committee members that the meeting being recorded is subject to the **Open Records and Open Meetings** Acts to allow citizens and the press to observe the function of State and local governmental agencies.

I. **Agenda:**

To provide informational guidelines and role delineation to the Georgia Jobs and Infrastructure committee.

II. **Presentation:**

Stephanie Beck provides detailed overview of the origins of the ARPA fund to the committee and the three committee focus areas that include:

- Broadband Infrastructure
- Water/Sewer Infrastructure
- Negative Economic Impact
- The allowable uses of ARPA state allocated funds.

This portion of the presentation concludes with eligibility guidance and an introduction to Grants Manager, Jen Wade.

Jen Wade presented to the committee information regarding eligible entities along with PowerPoint guidelines and provided an in-depth overview of the application process and the listing of grant opportunities that will be present within the Georgia Cares Portal:

- Water/Sewer Infrastructure
- Broadband
- Economic Impact Grants
- The Governor's Emergency Education Relief 2

Jen also provided information regarding the following: Application review, data collection, submission criteria, award considerations, reporting timelines and federal reporting requirements. The committee was informed of their role of the review process, which included the following: reviewing applications, providing feedback and how to score the projects in accordance with the scoring criteria.

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- III. **Meeting Opened for Questions and Feedback:** Members asked questions regarding eligibility of various organizations, technical assistance available for applicants, fund matching requirements for applicants, marketing strategies for informing potential applicants of funding opportunities, interaction with potential applicants, and scoring criteria.

Next Meeting: Collaborative Session/Applicant Presentations -Tentative week of September 27th, 2021

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:14 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by: Sameerah Anderson