



Tapping American Rescue Plan (ARP) State & Local Block Grants for the Arts



Opening Remarks

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American Rescue Plan's (ARP) State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

[See U.S. Treasury Lists of Specific Amount of Funds to Be Distributed Directly to Every State, County, Metropolitan City, and Tribe](#)

Type	Amount (\$ billions)
States & District of Columbia	\$195.3
Counties	\$65.1
Metropolitan Cities	\$45.6
Tribal Governments	\$20.0
Territories	\$4.5
Non-entitlement Units of Local Government	\$19.5



US Treasury Funding Objectives for Providing Much-Needed Relief to:

[U.S. Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic



US Treasury Guidance on Eligible Uses of ARP Funds by State & Local Govt.

[Press Release U.S. Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)

1. Support public health expenditures
2. **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**
3. Aid the communities and populations hardest hit by the crisis
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure



American Rescue Plan State & Local Block Grant Arts Tracker with Examples

<https://forms.gle/8ECeTsdCuP1mC3q77>

Help us document your success and inspire other arts organizations by example!

If you are working with your state or local city, county, or tribe governments to secure ARP block grants for economic relief and recovery for the arts, please take a few minutes to fill out the Americans for the Arts Tracker Google Form, so we can share your examples.



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US Treasury Fact Sheet

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf>

Addressing the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency:

“Speeding the recovery of the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors, supporting industries that were particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 emergency and are just now beginning to mend. Similarly impacted sectors within a local area are also eligible for support.”

