

American Rescue Plan



Final Rule is effective April 1, 2022:

1. Allows counties to use up to \$10 million of ARPA Recovery Funds as “loss revenue” for the provision of general government services without needing to use revenue loss formula
2. Improves revenue loss calculation formula
3. Clarifies eligible use of funds and written justification
4. Defines impacted populations that are eligible for services and support
5. Broadens the share of eligible workers who can receive premium pay
6. Authorizes re-hiring of local government staff at or above pre-pandemic levels
7. Allows Recovery Funds to be used for modernization of cybersecurity
8. Broadens eligible use of funds for water and sewer projects
9. Broadens eligible broadband infrastructure investments

Recovery Funds used to replace “Revenue Loss” are more flexible and may be used for a broad range of government services. However, revenue recoupment cannot be used for rainy day funds or debt services. For capital expenditures: no written justification is needed if the project is below \$1 million.

Eligible Projects

- Schools
- Childcare Facilities
- Medical Facilities
- Behavioral Health Facilities
- Affordable Housing
- Primary Care Clinics
- Hospitals
- Improvements to vacant/abandoned properties
- Road and other infrastructure
- General government administration
- Environmental Remediation
- Staff and administrative facilities
- Police, first responder, and other public safety services

Ineligible Projects

- Construction of new correctional or congregate facilities
- Construction of larger capital projects intended for general economic development (ex. stadiums)
- Extraordinary contribution to pension fund
- Debt service payment
- Rainy day or reserve account
- Activity that conflicts with ARPA statute



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