

## County of Lancaster Request for ARPA Funding

**Organization** Borough of Columbia **Date** 8.26.2022  
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Please attach any supporting documentation for consideration. Submission should be in PDF Format.

<b>Project/Item Description</b>	Columbia Borough is working to establish an Emergency Operations Center that is both in a set location as well as mobile should we need to set up in an alternate location during an emergency. The Borough is requesting funding to get the supplies needed for the mobile EOC.
<b>Clearly state the amount being requested. What is the total cost? How was the cost derived?</b>	The total costs for this project is \$40,200. This is based on the itemized list attached as Attachment A. The Borough is requesting an 70/30 split for this phase of the EOC project. The total ask from the County ARPA funds is \$28,140 and the Borough portion is \$12,060.
<b>Which County ARPA Community-wide Benefit(s) does the project meet?</b>	As a critical public safety need, this request meets both Public Safety and Technology modernization.
<b>Briefly explain how the project meets the County's guidelines.</b>	This is a one-time request to assist the Borough in getting our EOC up and functional. In the past two years, the Borough has activated our EOC 8 times. This has included several protests against the police, large weather events, and several large special events. If approved all funds will be expended in 2022 or 2023 at the latest.
<b>Why should this project be a priority and how will it help the County? Also, if this application is for more than one project, please identify each one, provide information and rank them in order of your priority.</b>	Columbia Borough is a growing community but still has its challenges. Being located along the Susquehanna River, containing a Norfolk Southern rail yard, and has US 30 running through it, the potential for a large scale emergency exists. Once established, this facility can also serve as a western EOC for the County for large, multi-jurisdictional events. Columbia was one of the first communities to establish a regional COVID testing site, and recently served as a field location for sample drop location for Avian Flu.
<b>Will this project require ongoing expense (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project?</b>	The ongoing costs for maintaining the EOC, equipment and supplies will fall on the Borough of Columbia. Our EOC team has visited several different facilities recently in order to come up with the best model for our EOC. We believe we have come up with a strong plan that will greatly benefit this community and region. In addition, Borough Staff and elected officials are required to complete the required FEMA training.
<b>Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed.</b>	If the County funding is approved, we would plan to begin assembling the items this year and plan to have it all together within 6 months. We currently use our Borough Hall for our EOC or Fire Company building, but neither is ideal. We hope to have a new facility in the next 5 years. This equipment would allow us to be mobile and set up our EOC were needed.
<b>Are other organizations part of this project? If yes, please list them and their role, including funding. If not, explain why.</b>	Our partner organizations include the Columbia PD, Columbia Fire Department, and PennState Health Life Lion. All these organizations participate in our active EOC activations as well as in our training.
<b>ARPA Committee Comments</b>	
<b>ARPA Committee Recommendation</b>	
<b>Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval)</b>	\$