



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

ZOOM WEBINAR
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Presentation Objectives

- ✓ Overview of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
- ✓ Eligible Funding Categories
- ✓ Board Priorities and Guiding Principles
- ✓ Board Action, November 8, 2022
- ✓ ARPA Website, Subrecipient Application Overview
- ✓ Timeline
- ✓ Questions and Comments

Highlights

- ✓ March 11, 2021: President Biden signed ARPA (H.R. 1319) into law.
- ✓ Created a \$1.9 trillion package intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including public health and economic impacts.
- ✓ Established help to turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.
- ✓ Has some flexibility to help those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

- ✓ Fresno County received **\$194,063,657** in two installments, spaced one year apart:
 - ✓ \$97,031,829 received on June 17, 2021
 - ✓ \$97,031,828 received on June 21, 2022
- ✓ To be used for costs incurred after **March 3, 2021**
- ✓ Must be fully allocated by **December 31, 2024**
- ✓ Funded project activities must be complete and funds expended by **December 31, 2026**.

Eligible Funding Categories

Category “A”



Respond to the Public Health

Emergency: Fund Covid-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.



Address Negative Economic Impacts:

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector.

Category “B”



Premium Pay for Essential Workers:

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors (up to \$13/hr increase with a cap not to exceed \$25k).

Category “C”



Replace Public Sector Revenue

Loss: Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.

Category “D”



Water and Sewer Infrastructure:

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and storm drain infrastructure.



Broadband: Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access.

Board Priorities

“Do it Right The First Time”

- ✓ Short-term projects with long-term impacts
- ✓ Focus on County assets (own vs. lease)
- ✓ Improve Efficiency / Longevity
- ✓ Technology (data sharing, business intelligence)
- ✓ Facility improvements
- ✓ Infrastructure Improvements (shovel-ready projects)

Guiding Principles

- ✓ One-Time Funding
- ✓ Nexus to Pandemic & Recovery
- ✓ Needs-Based/Data-Informed
- ✓ Maximize the Opportunity
- ✓ Avoid Duplication
- ✓ Prioritize Transformational Projects

County Board of Supervisors

- ✓ February 1, 2022: adopted Ad-Hoc Committee's Recommended Plan for SLFRF.
- ✓ Earmarked approximately \$37 million for Subrecipient projects or programs.
- ✓ November 8, 2022: approved an additional \$4.22 million for Subrecipient projects or program.
- ✓ Adopted two policies:
 - ✓ Subrecipient Selection Policy (2/1/2022); and
 - ✓ Subrecipient Monitoring Policy (6/21/2022).

