The American Rescue Plan Act

National League of Cities



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Urgent Funding to Stabilize Government Operations, Households, and Small Businesses

- The American Rescue Plan Act became law on March 11th, 2021 (P.L. 117-2)
- For the first time, all 19,000 municipal governments are entitled to a direct, noncompetitive federal formula grant from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Direct funding means:

- 1. All cities, towns, and villages are entitled to a federal grant from the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.
- 2. Aid obligated to municipalities is not in any way mingled with aid obligated to state or county governments.
- 3. Aid for municipalities is protected from state our county interference by ironclad statutes compelling states to comply, including penalties for states that fail to carry out their responsibilities to small cities and towns.

Membership Regions







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Eligible Expenditures



- A. to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
 - No more restrictive than the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund
- B. to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
 - Allows a municipality to provide up to \$13 per hour above regular wages.
- C. for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or
 - Allows revenue replacement. The base year to measure lost revenue against is not the most recent full fiscal year, but the most recent full fiscal year **prior to the emergency**.
- D. to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
 - Treasury will provide additional guidance





Grant Estimates – We Must Be Patient!

- How can recipient governments use relief allocations from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds?
- How will state and local governments receive the relief allocations?
- Why have the allocations on the estimates spreadsheet changed over time?
- What will cause final allocations to differ from the estimates spreadsheet?
- What if a city, town, village, or township is not included on the estimates spreadsheet?
- What about cases where a local government appears more than once?

Do you have questions on ARP implementation?

NLC will continue to support cities, towns and villages on the implementation of these funds with resources and

https://www.nlc.org/resource/estimated-local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/

GO TO FORM

Principles for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund



1. Use dedicated grants and programs first whenever possible

 Save Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for gaps and priorities not eligible for other federal and state assistance programs

2. Assess government operations AND community needs

 Ask valuable staff and stakeholders for help creating a comprehensive needs assessment; be prepared to pivot

3. Prioritize fiscal stability and returning to work

Save pet projects for earmarks

4. Maintain records and document success

- Create long-term information infrastructure for your future leaders
- 5. Your Congressional Delegation is part of your success
 - Invite Members of Congress to re-openings, ribbon-cuttings, etc...



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American Jobs Plan



- Fix highways, rebuild bridges, upgrade ports, airports and transit systems
- Delivery clean drinking water, a renewed electric grid, and high-speed broadband to all Americans
- Build, preserve, and retrofit more than two million homes and commercial buildings, modernize our nation's schools and child care facilities, and upgrade veterans' hospitals and federal buildings.
- Solidify the infrastructure of our care economy by creating jobs and raising wages and benefits for essential home care workers.
- Revitalize manufacturing, secure U.S. supply chains, invest in R&D, and train Americans for the jobs of the future.
- Create good-quality jobs that pay prevailing wages in safe and healthy workplaces while ensuring workers have a free and fair choice to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively with their employers.



ARP Transportation Funding

Transit

• ARP contains **\$30.5 billion** to assist with operating costs, including payroll and PPE expenses. This includes dedicated funds to support rural transit agencies, transit service for the elderly and individuals with disabilities, and transit on Tribal lands. These funds are provided based on existing transit formulas to your transit agencies.

Aviation

- ARP contains \$8 billion to cover costs of operations, personnel, and cleaning, including a set-aside for rent relief and other costs of airport concessionaires primarily directed toward small businesses and minority-owned firms. ARP contains an additional \$3 billion for the establishment of an Aviation Manufacturing Payroll Support Program to protect aviation manufacturing jobs.
- ARP also contains an additional **\$15 billion** to continue payroll support for airlines that will be administrated by the Treasury Department with support from USDOT.

Amtrak

 ARP gets Amtrak workers back to work and restoring service on routes across the country. ARP contains \$1.7 billion to recall employees furloughed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, restore daily long-distance service, and help states cover lost revenue in state-supported routes.



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Federal Transit Administration

- <u>The Rescue Package's \$30.5 billion in supplemental appropriations is being allocated to support the transit industry during the COVID-19 public health emergency.</u>
- FTA will send notification to your designated transit contacts when funding is available for obligation through the <u>Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)</u>.
- FTA has provided the following tables by transit program showing the distributions:
 - •Table 1: <u>American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Appropriations and Apportionments for Grant Programs</u>
 - •Table 2: American Rescue Plan Act Urbanized Area Apportionments (Section 5307)
 - •Table 3: <u>American Rescue Plan Act Rural Area (Section 5311) and Rural Transit Assistance Program Apportionments (Section 5311(b)(3)</u>
 - •Table 4: <u>American Rescue Plan Act Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Formula Apportionments (Section 5311(c)(1)</u>
 - •Table 5: American Rescue Plan Act Intercity Bus Formula Apportionments (Section 5311(f))
 - •Table 6: <u>American Rescue Plan Act Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Apportionments (Section 5310)</u>
 - •Table 7: American Rescue Plan Act Capital Investments Allocations

