



Governor's Office of Planning and Budget **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FAQs**

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This document responds to frequently asked questions regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and is not intended to replace information provided by federal agencies. US, Department of the Treasury guidance on the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds can be found [here](#). With additional questions, please contact Taylor Kauffman, Federal Assistance Management Officer, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (tkuffman@utah.gov).

1 - GENERAL INFORMATION - STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RELIEF

Q 1.1 - How much will state and local governments receive from this fund?

A The state of Utah will receive and administer almost \$1.4 billion through the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Additionally, the state will administer an estimated \$136 million from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. Local governments will receive \$1.1 billion through the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Estimated local allocations can be found [here](#).

Q 1.2 - Who will distribute funds to local governments?

A Counties and "metropolitan cities" are eligible to receive funds directly from the U.S. Treasury. The following cities are considered "metropolitan cities": Clearfield, Herriman, Layton, Lehi, Logan, Millcreek, Ogden, Orem, Provo, Salt Lake City, Sandy, South Jordan, St. George, Taylorsville, West Jordan, and West Valley City. Other municipalities, termed "non-entitlement units of local government" (local governments which typically serve a population under 50,000) will receive their allocations through the state.

Q 1.3 - Will Native American tribes receive ARPA funding?

A Native American tribal governments will receive \$20 billion in ARPA funds. \$1 billion of these funds will be allocated equally among each of the tribal governments. The remaining \$19 billion will be allocated in a manner determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury.

Q 1.4 - How will state ARPA funds be allocated?

A The Governor's Office and the Legislature will work closely together to ensure that the state's coronavirus-related needs are met and help is provided to those most in need. The Legislature appropriated \$571 million ARPA funds during the May Special Session for projects including water development and conservation grants, unemployment insurance, local matching grants, and public health information system upgrades.

2 - CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RELIEF FUNDS (CLFRF) FOR NON-ENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Q 2.1 - What is a "non-entitlement unit of local government"?

A A non-entitlement unit of local government (NEU) is a local government typically serving a population under 50,000.

Q 2.2 - How are allocations determined?

A Allocations are based on 2019 U.S. Census data.

Q 2.3 - How do I request funding for my local government?

A If your local government is a county or one of the 16 eligible “metropolitan cities” listed above, funding can be requested directly from the U.S. Treasury. If your local government is classified as an NEU, CLFRF funding can be requested by completing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Non-entitlement Unit of Local Government Request for Payment (Request for Payment) form found [here](#).

Q 2.4 - How do I find the allocation for my local government?

A See the [Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Allocations](#) to see the total allocation for your local government and how your local government is categorized.

Q 2.5 - When will my local government receive the funds?

A All allocations to local governments will be split into two equal tranches. The first tranche is available now and the second tranche will be available in approximately 1 year. To receive the first tranche of CLFRF funds, a NEU must fill out, sign, and submit a Request for Payment to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) by July 21, 2021. GOPB will then review and verify the information submitted. After review and verification is complete, the NEU’s first tranche of money will be transferred.

Q 2.6 - Why do I have to provide a top-line budget total and what does that budget total consist of? (Updated 6/30/21)

A Total distributions of CLFRF funds (first and second tranches combined) may not exceed 75% of the NEU’s budget in effect on January 27, 2020. To facilitate the state’s verification of this requirement, an NEU must provide the top-line budget total for its budget in effect as of January 27, 2020, and attach a copy of their budget to the request.

The U.S. Treasury and the state define the most recent budget as of January 27, 2020 as the annual total operating and capital expenditure budgets, including all other funds and funding sources such as fee revenue and federal funds, in effect as of January 27, 2020.

Q 2.7 - What if the allocation to my local government is more than 75% of our most recent budget total?

A If the allocation to an NEU is greater than 75% of the NEU’s budget in effect on January 27, 2020, GOPB will adjust the allocation for that NEU to an amount equal to 75% of their budget in effect on January 27, 2020. The first tranche will be 50% of the newly adjusted allocation for the NEU. The state is required to return the remainder of the allocation to the U.S. Treasury.

Q 2.8 - What if my local government doesn’t want to accept our allocated ARPA funds?

A Section 603(c)(4) of ARPA provides that a “metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county receiving a payment from funds made available under this section may transfer such funds to the state in which such entity is located.” If an NEU would like to decline ARPA funds and transfer its allocation to the state, the Treasury will consider this action a cancellation of the award on the part of the eligible NEU and a modification of the award to the state. The state will not be required to transfer the amount of the payment to the NEU. As part of this process, the NEU must provide a signed notice to the state (Treasury will provide a standard notice form for this use which will be posted at [gopb.utah.gov](#) when available). If the NEU does not provide such notice it will remain legally obligated to account for and report the uses of ARPA funds.

Q 2.9 - What will happen to the funds allocated to unresponsive NEUs?

A An NEU should notify the state of its acceptance of ARPA funds (by filling out and signing this Request for Payment) or transfer the funds to the State (by filling out the Treasury standard notice form mentioned above) by July 11, 2021, to allow the State to process the payment in a timely manner. After July 21, 2021, GOPB will make at least two additional attempts to contact any NEU that has not submitted one of the required forms. If no response is given by August 20, 2021, GOPB will consider the NEU unresponsive. Funds allocated to an unresponsive NEU will be reallocated to other NEUs.

3 - COVID-19 LOCAL ASSISTANCE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Q 3.1 - What is the COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Program?

A The COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Program was created by HB 1004, *COVID-19 Grant Program Amendments*, (M. Schultz) during the Utah May 2021 Special Session. This program will award financial grants to local governments to provide support for ARPA eligible projects. Details about this program will be posted at gopb.utah.gov on or before September 15, 2021.

Q 3.2 - How much has been appropriated to this program?

A \$50 million of the state's ARPA funds have been appropriated to this program. The funds will be available to provide grants on a competitive basis until December 31, 2024.

Q 3.3 - Who will decide which local governments receive a matching grant?

A The COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Program Review Committee will evaluate applications and recommend local governments to receive program funding. This committee consists of one state senator, one state representative, one representative of the Utah Association of Counties, one representative of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, and one representative of GOPB.

Q 3.4 - How will local governments apply?

A Local governments will be able to apply for a matching grant through an online grants management system. Details will be made available at gopb.utah.gov on or before September 15, 2021.

4 - OTHER ARPA FUNDING

Q 4.1 - How much other funding will the State receive for vaccines, testing, education, rental assistance, etc?

A ARPA provides additional supplemental grants to state agencies for public health, social services, housing, unemployment assistance, transportation, etc. See the [Utah Coronavirus Stimulus Summary](#) for the latest information on the amounts of these types of supplemental grants.