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Local road agencies take action in securing ARPA funding

LANSING, Mich. – With passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021, county road agencies throughout Michigan are finding new opportunities to partner with their county and township governments to secure ARPA funds for much-needed road and bridge repairs.

The County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) recently contacted four county road commissions (Marquette, Menominee, Houghton and Baraga) who successfully applied for and received ARPA dollars to hear about their successes – and their advice – with ARPA funding.

Each county road commission took somewhat different approaches to securing their slice of the ARPA pie for roads, but all agreed that working collaboratively with their townships and county board was key to their success.

To learn more about these road commissions and their journey with ARPA, read the fall issue of *Crossroads* magazine, CRA's quarterly flagship which can be viewed digitally or downloaded at <u>micountyroads.org/Crossroads</u>.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

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