County of Fresno's ARPA Website

www.fresnocountyca.gov/arpa



Board Priorities and Guiding Principles

Timeline

Recovery Plan Performance Report

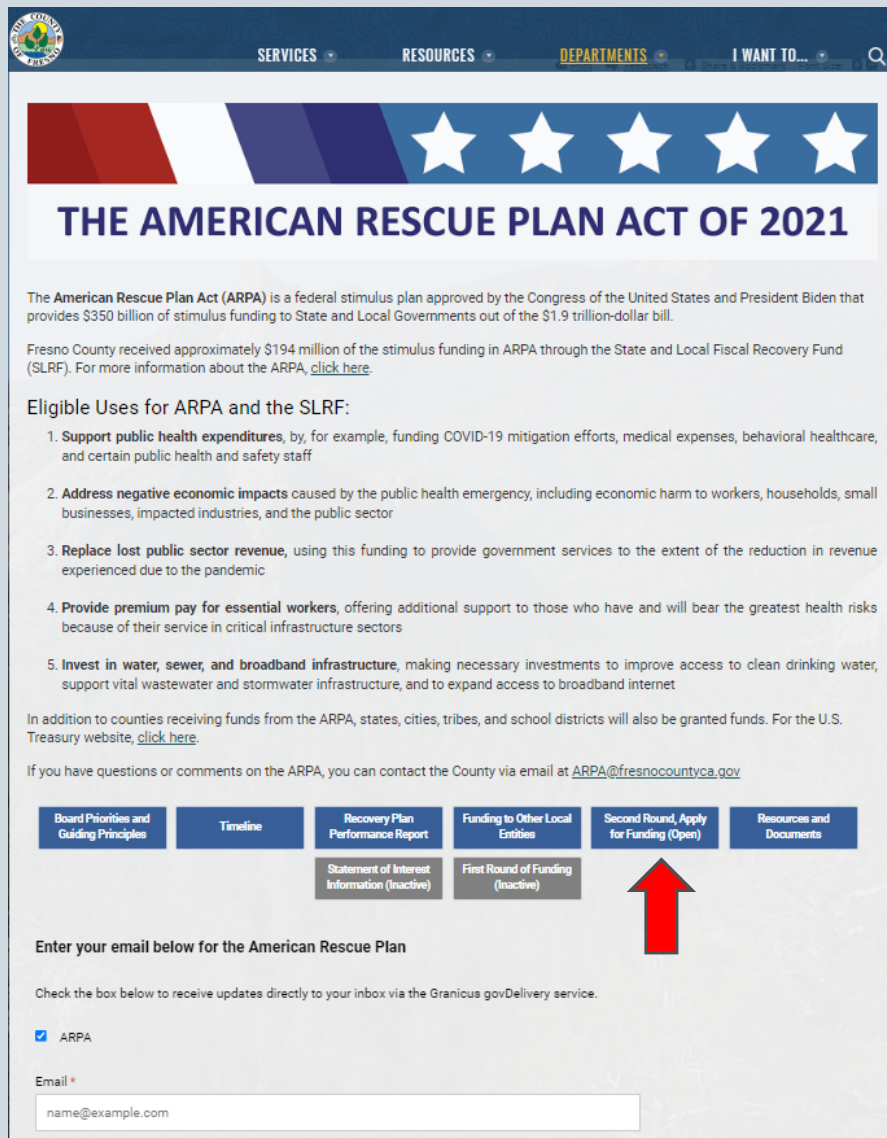
Funding to Other Local Entities

Second Round, Apply for Funding

Resources and Documents

Statement of Interest Information

First Round of Funding (Inactive)



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THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

The **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** is a federal stimulus plan approved by the Congress of the United States and President Biden that provides \$350 billion of stimulus funding to State and Local Governments out of the \$1.9 trillion-dollar bill.

Fresno County received approximately \$194 million of the stimulus funding in ARPA through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLRF). For more information about the ARPA, [click here](#).

Eligible Uses for ARPA and the SLRF:

1. **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
2. **Address negative economic impacts** caused by the public health emergency, including economic harm to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
3. **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
4. **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
5. **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

In addition to counties receiving funds from the ARPA, states, cities, tribes, and school districts will also be granted funds. For the U.S. Treasury website, [click here](#).

If you have questions or comments on the ARPA, you can contact the County via email at ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov

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ARPA

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Subrecipient Application Webpage


Apply For Funding, Second Round (OPEN)

SUBRECIPIENT APPLICATION INFORMATION

On November 8, 2022, the County Board of Supervisors (County Board) "earmarked" an initial \$4.22 million of its State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for eligible activities that will serve the residents of Fresno County. It is anticipated that funding availability could potentially grow by March 2023.


Funding will be made available to local entities including, but not limited to: nonprofits, small business, community based organization, special districts, and County departments.

The County of Fresno is now soliciting proposals for the one-time SLFRF for projects, activities, or programs that will help the community respond and recover from the COVID-19, align with the priorities of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), and further the County Board's [Priorities and Guiding Principles](#).

Prospective applicants are strongly urged to review [Additional Funding](#)  by ARPA prior to completing the SLFRF Subrecipient Application to ensure that the applicant's proposal is not eligible for funding in those areas.

SLFRF may be used for eligible activities under four general categories: Respond to the public health emergency or address its negative economic impacts;

- A. Respond to the public health emergency or address its negative economic impacts;
- B. Provide premium pay for essential workers;
- C. Replace public sector revenue loss, subject to certain limitations; and
- D. Investment in water and sewer infrastructure, and broadband infrastructure.

The County of Fresno is accountable to the United States Department of the Treasury for oversight of its subrecipients, and the County must ensure it and its subrecipients comply with all requirements of the SLFRF Program and reporting requirements. (Please review the [Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#)  from the Department of the Treasury.)

On February 1, 2022, the County Board adopted a Subrecipient Selection Policy that will guide selection, monitoring, and oversight of future subrecipients.

[Subrecipient Selection Policy - PDF](#) 

On June 21, 2022, the County Board adopted a Subrecipient Monitoring Policy that establishes the County's procedures for monitoring the County's subrecipients of the ARPA-SLFRF Program, to ensure each subrecipient's compliance with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the County's subawards to such subrecipients.

