

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 751

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE AND GADBERRY

FUNDS/FUNDING-GRANTS: Dedicates funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to certain road projects

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 39:100.59.3 and 100.59.4, relative to road funding; to create the Road  
3 Assistance for Parishes Fund; to provide for the deposit of federal monies into the  
4 fund; to provide for the allocation of monies in the fund; to create the Road  
5 Assistance for Parishes Program; to provide for the administration of the program;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 39:100.59.3 and 100.59.4 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §100.59.3. Road Assistance for Parishes Fund

10 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Road  
11 Assistance for Parishes Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".  
12 The treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer three hundred million  
13 dollars from the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the fund.

14 B. Monies in the fund may be utilized for patching and overlay projects for  
15 state or local roads in each parish pursuant to the parish allocation provided for in  
16 R.S. 39:100.59.4.

17 C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
18 state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be  
19 deposited in and credited to the fund.

1           D. Monies appropriated, allocated, or remitted from the fund are in addition  
 2           to, and separate from, any other monies appropriated, allocated, or remitted for state  
 3           or local roads. Appropriations and allocations from the fund shall not be included  
 4           in the funding for the Highway Priority Program. The availability of monies from  
 5           the fund shall in no way supplant, limit, or otherwise affect the appropriation,  
 6           allocation, or remittance of any funds otherwise available for state and local roads  
 7           pursuant to state or federal laws.

8           E. Monies allocated pursuant to R.S. 39:100.59.4 shall be expended by  
 9           March 31, 2024. Any remaining balance in the fund on April 1, 2024, shall be  
 10          transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

11          §100.59.4. Road Assistance for Parishes Program

12           A. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following  
 13          meanings:

14           (1) "DOTD" means the Department of Transportation and Development.

15           (2) "Local road" means a public road owned by a parish or municipality.

16           (3) "State road" means a state highway that is not part of the federal system  
 17          and is ineligible for federal highway funding assistance.

18           B. The Road Assistance for Parishes Program is established to provide  
 19          funding for state and local roads in each parish. All monies allocated pursuant to this  
 20          Section shall be utilized solely for patching and overlay projects. For local roads,  
 21          design and construction management costs shall be considered eligible expenses.

22           C. The members of the Louisiana Legislature who represent the parish shall  
 23          determine whether the parish's allocation is applied to state or local roads.

24           D. Monies in the Road Assistance to Parishes Fund shall be allocated to each  
 25          parish as follows:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Acadia</u>	<u>\$6,539,486</u>
<u>Allen</u>	<u>\$3,979,801</u>
<u>Ascension</u>	<u>\$3,805,400</u>

1	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>\$4,853,404</u>
2	<u>Avoyelles</u>	<u>\$6,505,973</u>
3	<u>Beauregard</u>	<u>\$3,965,974</u>
4	<u>Bienville</u>	<u>\$5,673,119</u>
5	<u>Bossier</u>	<u>\$4,312,268</u>
6	<u>Caddo</u>	<u>\$3,732,959</u>
7	<u>Calcasieu</u>	<u>\$3,792,727</u>
8	<u>Caldwell</u>	<u>\$5,325,960</u>
9	<u>Cameron</u>	<u>\$3,990,299</u>
10	<u>Catahoula</u>	<u>\$5,857,330</u>
11	<u>Claiborne</u>	<u>\$4,908,134</u>
12	<u>Concordia</u>	<u>\$5,156,885</u>
13	<u>DeSoto</u>	<u>\$5,059,498</u>
14	<u>East Baton Rouge</u>	<u>\$3,087,844</u>
15	<u>East Carroll</u>	<u>\$4,438,885</u>
16	<u>East Feliciana</u>	<u>\$4,741,412</u>
17	<u>Evangeline</u>	<u>\$6,330,485</u>
18	<u>Franklin</u>	<u>\$5,544,793</u>
19	<u>Grant</u>	<u>\$4,871,758</u>
20	<u>Iberia</u>	<u>\$3,562,309</u>
21	<u>Iberville</u>	<u>\$4,872,979</u>
22	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>\$5,058,299</u>
23	<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>\$3,334,087</u>
24	<u>Jefferson Davis</u>	<u>\$5,339,787</u>
25	<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>\$3,181,303</u>
26	<u>Lafourche</u>	<u>\$4,118,048</u>
27	<u>LaSalle</u>	<u>\$4,765,937</u>
28	<u>Lincoln</u>	<u>\$5,705,145</u>
29	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>\$4,523,866</u>

1	<u>Madison</u>	<u>\$4,285,702</u>
2	<u>Morehouse</u>	<u>\$4,688,457</u>
3	<u>Natchitoches</u>	<u>\$7,206,551</u>
4	<u>Orleans</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
5	<u>Ouachita</u>	<u>\$3,076,414</u>
6	<u>Plaquemines</u>	<u>\$3,838,025</u>
7	<u>Pointe Coupee</u>	<u>\$5,959,201</u>
8	<u>Rapides</u>	<u>\$5,418,243</u>
9	<u>Red River</u>	<u>\$4,363,470</u>
10	<u>Richland</u>	<u>\$5,410,630</u>
11	<u>Sabine</u>	<u>\$4,422,195</u>
12	<u>St. Bernard</u>	<u>\$3,329,782</u>
13	<u>St. Charles</u>	<u>\$3,382,204</u>
14	<u>St. Helena</u>	<u>\$4,811,790</u>
15	<u>St. James</u>	<u>\$3,209,246</u>
16	<u>St. John the Baptist</u>	<u>\$3,121,801</u>
17	<u>St. Landry</u>	<u>\$6,840,571</u>
18	<u>St. Martin</u>	<u>\$4,686,704</u>
19	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>\$3,897,372</u>
20	<u>St. Tammany</u>	<u>\$3,961,136</u>
21	<u>Tangipahoa</u>	<u>\$5,557,688</u>
22	<u>Tensas</u>	<u>\$7,036,833</u>
23	<u>Terrebonne</u>	<u>\$3,939,696</u>
24	<u>Union</u>	<u>\$4,716,444</u>
25	<u>Vermilion</u>	<u>\$5,998,129</u>
26	<u>Vernon</u>	<u>\$5,099,958</u>
27	<u>Washington</u>	<u>\$6,260,396</u>
28	<u>Webster</u>	<u>\$4,054,373</u>
29	<u>West Baton Rouge</u>	<u>\$3,408,681</u>

1	<u>West Carroll</u>	<u>\$4,811,191</u>
2	<u>West Feliciana</u>	<u>\$3,642,984</u>
3	<u>Winn</u>	<u>\$5,627,976</u>

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DIGEST

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HB 751 Original

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Bourriaque

**Abstract:** Creates the Road Assistance for Parishes Fund to provide funding for patching and overlay projects in each parish.

Present law creates the La. Rescue Plan Fund and directs the treasurer to deposit any federal monies allocated to La. pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into the fund.

Proposed law creates the Road Assistance for Parishes Fund and directs the treasurer to deposit \$300 million from the La. Rescue Plan Fund into the fund.

Proposed law creates the Road Assistance for Parishes Program to provide funding for patching and overlay projects for state or local roads in each parish.

Proposed law authorizes the members of the La. Legislature who represent the parish to determine whether the parish's allocation is applied to state or local roads.

Proposed law requires all funding to be expended by March 31, 2024, and any remaining balance in the fund on April 1, 2024, to be transferred to the La. Rescue Plan Fund.

Proposed law provides for the amount of funding allocated for projects in each parish.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.59.3 and 100.59.4)