



ARPA 2.0

November 3, 2021 - Southern Vermont Regional ARPA Discussion

What we will cover:

- Vermont's ARPA breakdown
- Timeline
- What you can and cannot spend ARPA funding on
- Overview of reporting
- Other People's Money
- Public Engagement Examples
- Early Ideas in Vermont and Nationally
- Roles of VLCT and your RPC
- Questions



American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Vermont's Share

• State of Vermont	\$1,049,287,303
• Counties*	\$121,202,550
• Metro Cities	\$20,721,902
• Non-Entitlement Units of Government (NEUs)	\$58,788,245

TOTAL ARPA State and Local Funds: \$1,250,000,000

*County money has been reallocated to municipalities. Payments (local and county) can be found by clicking

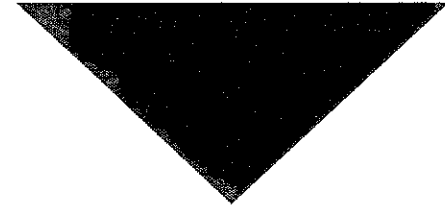
ARPA - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Timeline:

- 1st payment (local and county) August 2021 – cash is in the bank
- 2nd payment (local and county) summer/early fall 2022
- All funds must be **obligated** by December 31, 2024
- All funds must be **expended** by December 31, 2026
- Any funds not spent by December 31, 2026 must be returned to Treasury
- All Local Fiscal Recovery Payments, including county allocations, can be found by clicking **HERE**



What You CAN Spend \$ On



Seven (7) Categories* :

1. Public Health
2. Negative Economic Impacts
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
4. Premium Pay
5. Infrastructure (Water, Sewer, Broadband)
6. Revenue Replacement
7. Administrative

What You CAN Spend \$ On

Within the 7
Categories, there are
66 Expenditure
Categories



Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories

The Expenditure Categories (EC) listed below must be used to categorize each project as noted in Part 2 above. The term "Expenditure Category" refers to the detailed level (e.g., 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination). When referred to as a category (e.g., EC 1) it includes all Expenditure Categories within that level.

1: Public Health	
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination [^]
1.2	COVID-19 Testing [^]
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.) [^]
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)
1.7	Capital investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19
1.10	Mental Health Services*
1.11	Substance Use Services*
1.12	Other Public Health Services
2: Negative Economic Impacts	
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs* [^]
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid* [^]
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers* [^]
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs* [^]
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention* [^]
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers*
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral Job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)* [^]
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)* [^]
2.10	Aid to Nonprofit Organizations*
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries
2.13	Other Economic Support* [^]
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff
3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning* [^]
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts [^]
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services* [^]
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services* [^]
3.5	Education Assistance: Other* [^]
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care* [^]
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting* [^]
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System* [^]



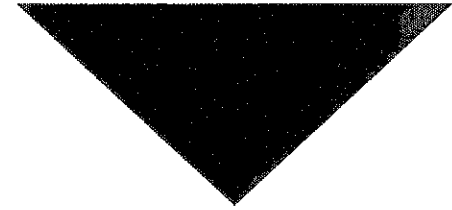
3.9	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other* [^]
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing* [^]
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons* [^]
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance* [^]
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other* [^]
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators* [^]
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation [^]
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions* [^]
4: Premium Pay	
4.1	Public Sector Employees
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers
5: Infrastructure	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
5.4	Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows
5.5	Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater
5.7	Clean Water: Energy Conservation
5.8	Clean Water: Water Conservation
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution: Lead Remediation
5.13	Drinking water: Source
5.14	Drinking water: Storage
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects
5.17	Broadband: Other projects
6: Revenue Replacement	
6.1	Provision of Government Services
7: Administrative	
7.1	Administrative Expenses
7.2	Evaluation and Data Analysis
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government
7.4	Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (States and territories only)

What You CAN NOT Spend \$ On

1. Non-Federal Match - you can include your ARPA \$ in your capital stack, you just cannot use it as match for other federal grants
2. Pension Funds
3. Infrastructure Not Directly Addressed in ARPA
4. Rainy Day Funds, Financial Reserves, and Outstanding Debt



Things to Consider:



