

**Colorado’s Discretionary American Rescue Plan (ARPA) – Spending Approach**

*(As of June 16, 2021)*

Accounting Bills

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<a href="#">SB21-288</a>	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund	<p>Holds Colorado’s \$3.8 billion in ARPA funding. No expenses will be paid from this fund. Instead amounts will be transferred out to be used elsewhere.</p> <p>All dollars must be expended or obligated by December 31, 2024. Obligated dollars must be spent by December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Unused and unobligated funds shall be transferred to the unemployment compensation fund.</p>	Includes an authorization for the Governor to allocate up to \$300m to state departments.
<a href="#">SB21-289</a>	Revenue Loss Restoration Cash Fund	<p>Reserves \$1 billion (of the \$3.8 billion) to cover general fund revenue losses in future years. Appropriations may not exceed:</p> <p>\$357m for FY 2021-2022                      \$333m for FY 2022-2023                      \$310m for FY 2023-24</p>	

Specific Spending Bills

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<a href="#">SB21-060</a>	Expand Broadband Service	Directs \$10-15m to help low-income households afford broadband Internet service	
<a href="#">SB21-137</a>	Behavioral Health Recovery Act	Creates the <b>Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund</b> with \$550m	A <u>task force will be convened</u> (during the 2021 interim) to develop recommendations that create transformational change in the area of behavioral health. Recommendations will go to the general assembly and the Governor.
<a href="#">SB21-243</a>	CDPHE Appropriation Public Health Infrastructure	While this bill includes three years of an additional \$10m/year of funding for local public health agencies, the FIRST year of funding will come from ARPA dollars (via the Economic Recovery Relief Cash Fund – see SB21-291)	

<p><a href="#">SB21-291</a></p>	<p>Economic Recovery And Relief Cash Fund</p>	<p>Creates the <b>Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund</b> with \$848m to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) help small businesses;</li> <li>b.) assist unemployed workers;</li> <li>c.) contribute to the unemployment compensation fund;</li> <li>d.) invest in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; etc.</li> </ul> <p>Appropriates \$40m to the existing Colorado Economic Development Fund (CRS 24-46-105)</p>	<p><u>A task force will be convened</u> (during the 2021 interim) to develop policies on how best to use the \$848m that will result in a stimulative effect on the state’s economy, provide relief to Coloradoans, or address economic disparities.</p> <p>Task force’s report will go to the General Assembly and Governor.</p> <p>JBC staff to review task force recommendations <u>to determine which ones will require ongoing appropriations after the federal money has been expended and whether they are duplicative</u> of any existing state program.</p>
<p><a href="#">SB21-292</a></p>	<p>Federal COVID Funding for Victim’s Services</p>	<p>Appropriates \$15m to victim’s services programs (from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund – see SB21-291), including those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.</p> <p>Of this amount, \$6.5m will go to the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund (VALE) for distribution to district attorneys in each judicial district.</p>	

<a href="#">HB21-1264</a>	Funds Workforce Development Increase Worker Skills	Creates the <b>Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund</b> with \$50m to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Local workforce boards to develop local workforce ecosystems</li> <li>b) The Colorado Workforce Development Council to develop statewide workforce ecosystem, including grants for statewide workforce innovation initiatives</li> <li>c) The Department of Higher Education for Career and Technical Education to expand equipment, facility, and instruction capacity in the key CTE job demand areas as identified in the Talent Pipeline Report</li> <li>d) The Colorado Department of Education Adult Education and Literacy programs to help support adult education initiatives</li> </ul>	Funding selections will be driven by the Council, which has representatives from across the state in various sectors, through a stakeholder process.
<a href="#">HB21-1289</a>	Funding for Broadband Deployment	Appropriates \$75m in ARPA dollars (via the Economic Recovery Relief Cash Fund – see SB21-291)	
<a href="#">HB21-1329</a>	ARPA Money to Invest Affordable Housing	Creates the <b>Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund</b> with \$550m to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Construct, acquire or renovate affordable housing or land</li> <li>b) Gap financing for projects funded through the housing investment trust fund or the housing development grant fund</li> </ul>	<p>A <u>task force will be convened</u> (during the 2021 interim) to develop policies on how to best use the \$550 million that will lead to create transformative change in housing.</p> <p>Task force’s report will go to the General Assembly and Governor.</p>