ARP Public Safety Programs Funding



Public Health and Safety

- Public Health and Safety \$100 million Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program
- \$1.5 billion Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) Program
- \$1.5 billion Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Program
- \$50 million Community-based Funding for Local Behavioral Health Needs
- \$30 million Community-based funding for Local Substance Use Disorder Services
- \$80 million Mental and Behavioral Health Training for Health Care Professionals and Public Safety Officers
- \$7.6 billion Public Health Workforce
- \$20 million Youth Suicide Prevention Grants
- \$420 million Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

ARP Public Safety Programs Funding



Emergency Management and Disaster Relief

- \$50 billion FEMA Disaster Relief and Recovery Efforts
- \$400 million FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program for Individuals
- \$100 million FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
- \$100 million for FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) and \$200 million Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)
- FEMA Funeral Assistance to Individuals
- \$650 Mitigate Cyber-Attacks on federal, state, local, and critical infrastructure systems.
- \$110 million for FEMA Humanitarian Relief



ARP Funding: Housing

Renter and Homeowner Assistance

- \$21 billion for Emergency rent relief and utility assistance; extra for rural housing
- \$10 billion for Homeowner Assistance Fund mortgage payments, property taxes, utilities, insurance

Homeless Intervention

- \$5 billion for Emergency housing vouchers to address homelessness
- \$5 billion for HUD Homeless Assistance Programs
- \$400 million for FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program



Next Steps

- NLC is working with the Treasury Department and White House on the implementation of this section of the American Rescue Plan Act, as well as work to make suggestions on guidance.
- Weekly NLC Calls on Friday @ 1:30PM EST
- If you have any input, questions or to share your ARP Story, please submit through this form which can be accessed by scanning here:



ARP Questions Form: <u>https://bit.ly/3eVyvWt</u>



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The National League of Cities and Bloomberg Philanthropies have teamed up to collect and share actions taken by local leaders in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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The NLC Covid Action Tracker is the m The information below was collected thro

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	Albuquerque	New Mexico	4/27/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	One Albuquerque Fund donates \$50,000 to support small businesses throughout the city			Recommendation/So	
	Albuquerque	New Mexico	5/20/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Through resolution R-20-30, the City Council reallocated funds from the City Clerk to be u			Ordinance	
	Albuquerque	New Mexico	7/21/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Outdoor dining and patio spaces	Administrative Pro	oce		
	Athens	Georgia	3/14/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	convention center conversion fro	m meeting space to com	mercial assembly facility for loc	Public-private Part	tner
	Atlanta	Georgia	6/9/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms ann	ounced the creation of th	ne CoA Recovery Fund, a progr	Administrative Pro	ocer
	Austin	Texas	9/15/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	The City of Austin Economic Dev	elopment Department is	reopening the Austin Non-Profit	Administrative Pro	oce
	Baltimore	Maryland	4/14/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	The City of Baltimore announced	a partnership with Goldr	man Sachs and Lendistry to prov	Public-private Part	tner
	Baltimore	Maryland	6/30/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young a	nnounced a grant progra	am that will allow restaurants to	Administrative Pro	oce
	Boise	Idaho	9/14/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	The City is proud to announce th	e Municipal Small Busine	ss Grant Program, launching W	Administrative Pro	oce
	Boston	Massachusetts	3/18/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	For businesses that serve food, th	ne city of Boston is lifting	regulations so that all restaurant	Ordinance	
as collected thrc	Boston	Massachusetts	6/26/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	During this week's Council meeti	ng, the Council voted to	adopt a resolution in support of	Executive Order	
	Boston	Massachusetts	7/17/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Bo	oston Resiliency Fund Ste	ering Committee today announ	Administrative Pro	oce
	Anchorage	Alaska	4/21/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Provided that the health metrics	continue to meet expecta	tions, certain Anchorage busin	Emergency Decla	arati
	Anchorage	Alaska	5/28/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	The Municipality of Anchorage a	nd Cook Inlet Lending Ce	enter (CILC) announced the reci	Administrative Pro	oce
	Arcata	California	3/26/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	On March 26, 2020, the Arcata C	ity Council adopted Resc	lution No. 190-63, which create	Ordinance	
	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	8/13/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Mayor-President Sharon Weston	Broome's Restart BR Task	Force announced Thursday the	Administrative Pro	oce
	Atlanta	Georgia	7/29/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Through the Resurgence Grant F	und, city of Atlanta small	businesses can apply for up to	Administrative Pro	oce
	Aurora	Illinois	5/1/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	In response to the impact experie	enced by our small busin	ess community as a result of Co	City Council Actio	on
	Columbus	Ohio	9/30/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, along	with Columbus City Coun	cil President Shannon G. Hardin	Administrative Pro	oce
	Corpus Christi	Texas	4/7/2020, 12:00 AM	Business Economic Stability	In a special City Council meeting	held earlier today, the Co	orpus Christi City Council appro	Public-private Part	tner

https://www.nlc.org/resource/covid-19-local-action-tracker/



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