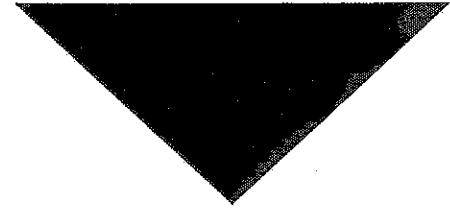
- You can:
 - **Pool your funds** with other municipalities to achieve scale for deeper impact and long-term sustainability that benefits your community.
 - **Transfer your funds** to non-profits or other eligible third-party organizations performing ARPA eligible projects that benefit your community.
 - **Take time to be patient and think bigger** - see how the State of Vermont's ARPA money will be deployed, as well as other federal funding that could be on its way like the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* and the *Build Back Better Act*.


ARPA Reporting - General Information

- All municipalities will be required to report on their spending directly to Treasury
- NEUs (all municipalities other than Burlington and South Burlington) have an annual reporting schedule**
- Reporting guidance issued by Treasury and additional ARPA resources are posted on VLCT's ARPA webpage:
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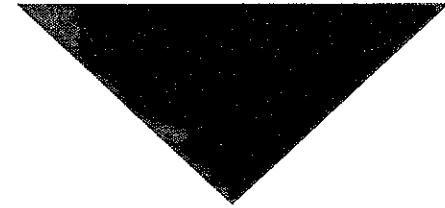
** NEU 1st Project and Expenditure Report that was due October 31st has been pushed out to April 30, 2022.

OPM (Other People's Money)



- Look for opportunities to leverage your ARPA money
- October 19th Webinar - "Take Your Time and Think Big"  link to recording and slide decks
- State of Vermont Recovery Plan – SLFRF 2021 Report
 - Some of the State of VT's ARPA Money:
 - \$100 million Water, Wastewater, Stormwater
 - \$150 million Broadband
 - \$64 million Affordable Housing
 - \$20 million Affordable Community-Scale Renewable Energy
 - \$18 million Housing Weatherization
- Other funding opportunities - pending federal infrastructure bill, other existing programs, etc.

ARPA - Vermont Public Engagement & Outreach



Examples from a few Vermont towns:

- **Charlotte:** public meetings and a webpage to submit residents' input
- **St. Albans Town:** working with neighboring towns to potentially pool funds
- **Jericho:** ARPA webpage, survey, discussion forum, post ideas
- **Rutland Town:** ARPA listening sessions
- **Plainfield, Richmond, Fairfax, St. Johnsbury, Westminster, Westford:** ARPA advisory committees (either formed or considering it)

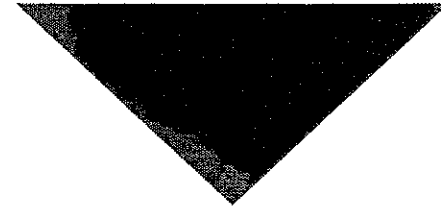
What are you doing in your community???

ARPA - Vermont

Early Ideas Floated in the Public Realm

- **Waitsfield**: wastewater treatment plant to support housing development
- **Rutland**: improve air quality in town hall, extending **water** and **sewer** lines
- **Montgomery**: municipal **sewer** system
- **St. Albans Town**: exploring **water** and **sewer** projects
- **St. Albans City**: neighborhood stabilization/housing rehab
- **Highgate**: **water** and **sewer** projects
- **Ferrisburgh**: **water** projects, broadband
- **Panton**: digitizing land records
- **Barre Town**: stormwater, **water** projects, radio coverage for EMS
- **Cavendish**: **sewer**/updating pump stations, **water** projects, digitizing land records, public building ventilation, hybrid meeting support
- **Manchester**: revenue replacement, improving EMS and EOC facilities, **sewer** improvements, town hall ventilation
- **Montpelier**: revenue replacement, **water/sewer**/stormwater projects, housing
- **Weathersfield**: grants to businesses, **water** and stormwater projects, COVID modifications to public facilities, premium pay (police)
- **South Burlington**: restore staffing levels