[Subrecipient Monitoring Policy - PDF](#) 

Application Form

[Subrecipient Application \(WORD Fillable\)](#) 

Subrecipient Application Key Dates and Deadlines

“Apply for Funding, Second Round” tab is your main access to:

- ✓ Additional ARPA Funding Programs
- ✓ Compliance and Reporting Guidance
- ✓ Subrecipient Selection Policy
- ✓ Subrecipient Monitoring Policy
- ✓ The fillable Subrecipient Application, Word

Subrecipient Application

Consists of 6 parts:

- ✓ Part 1 – Applicant Information
- ✓ Part 2 – Detailed Project Description
- ✓ Part 3 – Infrastructure Investment (if applicable)
- ✓ Part 4 – Project Timeline
- ✓ Part 5 – Applicant Expenditure Plan
- ✓ Part 6 – Subrecipient Certifications & Commitment of Responsibility

APPLICANT PROFILE

- A. Name of Applicant: _____
- B. Applicant Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
- C. Type of Entity (Refer to Part I, 1, below): _____
- D. Applicant Tax ID No.: _____
- E. Applicant DUNS No. or SAMS No.: _____
- F. Contact Person Name and Title: _____
 Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
- G. Alternative Contact Person: _____
 Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
- H. Project/Service Name: _____
- I. Provide a brief description (50 words or less) of proposed project or program (detailed description needs to be provided in Part 2): _____

- J. Total SLFRF amount being requested (complete expenditure plan needs to be provided in Part 5): \$ _____
- K. Supporting Documentation:
 a. Attachment A – Applicant Documentation
 b. Attachment B – Program or Project Timeline
 c. Attachment C – Expenditure Plan
 d. Attachment D – Other Supporting Information

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Type of Entity (check one)

- Public Utility District

 Nonprofit, 501(c)(3), 501(c)(9)
 Community Service District

 Other _____ (specify)
 Small business (DBA, Inc., LLC)

2. Describe the types of services or programs that will be delivered by Applicant using the requested SLFRF:

(if more lines are needed, please indicate, and attach supplemental pages)

3. Does the Applicant have experience completing federal funded projects (include up to three projects within the previous 10 years)?

- Yes No (If yes, name list projects, funding agency, the year funded, year that the project was completed, and the names and titles of key personnel responsible for overseeing the project.)

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Funding Agency</u>	<u>Funded Year</u>	<u>Year Completed</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			

Provide copies of the following documents (**Attachment A, Applicant Documentation**):

- IRS designation
- Applicant bylaws or policies
- Mission Statement, if applicable
- Applicant organizational chart
- List of names and titles of key personnel for the SLFRF-funded project.
- List of names of Applicant Board of Directors and top executives
- Audited Financial Statements (last 2 years)

PART 2 - DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed program or project description will be used by County staff in presenting the proposed program or project to the reviewing panel and the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee.

- 1. Select the SLFRF category that the proposed program or project will benefit. (Select one box)

- Response to Public Health / Negative Economic Impacts.
- Premium Pay, Essential Work.
- Investment in Infrastructure, i.e. water, sewer, or broadband.

- 2. Describe the proposed program or project for which you are requesting funds. State whether the proposed program or project is new or existing, or would be funded in whole or in part by SLFRF (if SLFRF would provide partial funding, specifically describe the other sources of funding, and specific restrictions, if any, placed on such other funding). Description must describe the proposed program or project in sufficient detail to provide understanding of the major activities that will occur.

(if more lines are needed, please indicate, and attach supplemental pages)

- 3. **Applicable only to:** Response to Public Health / Negative Economic Impacts selection.

- a. Clearly identify the COVID-19 public health or negative economic impact experienced.

(if more lines are needed, please indicate, and attach supplemental pages)

PART 3 – INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT, WATER, SEWER, STORMWATER, OR BROADBAND

This section of the Application applies to applicants requesting assistance for proposed programs or project under Investment in Infrastructure.

The Treasury authorizes the use of SLFRF to carry out investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure in ways that produce high-quality infrastructure, avert disruptive and costly delays, and promote efficiency.

