

American Rescue Plan Eligible Uses

Eligible Use Categories

Fiscal Recovery Funds must be used in one of the four eligible use categories specified in the American Rescue Plan Act and implemented in the Interim Final Rule:

- Public Health Response or Negative Economic Impacts
- Premium Pay
- Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure
- Governmental Services (Revenue Loss)

Public Health Eligible Uses

- Covid-19 Mitigation and Prevention
- Medical Expenses
- Public Health and Safety
- Improve design and execution of health and public health programs
- Address Disparities in Public Health Outcomes

Economic Impact Eligible Uses

- Assistance to Unemployed Workers
- Assistance to Households
- Small Businesses/Nonprofits
- Rehiring Government Staff
- Aid to impacted Industries
- Investments in Housing and Neighborhoods
- Educational Needs

Premium Pay

- Essential Work
 - Defined as work involving regular in-person interactions or physical handling of items handled by others.
 - Telework performed from a residence is not considered essential work
- Premium Pay
 - Must consider whether the pay is in response to the workers performing essential work
 - Must be physically present at jobsite
 - Can be retroactively applied

Investments in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure

- Water & Sewer Infrastructure
 - Provides wide latitude to identify investments in water and sewer infrastructure that are the highest priority for own communities
 - Aligns eligible uses with the wide range of projects allowed through EPA State Revolving Fund
- Broadband Infrastructure
 - Upon project completion should meet or exceed upload and download speeds of 100 Mbps

Governmental Services (Revenue Loss)

- Revenue Reduction Calculation
 - A recipient's reduction in revenue is measured relative to the revenue collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency (Fiscal Year 2019)
- Uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds would not include interest or principal on any outstanding debt instruments, or any obligations pursuant to a settlement agreement

Other Notes

- Funds are intended to be used prospectively, and **can not** be used to cover costs incurred prior to **March 3, 2021**
- Can provide services broadly to the extent of reduction in revenue
- General infrastructure projects would not be eligible unless the project responded to a specific public health or economic impact due to Covid-19
- Many areas of eligible use require assessment, reassessment and reporting to justify use.

FAQ Highlights

How can recipients use funds to assist the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries?

- Aid provided to tourism, travel, and hospitality industries should respond to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Aid a planned expansion or upgrade of tourism, travel and hospitality facilities **delayed** due to the pandemic.

FAQ Highlights

May recipients use funds to invest in infrastructure other than water, sewer, and broadband projects (e.g. roads, public facilities)?

- Generally, not. Recipients must demonstrate that funding uses directly address a negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including funds used for economic or workforce development.

FAQ Highlights

May recipients use funds for general economic development or workforce development?

- The US Treasury will presume that certain types of outlined services are eligible uses when provided in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT), or to families living in QCTs.

FAQ Highlights

May recipients use funds to establish a public jobs program?

- Yes. The Interim Final Rule permits a broad range of services to unemployed or underemployed workers and other individuals that suffered negative economic impacts from the pandemic.
- This includes public jobs programs, subsidized employment, combined education and on-the-job training programs, or job training to accelerate rehiring or address negative economic or public health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or level of training.

Engagement

- Survey options
 - Online survey
 - Phone survey
 - Paper survey
- Community meetings
 - City Hall
 - Molly Thomas Bowden Community Policing Center
 - Online meeting

