



The American Rescue Plan Act

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American Rescue Plan Act - Overview

- Urgent Funding to Stabilize Government Operations, Households, and Small Businesses
- ARPA became law on March 11th, 2021 (P.L. 117-2)
- For the first time, all 19,000 municipal governments are entitled to a direct, non-competitive federal formula grant from the U.S. Treasury Department.
- Direct funding means:
 - All cities, towns, and villages are entitled to a federal grant from the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.
 - Aid obligated to municipalities is not in any way mingled with aid obligated to state or county governments.
 - *Tell your “Respond, Rebuild, Recover” Story!*

American Rescue Plan Act - Overview

- More than \$350 billion of new COVID-19 relief has been directly allocated to states, counties, cities, and tribal governments
- Funds can be used for more wide-ranging purposes than what was allowed previously under the CARES Act
- Governments must spend the funds by December 31, 2024
- *Now is the time to plan:*
 - *Meet with stakeholders to discuss how community goals can be met with ARP funds.*
 - *Develop a detailed plan to help you administer programs, meet compliance requirements, and manage new complexities.*

American Rescue Plan Act – Georgia State and Local

Georgia State and Local COVID Relief – American Rescue Plan Act

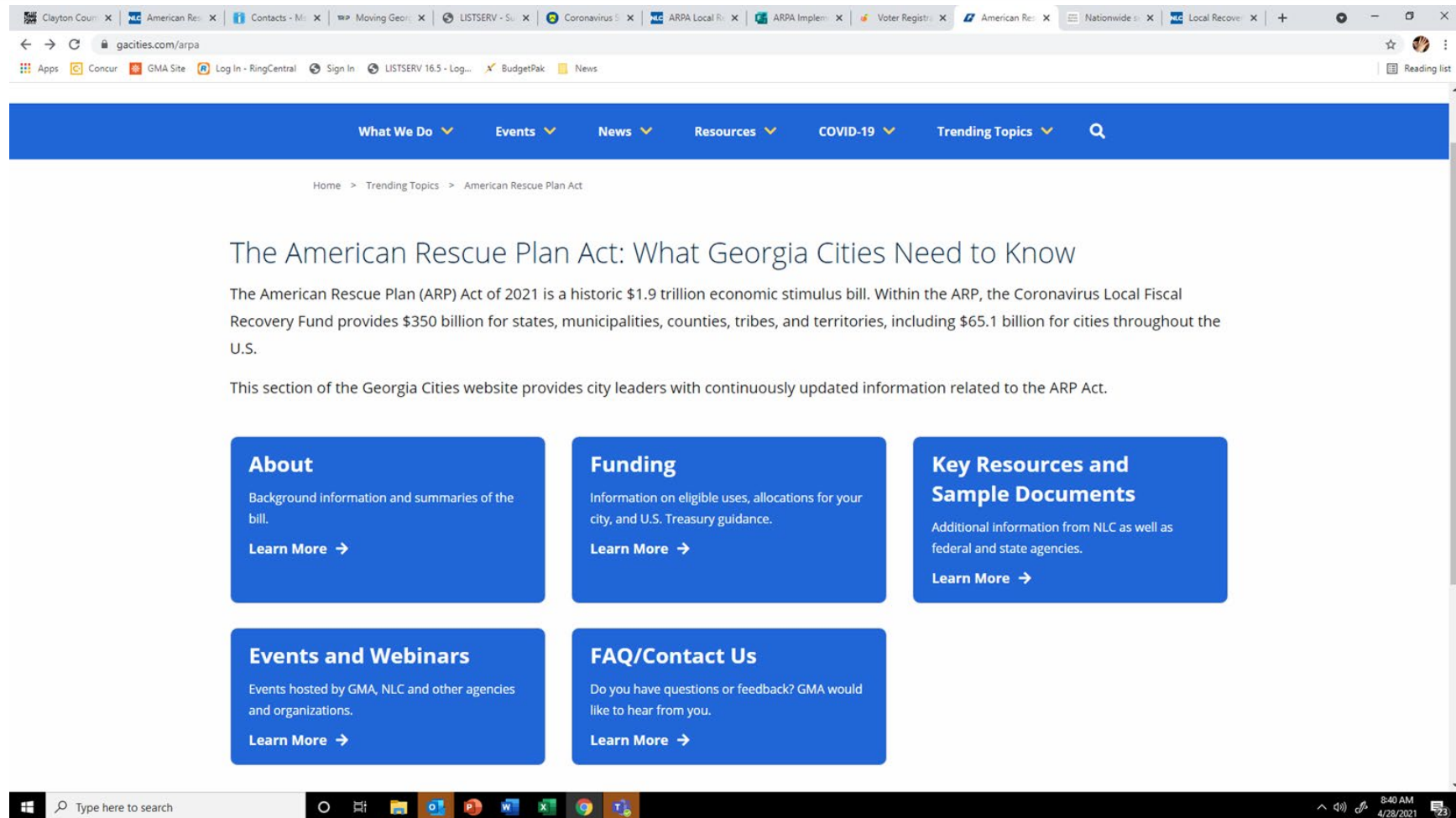
Cities over 50,000 pop	\$ 551,779,893
Cities below 50,000 pop	\$ 856,598,577
Total for counties	\$ 2,071,268,896
Total all cities	\$ 1,408,378,471
Total local govt. Georgia	\$ 3,479,647,366

ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds FAQ

- What do local governments need to do to request and receive funds?
- When will local governments need to report use of funds?
- When can we expect more guidance?
- What can local leaders do while we wait for more guidance?

*Treasury has 60 days to complete guidance –
expect rolling updates!*

GMA ARP Web Page



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the GMA ARP web page. The browser's address bar shows the URL gacities.com/arpa. The page features a blue navigation bar with the following menu items: [What We Do](#), [Events](#), [News](#), [Resources](#), [COVID-19](#), and [Trending Topics](#). Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads: [Home](#) > [Trending Topics](#) > [American Rescue Plan Act](#).

The American Rescue Plan Act: What Georgia Cities Need to Know

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 is a historic \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill. Within the ARP, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund provides \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$65.1 billion for cities throughout the U.S.

This section of the Georgia Cities website provides city leaders with continuously updated information related to the ARP Act.

About

Background information and summaries of the bill.

[Learn More](#) →

Funding

Information on eligible uses, allocations for your city, and U.S. Treasury guidance.

[Learn More](#) →

Key Resources and Sample Documents

Additional information from NLC as well as federal and state agencies.

[Learn More](#) →

Events and Webinars

Events hosted by GMA, NLC and other agencies and organizations.

[Learn More](#) →

FAQ/Contact Us

Do you have questions or feedback? GMA would like to hear from you.

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Principles for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- **Use dedicated grants and programs first whenever possible**
 - Save Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for gaps and priorities not eligible for other federal and state assistance programs
- **Assess government operations AND community needs**
 - Ask valuable staff and stakeholders for help creating a comprehensive needs assessment
- **Prioritize fiscal stability and returning to work**
- **Maintain records and document success**
 - Create long-term information on infrastructure for your future leaders
- **Your Congressional Delegation is part of your success**
 - Invite Members of Congress to re-openings, ribbon-cuttings, etc.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Summary of Provisions

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COVID-19 Guide Large: 200K + Local Authority & Intergovernmental Relations Member Mid-size: 50-200K Mid-West Municipal Finance Northeast Mid-Atlantic Small: 50K South West

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill. Within the ARP, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund provides \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$130 billion for local governments split evenly between municipalities and counties.

NLC has created an extensive, searchable summary of provisions relevant to municipalities and local leaders in this historic legislation! Utilize the resource below.

Select topic to view program information.

- Agriculture
- Broadband
- Education
- Employment
- Energy and Environment
- Health Care
- Homeland Security
- Housing
- Human Services and Community S...
- Medicaid
- Miscellaneous Provisions
- Nutrition
- Payments to Individuals
- Small Business

Agency	Program	Summary	Amount	Eligible City Sizes	Link to Federal Program
		professionals to identify risk factors in themselves and others and respond to such risks.			
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Funding for COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and mitigation activities	To carry out activities to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 infections and related strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Will be distributed through existing CDC vehicles/cooperative agreements to the public health departments/officials in the 64 CDC jurisdictions - https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/epf/index.htm	\$47.8 billion	State Block Grant	
Centers for Disease	Funding for COVID-19	To conduct activities to enhance, expand, and	\$7.5 billion	State Block	

Allocation Estimates: We must be patient!

