# Q&A Brown Bag on How ARPA is Helping Cities Improve Health Equity

# Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm EST

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# COVID-19 Pandemic Response & Relief



COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE & RELIEF



# Your hub for the latest on infection, vaccination, response and relief

We are bringing you the tools, resources and events necessary to fight back against COVID-19. Check back here for the latest in pandemic response protocols, funding options and more for your city, town or village.

OUR COMMUNITIES WILL RECEIVE

#### **\$65.1 BILLION**

in necessary aid through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. Learn everything you need to know about funding through ARPA.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT** 

## Join us! for the 2021 City Summit in Salt Lake City November 18–20



(preconference activities, mobile workshops and executive education begin on Wednesday, November 17).

Participate in person in Salt Lake City or virtually if that is what you prefer.

Either way please join us – NLC in SLC!!

# ARPA: Supporting Public Health and Serving the Hardest-Hit Communities



During an unprecedented time, NLC delivered unprecedented results for our members.

\$65 billon of DIRECT aid to EVERY city, town or village across the country.

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## SLFRP Eligible Uses: Support public health expenditures



Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – "Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff" and all provision should "take into consideration the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on those hardest-hit by the pandemic."

- Services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
  - Including: vaccination programs and incentives, contact tracing, PPE purchases, support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services, enhancement of healthcare facilities
- Services to address behavioral healthcare needs as exacerbated by the pandemic
  - Including: mental health treatment, substance use treatment, crisis intervention, hotlines or warmlines, services or outreach to promote access to health and social services

### SLFRP Eligible Uses: Serving the hardest-hit communities and families



- Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health
- Investments in housing and neighborhoods
- Addressing educational disparities
- Promoting healthy childhood environments

#### Other ARPA Funding



- \$7.5 billion to the CDC for vaccine distribution, including vaccine clinics
- \$47.8 billion for testing, contact tracing, surveillance and mitigation including includes technical assistance and grants or cooperative agreements to state, local and territorial public health departments
- \$7.66 billion to expand the public health workforce, including grants to state, local, and territorial health departments
- \$7.6 billion for community health centers
- \$8.5 billion for rural health care providers
- \$3.88 billion for programs to address mental health and substance use
- Community Mental Health Services Block Grant changed to \$1.5 billion for FY21
- Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant changed to \$1.5 billion
- Provides \$80 million for the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access program
- Provides \$420 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

## Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund Contact Info

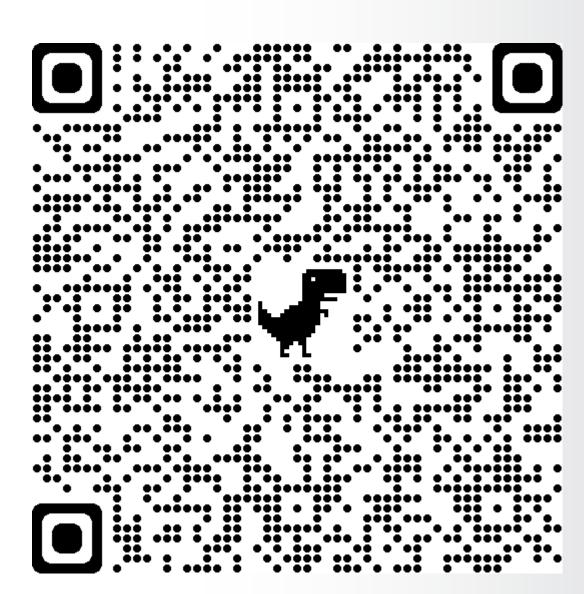


Visit the Treasury webpage for more info about the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund.

Treasury.gov/SLFRP

The Treasury expects to provide technical assistance to mitigate administration burden.

For general questions about the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund, email <a href="mailto:SLFRP@treasury.gov">SLFRP@treasury.gov</a>.

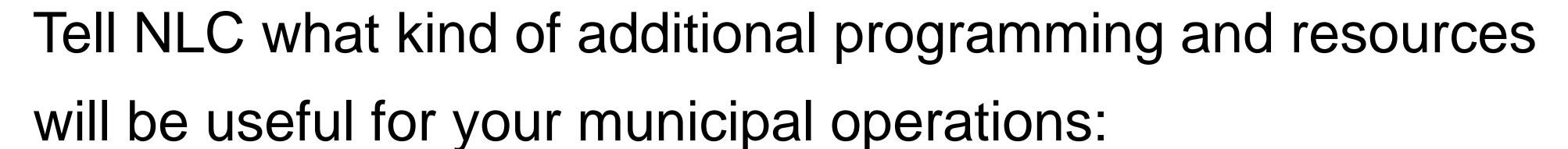


#### **NLC** Resources



# NLC's COVID-19 Hub: <a href="https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/">https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/</a>