The County is informed that Treasury cautions that, as is the case with all programs or projects engaged in using SLFRF, all programs or projects must comply with applicable federal, state, and local law. In the case of infrastructure projects in particular, this includes compliance with environmental and permitting laws and regulations. All capital expenditure projects using SLFRF funds must be undertaken and completed in a manner that is technically sound, meaning that they must meet design and construction methods, and use materials that are approved, codified, recognized, fall under standard or acceptable levels of practice, or otherwise are determined to be generally acceptable by the design and construction industry. (Final Rule, page 207) All capital expenditure projects must also comply with all applicable state and federal labor laws.

1. Does the proposed program or project meet eligibility requirements for funding from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) for either Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRP)? If yes, please describe the project in sufficient detail.

(if more lines are needed, please indicate, and attach supplemental pages)

2. How many beneficiaries are expected to be served by the proposed program or project?

PART 4 – PROGRAM OR PROJECT TIMELINE (ATTACHMENT B)

Attach a timeline (as Attachment B) for the proposed program or project, from application submittal to project completion. Include milestones or key actions that will take place if the project is approved by the County Board. Show the dates and/or quarterly reports for each milestone, and indicate the project activity's completion date. If other sources of funding will be used for the proposed program or project, indicate when those other moneys are expected to be obtained.

NOTE: If proposed program or project is approved by the County Board, County staff will contact you during preparation of the agreement. Any subsequent changes to agreement execution dates and/or timeline will be revised accordingly.

PART 5 - APPLICANT EXPENDITURE PLAN (ATTACHMENT C)

Applicant may only use SLFRF to cover costs incurred during the time-period set forth by the United States Department of The Treasury.

All SLFRF must be used for costs incurred during the period that begins on **March 3, 2021**, and ends on **December 31, 2024**, and SLFRF for the financial obligations incurred by **December 31, 2024** must be expended by **December 31, 2026**.

Applicant should consider all proposed program or project related costs or costs to be incurred by **December 24, 2024** for its application to the County.

Please include a detailed expenditure plan such as an Engineer's Cost Estimates for an infrastructure project, for the proposed program or project, which shall be attached as Attachment C, and incorporated into the final agreement, if awarded.

PART 6 - SUBRECIPIENT CERTIFICATIONS AND COMMITMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I, _____ (*Name of Signing Officer*), am the legally authorized representative of my organization, _____ (*Name of Organization, the "Applicant"*), and I have the full legal authority to complete and submit this Application, and to make the representations in this Application. I have reviewed the following provisions, and I, on behalf of the Applicant, acknowledge, confirm, and agree without reservation, qualification, or condition with the following statements:

- Any award of SLFRF awarded to the Applicant by the County of Fresno is a subaward of SLFRF under ARPA;
- The County of Fresno is a recipient under ARPA;
- If the Applicant is awarded any SLFRF by the County, the Applicant is a subrecipient of the County under ARPA;
- SLFRF must be used by the Applicant, as a subrecipient, only for eligible uses under ARPA;
- ARPA requires the Applicant, as a subrecipient, to provide financial reporting to the County of Fresno on a monthly, quarterly, and/or an annual basis for the expenditure of SLFRF, as required by the County of Fresno;
- Subrecipients that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal awards during their fiscal year will be subject to an audit under the Single Audit Act and its implementing regulation, found at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, regarding audit requirements.
- Prior to any award of SLFRF to the Applicant, as a subrecipient, the Applicant shall enter into a written agreement with County of Fresno on terms and conditions specified by the County of Fresno.

As the official designated by the governing body of the Applicant, I hereby certify that, if approved by the County of Fresno for SLFRF Program funding, the Applicant assumes the responsibilities for carrying out the proposed program or project specified in this application in a timely manner, and certify that:

- The Applicant possesses the legal authority to apply for the grant funds, and to execute the proposed program or project;
- The Applicant does not have any unresolved audit findings for other SLFRF, or other federally-funded activities or projects;
- There are no threatened or pending lawsuits that would impact the implementation of the proposed activity;

Tentative Timeline

November 8, 2022:	Board of Supervisors earmarked \$4.22 million for additional Subrecipient Projects or Programs
November 18, 2022:	Open Subrecipient Application period
November 29, 2022:	Zoom Webinar, Subrecipient Application process
January 4, 2023:	Close Subrecipient Application period, 5:00 p.m.
January - March 2023:	Vetting of Subrecipient Applications received
April 2023:	Board of Supervisors presentation and consideration of Applications received



Questions / Comments

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