

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING GUIDANCE

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ARP Funding Guidance

Background

- COVID-19 Recovery Funds Established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- Provided \$350 Billion in Emergency Funding to State & Local Governments
- Funding Must be Obligated by December 31, 2024





Allowable Uses of ARP Funding

- Cover COVID-19 public health expenditures
- Address negative economic impacts caused COVID-19
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, stormwater, & broadband infrastructure



Address Negative Economic Impact

Economic harm to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector

- Delivering assistance to workers and families
- Supporting small businesses
- Speeding the recovery of the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors
- Rebuilding public sector capacity, i.e. re-employment of City workers



Address Negative Economic Impact

Qualified Census Tract (QCT):

Guidance identifies broad range of services and programs that are considered to be in response to the public health emergency when provided in QCTs:

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



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- Services designed to build stronger neighborhoods and communities and to address health disparities and the social determinants of health.
- Promoting healthier living environments and outdoor recreation and socialization to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

 Examples include parks, public plazas, and other public outdoor recreation spaces



Specified Ineligible Uses

- Offset a Property Tax Reduction
- Deposit into Pension Fund
- Debt Service
- Legal Settlements or judgements
- Deposits to rainy day funds / other financial reserves
- General infrastructure (except as Allowable with Lost Revenue)

