

# American Rescue Plan Act

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CITY OF RICHMOND, VA



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- City of Richmond will receive \$154,879,828
- Funding will be received in two tranches – first distribution of \$77,439,914 has been received
- First distribution cannot be utilized until appropriated by City Council
- Second distribution will be received in May of 2022
- Funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024
- Funds must be expended by December 31, 2026



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## Reporting

- First report due on August 31, 2021 – reporting activity of funding through July 31, 2021
- Project and Expenditure Reports are due quarterly
- Recovery Plan Performance Reports are due annually
- Uniform Guidance and internal controls



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The Funding can be used within four areas:

- Public Health and Economic Impacts
- Premium Pay
- Revenue Loss
- Investments in Infrastructure

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## Public Health and Economic Impacts

- Largest category of eligible uses
- Focus on
  - Building Stronger Communities through Investments in Housing and Neighborhoods
  - Addressing Educational Disparities
  - Promoting Healthy Childhood Environments

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## Premium Pay

- Interim Final Rule defines essential work as work involving regular in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others.
- A worker would not be engaged in essential work and, accordingly may not receive premium pay, for telework performed from a residence.



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## Revenue Loss

- Projection based either on average growth of three previous fiscal years pre-COVID or 4.1%
- Recipients should calculate the extent of the reduction in revenue as of four points in time: December 31, 2020; December 31, 2021; December 31, 2022; and December 31, 2023.
- Government services can include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.

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## Infrastructure Assistance

- Eligible uses include improve drinking water infrastructure, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including replacement of lead service lines.
- Eligible uses include constructing publicly owned treatment infrastructure, manage and treat storm water or subsurface drainage water, facilitate water reuse, and secure publicly owned treatment works, among other uses.
- Eligible investments in broadband are those that are designed to provide services meeting adequate speeds and are provided to unserved and underserved households and businesses.



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## Restrictions on Use

- Pension Funds
- Rainy Day replenishment
- Debt (principle or interest)
- Non-federal Matches

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- Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are only a small part of the American Rescue Plan Act
- American Rescue Plan Act totals \$1.9 Trillion
  - State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
  - Direct Financial Assistance
  - Assistance to Individual & Families
  - Education & Childcare
  - Health
  - Transportation
  - Other programs