American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Information for Community Members

Our recovery from the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic will show how we move forward together — or whether we leave the most vulnerable people and communities behind. Thoughtfully allocating ARPA funds can make a difference.

1. **How can Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery funds be used?**

   Five main categories:
   - Support public health expenditures
   - Address negative economic impacts of COVID-19
   - Replace lost public sector revenue
   - Provide premium pay for essential workers
   - Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

2. **How can ARPA dollars fund an equitable recovery?**

   - Direct resources to people and communities most adversely affected
   - Support disproportionately impacted populations: workers with low wages, people of color, and families and individuals with low income
   - Dedicate funds to the greatest needs in our communities: general assistance, housing and homelessness supports, food and fuel assistance, opioid recovery and harm reduction, child care, health care outreach and vaccination


3. **How are other communities spending ARPA funds to advance equity?**

   - York County — $1.5 million for new teen center; $750,000 for a new resource hub for social services and affordable housing
   - Cumberland County — $4.5 million for new homeless shelters; $11.8 million for nonprofits
   - City of Portland — Growing Childcare Grant to help increase availability of child care

**Get Involved!**

- Contact your [county](#) and local elected officials
- Ask about the status of ARPA spending, opportunities for community input, and spending priorities
- Advocate for funding an equitable recovery: write a letter to the editor, submit public comment, talk to friends and neighbors, share on social media
- Share this information with organizations working in your community that may be eligible for ARPA funding