The American Rescue Plan: What’s in it for My Community?

A Presentation to Community:
August 17, 2021
Summary of what we heard:

Questions
• How do we use the EHF funds
• What can we use ARPA funds for – new programs or existing
• What’s even available

Priorities
• Housing
• Food Assistance
• Healthcare, specifically mental and behavioral health
• Children, Youth, & Families, specifically childcare
Main Resource Guide

Federal

- ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations (National Conference of State Legislatures)
- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (US Dept of Treasury)
- ARPA Provisions searchable database (National League of Cities)
- COVID-19 Funding (Reichard & Associates)

Washington

- Washington County ARPA Allocations (National Association of Counties)
- Washington Cities ARPA Allocations, see chart; and plans (Association of WA Cities)
- Washington Metro ARPA Allocations (National League of Cities)

Principles for Allocating ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Council on Nonprofits)
Projections
What we heard from you...

Examples of recent grant projections:

- Housing
- Healthcare
  - COVID
  - Behavioral Health
- Children, Youth & Families
- Economic Development/Wealth Building
- Native America

See detail on Reichard & Associate’s site
Examples of recent grant announcements & projections into 2022

**Housing:**
- Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes: $40M available, awards up to $2M
- Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program: $35M available, awards up to $737k

**Healthcare:**
- Modernizing Environmental Public Health Tracking: $58.5M available, awards up to $900k
- Tribal Epidemiology Centers Public Health Infrastructure: $33.5M available, awards up to $800k
- Empowering Communities to Deliver Evidence-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management: $6M available, awards up to $700k
- Washington State Department of Commerce – Forecast: Behavioral Health Facilities Construction: $70M

**Children, Youth, & Families:**
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention: $20M available, award ceiling $1.25M
- Preconception Health, Maternal Morbidity and Mortality: $2.2M available, average award $440k
- Connecting Kids to Coverage: $48M available, average award estimate $1M

**Economic Development & Wealth Building:**
- Department of Commerce: Connecting Minority Communities ("Digital Divide"): $268M, awards up to $3M
- Economic Development Administration: Connecting Minority Communities for Indigenous Communities: $100M, award ceiling $5M
- Economic Development Administration: Connecting Minority Communities for financial assistance: $500M, award ceiling $10M

**Native America:**
- Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country: $22.5M available, average award $150k
- Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention: $14M available, award ceiling $400k
Local flows
Community can influence and benefit from ARPA “flexibility”

31% or $9.3M will go toward affordable housing and reducing homelessness; includes request for higher livable wage jobs, community-based partnerships (link here)

“By choosing to fund the "indirect rates" of these organizations the Mayor has chosen equity.” (link here)
## EHF: Counties, Cities Allocation List

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**Community engagement opportunities?**
Priority Example by issue: ARPA + childcare + EHF Funds
$39B in childcare relief funds for providers and families - read more on federal detail & approach to distribution

**Priority example: childcare**

Child Care Stabilization Grants

- **2021**
  - July 1: States must include summary of grant usage in COOF plans
  - April 15: American Rescue Plan funds allocated

- **2022**
  - April 1: States must notify ACF if any remaining funds can’t be obligated by Sept 2022
  - December 11: Must notify ACF if 50% funds cannot be obligated

- **2023**
  - September 20: Funds must be liquidated
  - September 30: Funds must be obligated

**Funds may be used for:**

- Personnel costs, employee benefits, premium pay, costs for recruitment and retention
- Rent, mortgage obligation, utilities, insurance and facility maintenance or improvements
- PPE, sanitation supplies and professional development related to health and safety
- Updates to equipment to respond to COVID-19
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume services
- Mental health supports for children and employees

**ChildCare Aware recommended uses:**

- Help stabilize and grow the current supply of childcare
- Ensure early childhood educators are better compensated
- Allow families to have better access to affordable care in more settings
- Reinforce that children attend programs with strong health and safety standards in place

**Child Care and Development Fund**

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Potential next steps

- Review ChildCare Aware Washington Advocacy site
- Create your plan
- Consider organizing around city, county allocations or a “dream” plan
- Share your story with the right partners

Potential partners in advocacy

- (Eastern WA)
  - WA Childcare Centers Association
  - ChildCare Aware + Community Minded Enterprises (11 counties + bilingual translation)
    - Mobilization manager, Alex Hanel: alex@childcareawarewa.org
  - Spokane Alliance
- (BIPOC focus) OneAmerica contacts

Not included is the direct family supports and Child Tax Credits opportunity
Prepping for advocacy

Advocacy does not have to be scary. There are some simple ways in which you can advocate for policy change, including:

✓ **Data and research** to make your case for change

✓ **Careful messaging and framing** to build awareness, change public perception and move people to action

✓ **Educating and engaging policymakers** and other stakeholders

✓ Building a strong and diverse **coalition or network of partners** to amplify your voice and impact

See Tools next...
Community Input

Follow-up questions in survey (closes 8/25)