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# Press Release

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## **ARPA Project: Clearing and Hauling of Downed Vegetative Debris** *City of Newnan to Release Application for Services*

Newnan, GA, July 29, 2022 – On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the City of Newnan, GA will release an application for a service program for the clearing and hauling of downed vegetative debris and the removal of dead/damaged trees as a result of the March 2021 tornado event. The application will be available on our website [www.cityofnewnan.org](http://www.cityofnewnan.org) or at City Hall (25 LaGrange Street, Newnan, GA 30263). On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Newnan City Council obligated \$1 million of the City's government services standard allowance funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which will provide the City an opportunity to leverage federal funds to respond to the needs of property owners. Applications for funding will be accepted for a period of 120 days, ending on **November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), has provided the City with resources necessary to advance the community in this post-COVID and post-tornado environment. ARPA contains a category specifically designed to allow local governments to provide services to residents in a broad array through the revenue replacement government services standard allowance of ten million dollars.

Property owners within the path of the tornado continue to experience an increased impact from the pandemic as goods and services remain scarcer than pre-pandemic times. In addition, the areas primarily impacted are included in the Census Bureau Qualified Census Tracts (QCT's). QCT's are areas in which at least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI); ARPA has determined that households in these areas are presumed eligible for services and programs.

Please contact the ARPA Special Projects Manager, Andrew Moody, if you have any questions.

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