- Additional Resources on Guidance Coming Soon!
  - Receiving Funds
  - Eligible Uses
  - Allocations
  - Reporting Requirements
- FAQs
- Blogs
- ARPA Provisions Tracker



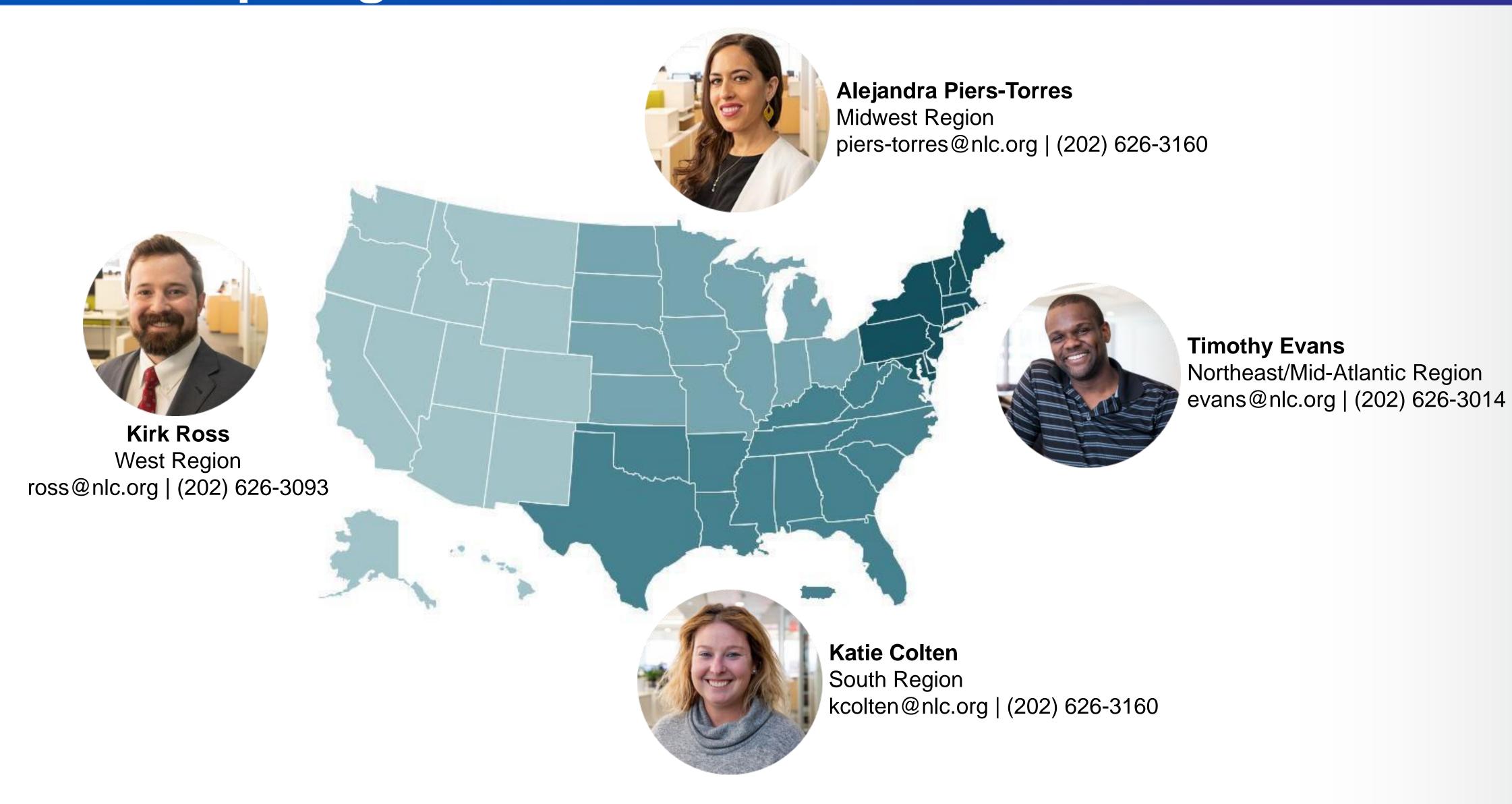
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# Membership Regions







## QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH.

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#### **Health Outcomes**

**Breast cancer deaths** 

**COVID Local Risk Index** 

**Cardiovascular disease deaths** 

**Colorectal cancer deaths** 

Diabetes

**Frequent mental distress** 

**Frequent physical distress** 

High blood pressure

Life expectancy

Low birthweight

**Obesity** 

**Opioid overdose deaths** 

**Premature deaths (all causes)** 

City level

City & Neighborhood level

#### **Social and Economic Factors**

**Absenteeism** 

**Broadband connection** 

**Children in poverty** 

**High School Completion** 

Housing cost, excessive

**Income inequality** 

Neighborhood racial/ethnic segregation

Racial/ethnic diversity

Third-grade reading proficiency

**Unemployment – Current, City-Level** 

**Unemployment – Annual, Neighborhood-Level** 

**Violent Crime** 

#### **Health Behaviors**

**Binge Drinking** 

**Physical Inactivity** 

**Smoking** 

**Teen Births** 

#### **Clinical Care**

**Dental care** 

**Prenatal care** 

**Preventive services, 65+** 

**Uninsured** 

#### **Physical Environment**

Air pollution – particulate matter

Housing with potential lead risk

Lead exposure risk index

Limited access to healthy foods

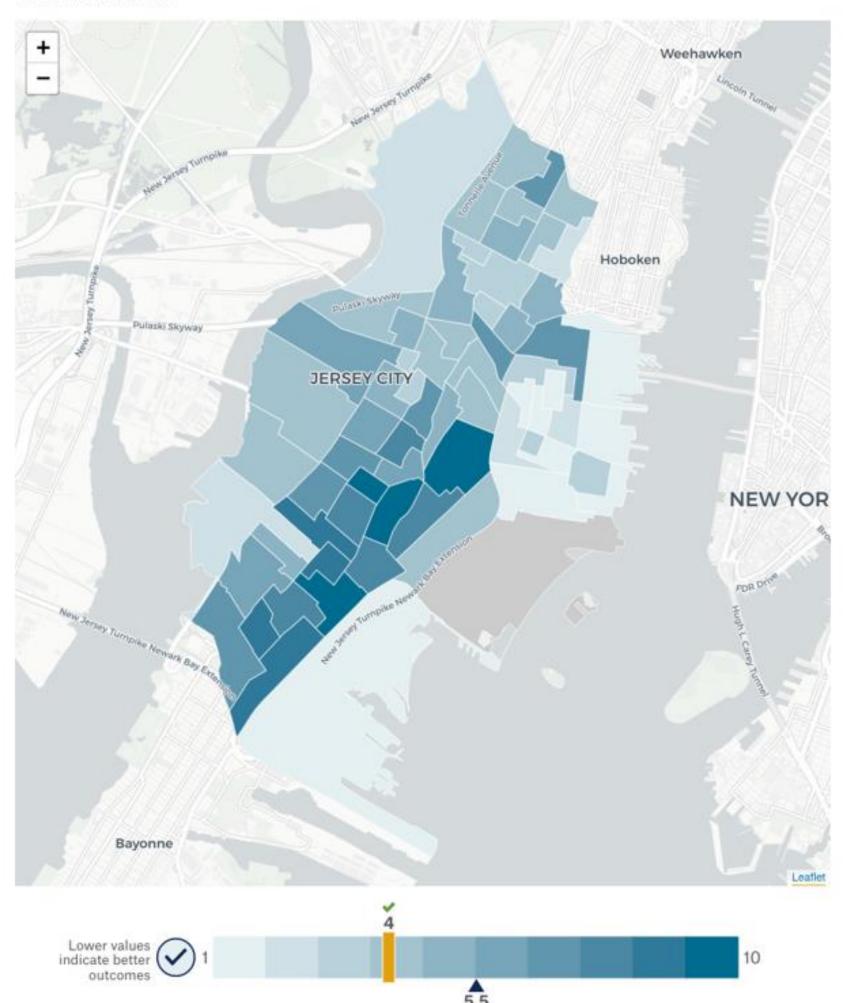
Park access

Walkability

# Using local data to improve vaccination outreach to Latino men in Jersey City, NJ

#### **COVID Local Risk Index in Jersey City, NJ**

Source: City Health Dashboard; Data from City Health Dashboard, incorporating data from the American Community Survey and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's PLACES Project and Social Vulnerability Index, March 2021, Using Data from 2018



Jersey City had an overall COVID Local Risk Index rank of 4, compared to an average of 5.5 across the Dashboard's



▲ Dashboard-City Average 

than Dashboard-City Average



#### Distribution of Hispanic residents in Jersey City, NJ

