

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

An Overview and Examples of Eligible Uses

Funds are grants and referred to as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CRLF). The funds can be used in 4 broad categories.

- *Public Health and Economic Impacts*
 - COVID-19 mitigation and prevention
 - Can include capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs...such as adaptations to public buildings.
 - Medical expenses
 - Behavioral health care
 - Public health and safety staff
 - Expenses to improve the design and execution of health and public health programs
 - **Addressing disparities in public health outcomes***
 - Impacts on households and individuals
 - Impacts on business and non-profits
 - Impacts to local governments
 - **Exacerbation of pre-existing disparities**

- *Premium Pay for Essential Workers*
 - Can include: staff at nursing homes; workers at farms, food production facilities; janitors and sanitation workers; public health and safety staff; childcare workers, educators, and other school staff; and social service and human services staff.

- *Revenue Loss Due to the Pandemic*
 - Use to continue providing valuable public services and ensure that fiscal austerity measures to not hamper the broader economic recovery
 - May not be used for reductions in the net tax revenue

- *Investments in Infrastructure*
 - Includes investments and improvements to existing infrastructure in water, sewer, and broadband that will: improve access to clean drinking water; improve wastewater and stormwater infrastructure systems and provide access to high-quality broadband service.

****Examples of the focus of ARPA on attempts to resolve inequities demonstrated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.***