- How can recipient governments use relief allocations from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds?
- How will state and local governments receive the relief allocations?
- Why have allocations on the estimates spreadsheet changed over time?
- What will cause final allocations to differ from the estimates spreadsheet?
- What if a city, town, village, or township is not included on the estimates spreadsheet?
- What about cases where a local government appears more than once?
- www.nlc.org/resource/estimated-local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/

Estimated Local Allocations in the American Rescue Plan

March 26, 2021

COVID-19 Economic Opportunity & Workforce Development Financial Empowerment Infographic Large: 200K+ Member Mid-size: 50-200K Mid-West Northeast Mid-Atlantic Prospective Small: 50K South West

The historic American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law on March 12th, delivering \$65 billion of direct and flexible aid to America's cities, towns and villages. After a year of advocacy, the National League of Cities is proud to be a part of this historic victory that will provide much needed relief for local communities across the nation.

Congress continues to refine the estimates for allocations from the State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds, but estimations for each municipality have been released. Search below to find out how much your community is eligible for.

DISCLAIMER: These are estimates from the House Committee on Oversight, not final allocations

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Allocations for Municipalities

Search by Municipality

Funding Allocation for Municipalities

State	Municipality Name	Amount
Grand Total		\$65,100,000,000.00
Alabama		
	Abbeville city, Alabama	\$474,577.00
	Adamsville city, Alabama	\$793,618.81
	Adelphi town, Alabama	\$138,104.02
	Akron town, Alabama	\$60,805.18
	Alabaster city, Alabama	\$6,207,875.06
	Albertville city, Alabama	\$4,024,820.84
	Alexander City city, Alabama	\$2,654,108.97
	Alzaville city, Alabama	\$417,850.22
	Alipwood town, Alabama	\$320,498.07
	Altoona town, Alabama	\$169,253.44
	Andalusia city, Alabama	\$1,609,112.66
	Anderson town, Alabama	\$49,490.90
	Anniston, Alabama	\$13,814,280.06
	Arjo city, Alabama	\$1,554,054.31
	Ardenmore town, Alabama	\$271,213.34
	Argo town, Alabama	\$806,039.38
	Ariton town, Alabama	\$136,997.03
	Arley town, Alabama	\$63,956.67
	Ashford town, Alabama	\$404,317.36
	Ashland town, Alabama	\$351,298.21
	Ashville city, Alabama	\$438,427.58

Total Municipal Funding by State

State	Amount
Alabama	\$778,742,579.19
Alaska	\$88,961,945.18
American Samoa	\$4,958,392.51
Arizona	\$1,238,096,805.98
Arkansas	\$412,483,327.71
California	\$8,358,008,504.20
Colorado	\$826,814,698.60
Connecticut	\$976,407,757.48
Delaware	\$147,733,406.89
District of Columbia	\$385,847,598.49
Florida	\$2,863,796,135.36
Georgia	\$1,408,378,470.88
Guam	\$16,628,875.83
Hawaii	\$249,592,850.07
Idaho	\$228,696,262.61
Illinois	\$3,420,535,204.82
Indiana	\$1,287,330,589.74

NOTES ON ALLOCATIONS REFERENCE GUIDE

Do you have questions on ARP implementation?
NL C will continue to support cities, towns and villages on the implementation of these funds with resources and

GO TO FORM

Allocation Estimates: Same Data on GMA Site

Section 1: Fund Allocation for all Jurisdictions

[Download the Allocation Amounts for All Jurisdictions \(MS Excel\)](#)

When reviewing this document, we urge you to consider the following:

- These are the estimated allocation amounts that each jurisdiction will receive either directly from the federal government for COVID relief or from the state as a pass-through entity only. Each city will be eligible to receive its own allocation.
- Please note that GMA did NOT prepare these allocation estimates. These were prepared by the U.S. House Oversight and Reform Committee and updated March 8 to reflect changes in the final version of the bill.
- These numbers ARE subject to change. Please consider these to be estimates. Notes on methodology used to prepare the estimates are attached.
- Please note that “non-entitlement cities,” i.e., cities under 50,000 population, will only be eligible to receive **up to 75% of their annual general fund operating budget amount**. If the amount on the spreadsheet exceeds 75% of their most recent GF annual budget, excess funds will be returned to Treasury.
- The yellow highlighted tabs show Georgia amounts. Amounts for cities are found on two tabs: entitlement and non-entitlement.