ARPA - Nationally

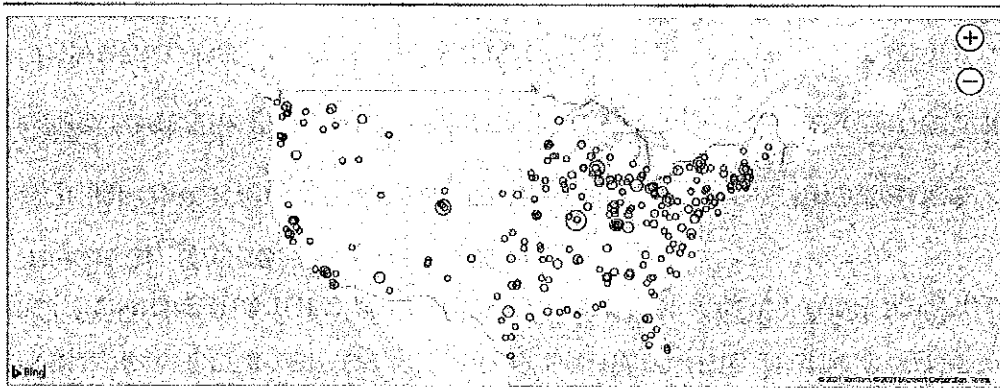


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Distinct Cities

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American Rescue Plan
Act Plans & Proposals

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Policies Tracked to Date

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Population Impacted



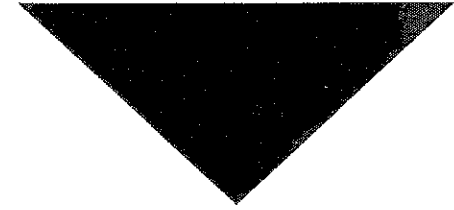
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City	State	Date of Action	Policy Area	City Action	Action Type	Population Impacted	City Population	Link to Text or Release
Dubuque	Iowa	10/27/2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	The City Council voted to use federal money for one-time payments of \$2,000 to eligible full-time city employees and \$1,000 to eligible part-time employees. The estimated cost is \$1.4 million.	Administrative Procedures	Anonymous	51,000	🔗
Kalamazoo	Michigan	10/27/2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	City and county leaders joined a community meeting to discuss gun violence in Kalamazoo. The city and county will receive \$1 million of Federal American Rescue Plan funding toward community violence interventions.	Administrative Procedures	General public	76,200	🔗
Franklinburg	West Virginia	10/27/2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	Franklinburg City Council approved the first readings of water rate related ordinances and accompanying implementation. Councilmember Shuster filed the rate increase was projected to have been only 18 percent before council allocated \$7 million in American Rescue Plan funds to the project.	Administrative Procedures	General public	29,300	🔗
St. Clair Shores	Michigan	10/27/2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	With the first city job and the separation of combined waters, City Council approved a four-month plan to eliminate four mask zones while the virus during a city event. The project has a cost not to exceed \$40,000 and will be paid for using American Rescue Plan Act funds. As well as the future costs of the sewer operations.	Administrative Procedures	General public	58,001	🔗
Augusta	Georgia	10/26/2021	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Vaccinations	The City of Augusta received its \$100 vaccination increase. Now, residents will receive \$100 for each shot. The City says the money for the additional vaccine is coming from the American Rescue Plan.	Administrative Procedures	General public	192,800	🔗
Portland	Maine	10/26/2021	American Rescue Plan Act	Maine Institute of Technology (MIT) will receive \$1 million of the city's	Administrative	General public	653,000	🔗

National League of Cities COVID-19 Local Action Tracker

- Searchable by: City, State, Policy Area (ex. ARPA), Action, Population Impacted, City Population
- Entries made by local officials
- Interactive Map

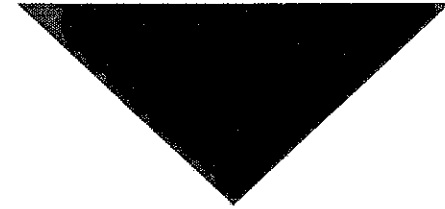
ARPA - Nationally



National League of Cities COVID-19 Local Action Tracker - Ideas Relatable to Vermont:

- Replace roofs for low-income seniors and homeowners with disabilities
- \$2,500 grants for households earning <40% AMI for household expenses: rent, utilities, childcare, medical, groceries, fuel, etc.
- Social distanced outdoor dining spaces, green spaces
- Safe rest villages – sleeping pods for people experiencing homelessness
- Universal basic income pilot program - \$200/month for 200 families for 2 years
- Park improvements; community center enhancements
- Cover 100% infrastructure costs to incentivize development of mixed-income housing
- New downtown park with skate park to boost tourism

