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# *Colorado Recovery*

## *ARP - What We Know . . .*

- Critical opportunity to catch up and make a generational difference
  - Almost \$6B coming to Colorado
  - Total coming to Local Governments -
    - 1st tranche to Non Entitlement Units received \$132.6M
    - 2nd tranche will be received 12 months from now
- Leverage and take a regional, inclusive approach to strengthen our recovery
- Patience is a virtue

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## *ARP - What We Know . . .*

- Funds for Housing
  - HB21-1329 \$100m for FY22 in the General Assembly
  - Interim task Force to determine \$450M
  - \$305 M Emergency Rental Assistance (In addition to \$385 M from HR-133)
  - \$175 M Homeowner Assistance Fund (planning will be underway soon)
  - 1023 Emergency Housing Vouchers
    - Vouchers for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness; people fleeing domestic violence
  - \$66 M HOME funds
    - Create housing and services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
  - \$550 M other funds for housing
    - to address the housing needs of populations, households, or geographic areas disproportionately affected by the pandemic.



# ARP What we know . . . a bit more!

## Distributions

- **Counties:** Direct Distribution from U.S. Treasury
- **Metro Cities:** Direct Distribution from U.S. Treasury
- **Non-entitlement Units:** Allocation will be Distributed by the State

## Allocations

- **Counties:** [\\$1.118 Billion](#)
- **Metro Cities:** [\\$551 Million](#)
- **Non-entitlement Units:** [\\$265 Million](#)

## Timelines

- **U.S. Treasury** has **60 days** from the bill's passing to provide funds to the state; *this deadline will likely be extended.*
- **State** has **30 days** to provide funds to non-entitlement LGs; *in which 3 extensions may be granted.*
- **July 9, 2021:** Deadline to comment on U.S. Treasury's Interim Final Rule on Recovery Fund
- **August 31, 2021:** Deadline to submit first Interim Report to U.S. Treasury; Applies to Counties and Metro Cities only.
- **August 31, 2021:** Deadline to submit first Recovery Plan Performance Report to U.S. Treasury; *Applies to COUNTIES ABOVE 250,000 POPULATION ONLY*
- **October 31, 2021:** Deadline to submit first Quarterly Project Report (for counties and metro cities) and Annual Project Expenditure Report (for NEUs).

## Eligible Uses

- To respond to the **public health** emergency.
- To respond to workers performing **essential work**.
- For the **provision of government services** to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency.
- To make necessary **investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure**.

## Covered Period

- Beginning **March 3, 2021**, and ending **December 31, 2024**
- Award period ends **December 31, 2024:** Recovery Funds must be obligated (NOT incurred)
- **December 31, 2026:** Recovery Funds must be spent & all work/performance must be completed

## Project and Expenditure Reporting

- **Counties:** [Quarterly Reports](#) to U.S. Treasury
- **Metro Cities:** [Quarterly Reports](#) to U.S. Treasury
- **Non-entitlement Units:** [Annual Reports](#) to U.S. Treasury

## Ineligible Uses - *Uniform Guidance ineligible uses for Federal funds also apply*

- Typically, funds cannot be used to cover costs incurred prior to March 3, 2021.
- Typically, funds may not be used for general infrastructure improvements outside of water, sewer, and broadband investments, or above the amount allocated under the revenue loss provision.
- Funds cannot be used for general economic development or workforce development (unless demonstrated that funding is directly addressing a negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency).
- Funds cannot be used to pay interest or principal on outstanding debt, replenishing rainy day or other reserve funds, paying legal settlements or judgment, paying short-term revenue or tax-anticipation notes, or paying fees or issuance costs associated with the issuance of new debt.
- Funds cannot be used to make a deposit into a pension fund - defined as an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund for the purpose of reducing an accrued, unfunded liability. (Recipients may use funds for routine payroll contributions for employees whose ages and salaries are eligible for use of funds.)
- Funds cannot be used to directly or indirectly offset a reduction in net tax revenue due to a change in law from March 3, 2021 through the last day of the fiscal year in which the funds provided have been spent.



# *Colorado's Process*

## *What We Know . . .*

- Building Back Stronger Listening Tours
- 20-21 legislative Session
  - DOLA bills
- Potential Summer Process
  - Federal/State/Local ARP Working Group

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# *What you can be doing now . . .*

- Conduct Needs Assessments and Strategic Plan
- Create or continue your Regional Recovery Task Force with broad-based inclusive stakeholders from all sectors
- Ensure you have the support you need - expertise in grants, programs and finance
- Regularly check-in with CCI, DOLA etc to ensure you know the latest





# *And, What's Next*

- Treasury Guidance
  - Clarification on “Revenue Loss”
- Federal Departments - more recovery programs coming
- State Program roll-out
  - DOLA CRO Website resource guide
  - DOLA will distribute ARP dollars to NEUs (Muni’s under 50k)
    - Use the grants portal to distribute NEU funds
    - Anticipate NOFA and Certification open on June 7, 2021
    - Funds available to NEUs within 5 - 10 business days after completion of Certification
  - Constant Communication
  - Leveraging opportunities

