

ARPA & BIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GEORGIA COUNTIES

Overview of U.S. Treasury's Final Rule for ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund

Recovery Funds are reported across <u>four major categories of eligible uses</u> to address the broad range of public health and negative economic challenges caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 emergency.

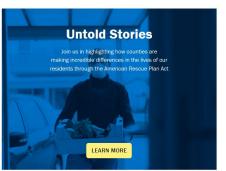
- 1. **Public sector revenue:** Provide general government services up to the amount of *revenue loss*, either using the standard allowance (up to \$10M) or Treasury's revenue loss formula
- 2. Public health and economic response: Address, mitigate and respond to COVID-19 public health impacts, along with its negative economic harms
- 3. **Premium pay for essential workers:** Offer additional compensation for workers, including the county government workforce, who bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors
- **4. Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure:** Invest in critical water and sewer projects (including stormwater and culverts), along with high-speed broadband infrastructure

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO NACo











How Can We Help?

Use the form below to ask a question, and NACo staff will respond via email. Please also explore our curated resources, including guidance, FAOs and more:

- Lastest Resources
- NACo Recovery Fund FAQs
- Your County's ARP Allocation
- NACo ARPA Analysis

ASK A QUESTION

Share Your Story

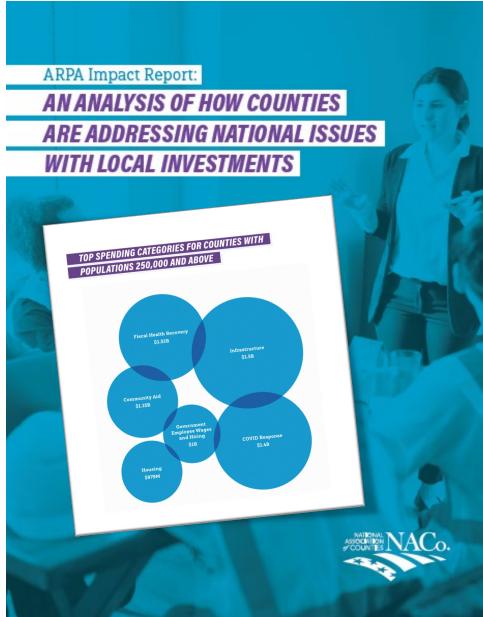
How is your county responding to the coronavirus pandemic and driving the recovery in your community. Use the form below to share how your county is using federal relief funds with NACo.

For resources to share your story with local media **click here**.

SHARE YOUR STORY

COVID-19 Recovery Clearinghouse (naco.org)





SMALL COUNTIES

\$10 million or less from the

S7.8 BILLION.

DISTRIBUTION

\$65.1 billion in direct fundin

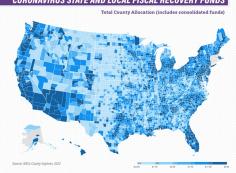
greater than 1 million allocation of approximately

\$32,800 AND \$1.95 BILLION

\$23.7 BILLION.

LARGE COUNTIES

CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS



Impact Summary

Through county investment, Recovery Funds, are impacting resident's lives across the nation. Counties are tackling national issues through local investments across health and human services, workforce training and apprenticeship programs, infrastructure and housing affordability initiatives. To address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, counties are responding to critical resident needs and investing in foundational initiatives

THROUGH THE RECOVERY FUND, COUNTIES ARE:



America's Workforce

- » Expanding high-quality child care in regional child care deserts
- » Multiplying the number of trainees in infrastructure apprenticeships
- » Providing career training for those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic

Nation's Behavioral Health Crisis

Health Preparedness

Hiring community health

workers to support the

ongoing COVID response

» Increasing public health

nurse capacity in public

support a safe return

» Upgrading county

- Adding specialized units to support pretrial individuals with mental illnesses/substance use disorders
- Bridging the gap between urban and rural mental health services
- » Establishing behavioral health crisis centers and assessing current gaps in

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Veterans' Support

Counties are assisting our nation's veterans and their families by providing housing placement services employment training and expanded health support, ensuring that those who have served in the military have access to assistance and providing COVID-19 impact mitigation.



» Census Region: West

Deschutes County, Ore is developing a "Veterans Village" to provide 15 transitionary housing uni for veterans experiencing

community for veteran resident alongside behavioral and physical employment training, skill building and housing placement. There is a central building with a kitchen case management offices, is a result of public-private and intergovernmental partnerships "graduate" from the village to move » Census Region: West

San Joaquin County, Calif.

approximately 140 veterans living in shelters and on the streets of allocating over \$200,000 in Recovery residents such as security deposit fees, vacancy loss payments and a is also financing a landlord liaison. incentives are an important strategy to unboused clients, the nonfinancia incentives (such as expanded staff promote landlord participation and help veterans find stable housing.

