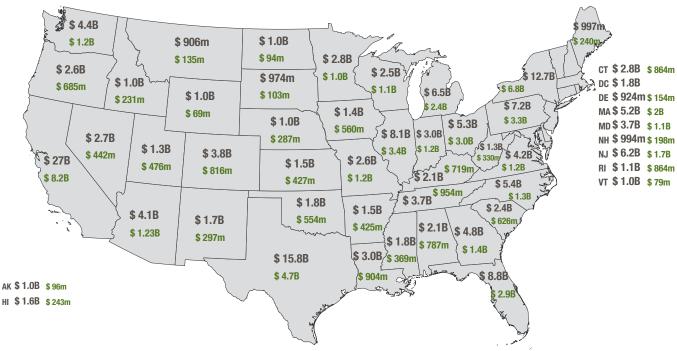


ADDRESSING HEALTH AND HOUSING DISPARITIES WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Allocations state, city and local jurisdictions

TOTAL STATE ALLOCATIONS: \$195B

total city and non-entitlement unit allocations: \$65B



Data Sources:

National League of Cities (2021). Local Allocations in the American Rescue Plan Act. https://www.nlc.org/resource/local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/U.S. Department of the Treasury (2021). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds

Eligible Uses for Healthy Housing Interventions

The U.S. Department of the Treasury issued the Interim Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of the ARPA, which details how funds can be used to support communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 crises. Eligible services include:

Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health through funding for remediation of lead hazards, community health workers and other public health service providers. Investments in housing and neighborhoods such as services to address individuals experiencing homelessness, affordable housing development, housing vouchers, and residential counseling and housing navigation assistance.

Assistance to families and households including rent and utility payment assistance and emergency assistance for home repairs and weatherization.

Investments in water and sewer infrastructure including the replacement of lead service lines.

Interim Final Rule

Tracking Allocations

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has allocated funds directly to states, territories, cities, counties and Tribal governments (states received funds to allocate to non-entitlement units). The National Conference of State Legislatures is tracking state plans and the National League of Cities is track city plans for uses of funds.

NCSL Tracker NLC Tracker

Reporting Requirements

Governments will be required to track compliance and report on uses of funds. The Compliance and Reporting Guidance includes details on, eligible and restricted uses, eligible costs time frames, reporting periods and more. Projects designed to address disproportionate community impact are required to target economically disadvantaged communities as defined by HUD.

Compliance Guide

CASE STUDIES



Detroit City Council has approved a spending plan for its \$826 million allocation of ARPA funds, including \$30 million for home repairs for seniors and low-income residents. Planned repairs are a component of the city's Renew Detroit Program designed to reduce intergenerational poverty and improve safety and quality of life. The city anticipates being able to complete repairs on approximately 500 additional homes per year through 2024. Administrators will focus on roof repairs to enable additional investments through weatherization and healthy homes programs.



The Maine Legislature enacted a bill in July to allocate its ARPA funds, including \$50 million to Efficiency Maine Trust to accelerate weatherization and efficiency upgrades for low-income, older residents. Efficiency Maine Trust plans to invest all of these funds in weatherization projects to meet its goal of weatherizing 35,000 homes and businesses (including 10,000 in low-income households) by 2030.



Pittsburgh City Council has approved allocations of ARPA funds to several housing, community development, and infrastructure programs, including \$74.8 million to the Urban Redevelopment Authority, which will fund repair initiatives in mixed use corridors within Black neighborhoods of the city through the Avenues of Hope Program. An additional \$17.5 million has been allocated to Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for its lead service line replacement program.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Residents of communities most impacted by COVID-19 know their own needs for recovery and can inform decision makers of community priorities for household, economic, and systemic recovery. GHHI supports the efforts of our place-based partners to ensure community residents are engaged in planning for use of ARPA funds, and that leaders are transparent about funding allocations and reporting of program outputs and outcomes. To learn more about community engagement practices, access guidance on **Participatory Budgeting and ARPA from Democracy Beyond Elections**.

ABOUT GHHI

The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) is at the forefront of integrating energy efficiency, weatherization, lead, and healthy homes services to assess and remediate the whole home. GHHI's holistic, integrated model is used in 30 cities across the country, including our own direct services in Maryland, Mississippi, Rhode Island, and Tennessee. For more than a decade, GHHI has assisted state and local governments, nonprofits, utility companies, healthcare, and other service providers in aligning, braiding, and coordinating lead poisoning prevention, asthma trigger reduction, aging-in-place, and other healthy housing resources with energy efficiency programs to increase the number of limited income residents that can benefit from a healthier and more energy efficient home.

Rooted in its experience as a direct service provider and changemaker in these communities, GHHI helps government, healthcare, philanthropic, utility, and community-based organizations improve outcomes with a wide array of technical assistance offerings.

Read GHHI guidance on opportunities for healthy housing investments through federal funding.