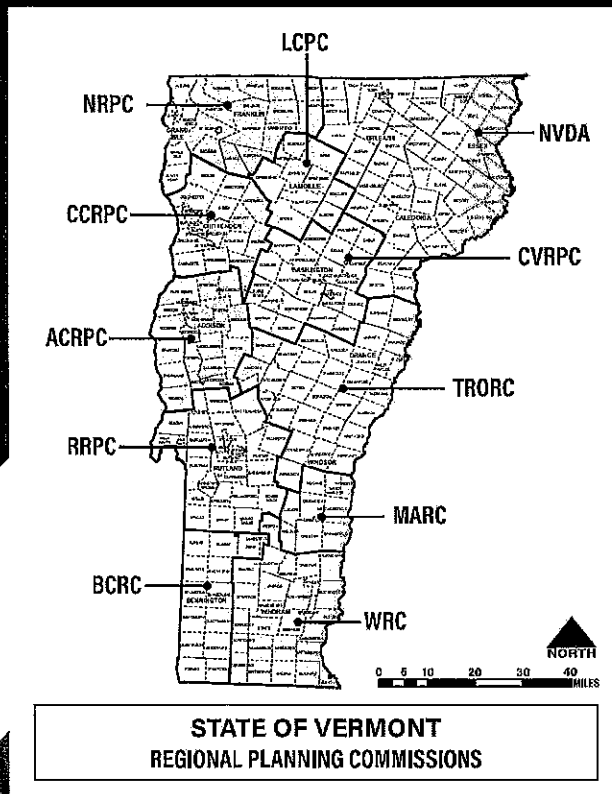
VLCT ARPA Assistance and Coordination Program



- Guidance and project eligibility analysis
- Webinars, targeted trainings, technical assistance, best practices
- In-person and virtual meetings with local officials and staff
- Answer questions (arpa@vlct.org)
- Guidance with compliance, reporting, and transparency
- Collaboration/partnerships with RPCs, SOV, RDCs, statewide non-profits, private consultants, etc. to ensure needs of municipalities are met related to project ideation, implementation and management
- ARPA resources webpage:

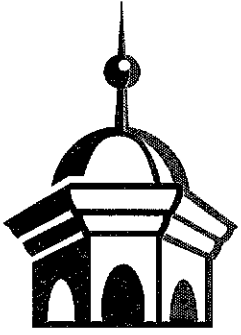
<https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information>

Regional Planning Commission Assistance

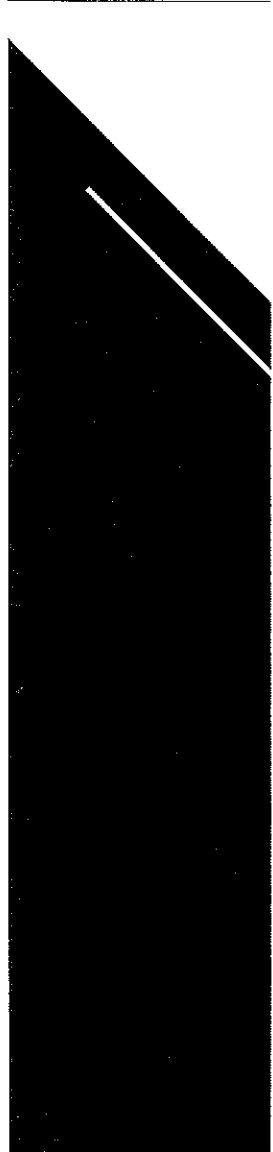


- Identify needs and top priorities for designing and building projects that are consistent with existing State, regional and local plans.
- Respond to inquiries on eligibility to facilitate local discussions among stakeholders on specific projects.
- Provide other assistance as needed from local communities in coordination with VLCT.
- Work with VLCT, regional development corporations, and private consultants working with municipalities to ensure needs of local communities are met, especially related to project development and management.

For more information on the State of Vermont's 11 Regional Planning Commissions visit:



Questions?



Thank You!

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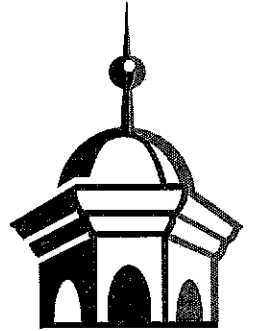
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