» Census Region: West

is constructing new apartments for the Ho Montana Heroes progra to provide housing for 20-

The Powerello Center in Missouls County has provided low-cost The demand for these facilities is high and space is often full county is allocating \$600,000 in Center Housing Montana Heroes program to both rehabilitate for unhoused veterans. The congregant transitional housing and provide veterans with more



Counties are utilizing Recovery Funds to improve the lives of Americans, expand mental health services and meet the moment in the national need for local crisis centers. America's 3,069 counties are integral to the nation's behavioral health system. Through behavioral health authorities and community providers, county governments plan and operate communitybased services for persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders. In 40 states plus the District of Columbia, there is at least one mental health facility operated by a regional/district authority or county, local or municipal government.





LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF) HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The LATCF provides \$1.5 billion in two equal payments of \$750 million for FYs 2022 and 2023 to "eligible revenue sharing counties" under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 70 GEORGIA COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS
- 2. Eligible revenue sharing counties can apply for and receive funds immediately *deadline to apply is January 31, 2023*
- Counties can treat funds the same as general revenues collected from local taxes (maximum flexibility in use of funds)
- 4. First tranche will be paid within four to five business days of application and the second tranche in calendar year 2023
- Funds will remain available to eligible counties until expended or returned to Treasury



Scan the QR code to visit NACo's LATCF resource hub



ELIGIBLE USES OF LATCF

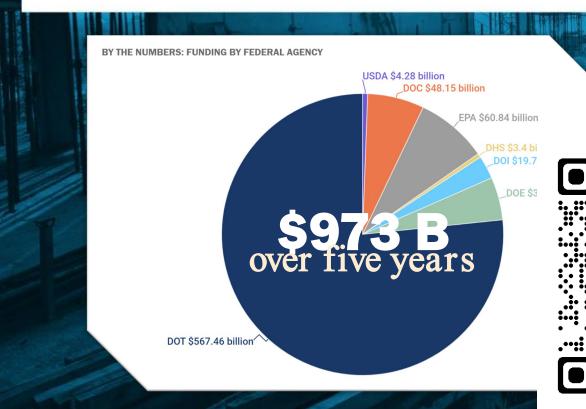
- ARPA states that LATCF funds are available "for any governmental purpose other than a lobbying activity"
- <u>Treasury guidance</u> from July: "recipients may treat these funds in a similar manner to how they treat funds generated from their own local revenue"
- Counties have broad discretion in the use of funds to cover costs on any eligible use, including costs that occurred after March 15, 2021
- Meeting another federal program's non-federal match or costsharing requirements – However, confirm with appropriate agency that this is acceptable
- Counties can transfer and pool funds for specific projects
- Funds can be used to help with program administration

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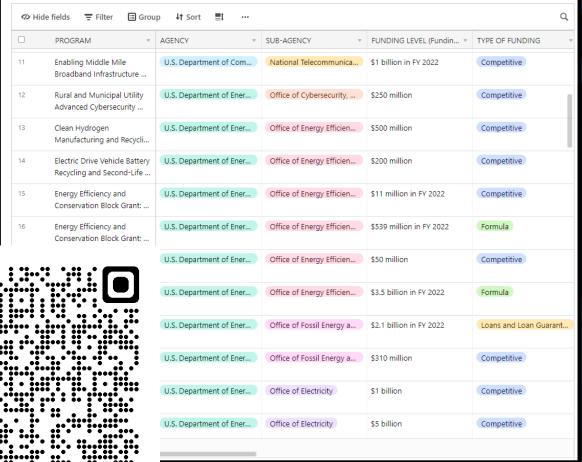
>> The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law <<

NACo SUPPLEMENTAL TO BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW ANALYSIS:

BREAKDOWN OF FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO COUNTIES



BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW: FUNDING TABLE FOR COUNTIES



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BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Counties are eligible for nearly \$12 billion available now through 15 programs, including:
 - \$1.5 billion through USDOT Office of the Secretary RAISE grants
 - \$600 million through USDOT Federal Transit Administration's State of Good Repair Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicles
 - \$2.3 billion through USDOT Federal Railroad Administration's Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail
 - \$800 million through DHS FEMA Flood Mitigation Grants
 - \$2.3 billion through DHS- FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
 - - Three programs within GRIP: Counties are directly eligible to apply to DOE for Smart Grid Grants and Grid Innovation Program Grants
 - Counties are eligible if they act as an electric grid operator; electricity storage operator, electricity
 generator, transmission owner or operator, distribution provider or fuel supplies to apply for Grid Resilience
 Grants



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