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Eligible Expenses

- To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
 - **No more restrictive than the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund**
- to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
 - **Allows a municipality to provide up to \$13 per hour above regular wages**
- for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency;
 - **Allows revenue replacement. The base year to measure lost revenue against is not the most recent full fiscal year, but the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency.**
- to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
 - **Treasury will provide additional guidance**

Treasury Pre-Award Guidance: Over 50,000 Pop.

- **Must have a valid DUNS number** - <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/> or call 1-866-705-5711 to begin the registration process
- **Check for active SAM** (System for Award System) **registration** at www.sam.gov
- It could take up to three weeks for new registrations
- SAM requires annual renewal once registered
- **Have banking account information available** – FEI #, bank routing #, account #, contact information
- **Funds will be distributed in two tranches** - 60 days after enactment (May 11) and round 2 twelve months later

Treasury Pre-Award Guidance: Under 50,000 Pop.

- **Must have a valid DUNS number** - <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/> or call 1-866-705-5711 to begin the registration process
- **Funds will be sent to the State for distribution as a pass through only** – state should distribute within 30 days unless extension granted but no later than 120 days
- **50% of allocated funds will be distributed first and remaining 50% 12 months later**
- **Allocations capped at 75% of the city's most recent budget as of January 27, 2020**
- **Periodic spending reports will be required**

What's in the Bill:

The statute provides for a transfer of funds:

- A private non-profit organization
- A public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo
- A special-purpose unit of State or local government
- A State government

The Act does not give states authority to change the amount of, or attach additional requirements to, the payments allocated to local government recipients.

What We Anticipate:

- There will be reporting requirements.
- The funds are considered a federal grant, and recipients will need to follow federal guidelines.
- All non-federal government agencies and nonprofit organizations that expend \$750,000 or more in federal awards in a given fiscal year will likely be required to obtain a Single Audit.

More on Single Audits:

Single Audits cover the entire organization's financial operations and are substantially more detailed than a regular independent audit.

A Single Audit requires higher levels of testing by the independent auditor to establish that:

- The financial statements are presented fairly and accurately; and in accordance with federal cost principles;
- The organization has an adequate internal control structure, and that;
- The organization is in **compliance with any special government regulations/laws that apply to the specific federal funding stream.**

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

- The requirement for offering paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave under FFCRA ended December 31, 2020.
- Under ARP, employers with less than 500 employees can voluntarily offer paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave from April 1 – September 30, 2021.
- Local governments can receive a tax credit if they voluntarily offer this leave.
- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Questions and Answers | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)
- [https://www.gacities.com/Trending-Topics/American-Rescue-Plan-Act/Key-Resources-and-Sample-Documents.aspx](#)

COBRA Subsidy Extension

- Section 9501 of the ARP provides for COBRA premium assistance for continuation of health benefits.
- Eligible individuals will not be required to pay for COBRA coverage.
- Employers or plan providers to whom COBRA premiums are payable will receive a tax credit for the amount of the premium assistance.
- The assistance applies to periods of health coverage from April 1 to September 30, 2021.
- More information:
 - [FAQS ABOUT COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 \(dol.gov\)](https://www.dol.gov/eopas/whd/faq/faq-coBRA-premium-assistance-2021)
 - <https://www.gacities.com/Trending-Topics/American-Rescue-Plan-Act/Key-Resources-and-Sample-Documents.aspx>

ARPA Resources and Updates

- **GMA Resources:** <https://www.gacities.com/arpa>
- **NLC Resource Hub:** <https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/#arp>
 - **ARP Summary of Provisions:** NLC has created an extensive, searchable summary of provisions relevant to municipalities and local leaders in this historic legislation. You can find the link [here](#).
 - **Local Recovery: Five Principles for ARP Implementation:** NLC staff has written a blog on five principles for ARP implementation. You can access it [here](#).
 - **NLC FAQ:** <https://www.nlc.org/resource/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/>
 - **Weekly NLC Calls:** Fridays at 1:30 pm. Archives and registration [here](#).
- **U.S. Treasury** Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Page is [here](#).

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**NLC is your partner
in recovery.**

This is a time for America
to do more than survive;
we can thrive.

LEARN MORE

GMA is proud to partner with NLC to help deliver needed funding through the #AmericanRescuePlan.

Learn more about how NLC is continuing to deliver resources for local leaders here:

<https://bit.ly/3gAoyi2> #NLCDelivers

Questions?



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