




**American Rescue Plan**  
**Local Government Support**  
**Kansas Office of Recovery**  
**May 18, 2021**

# Today's objectives



Recap ARPA-Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-LFRF) treasury guidance

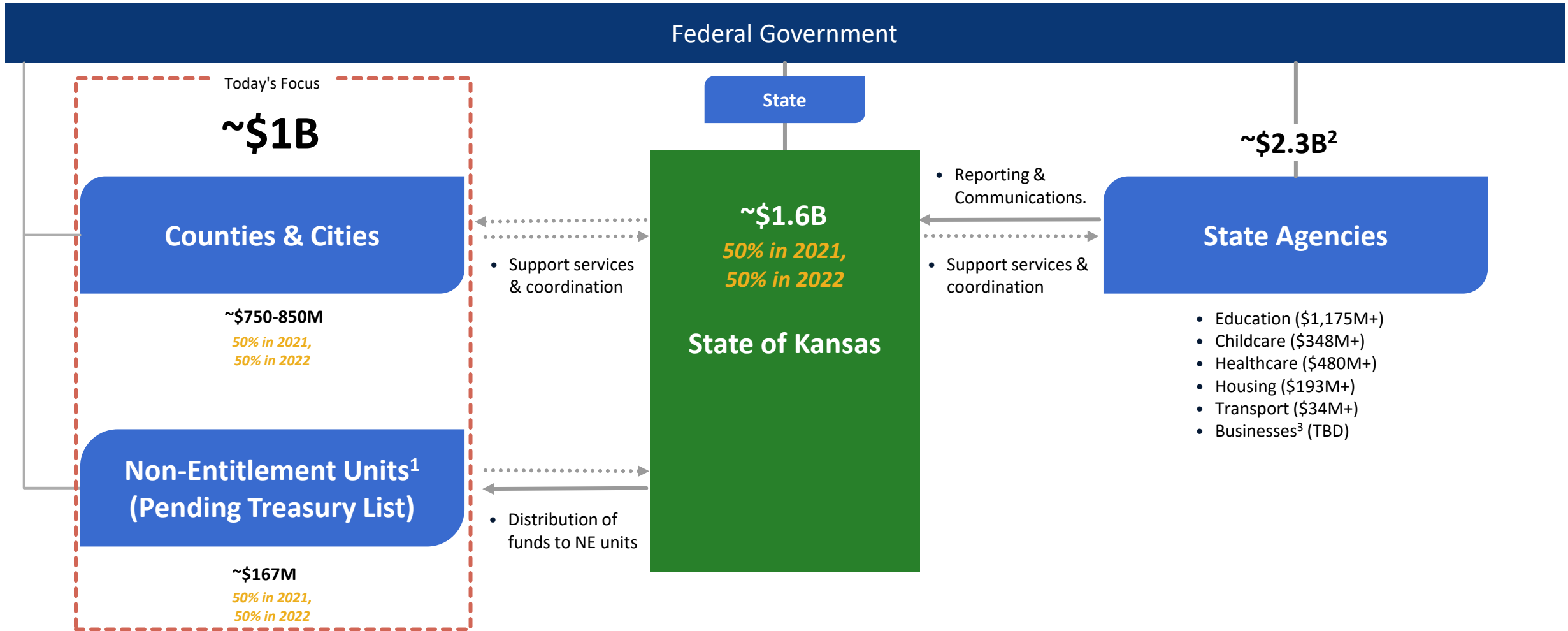
Share plan for engagement between RO and local governments

Review timetable and next steps

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# ARPA State & Local Funds

# ARPA funding will flow to state, local governments, and state agencies



1. A Non-Entitlement Unit (NEU) is a city with a population of less than 50,000. Under federal law, generally, a “metropolitan city” is defined as a city with a population greater than or equal to 50,000. Under the provisions of ARPA, NEUs are Non-entitlement Units of Local Government, or a city that is not a metropolitan city. 2. Final value dependent on final funding formulas, application-based awards, etc. 3. Funds awarded directly to applicants (e.g., airports, farmers, restaurants); opportunity for agency to facilitate/support

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# Treasury Guidance

# Updated Treasury Guidance

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**On Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Treasury released the following [guidance information](#):**

- Interim Final Rule
  - *Issued without advance notice and public comment to allow for immediate implementation of the program*
  - *Comments still being accepted, must be submitted on or before 60 days from date of publication or by July 10, 2021.*
- Fact Sheet
- Frequent Asked Questions
- Quick Reference Guide

**Additionally, Treasury released the following [lists of allocations](#):**

- Allocations for States
- Allocations for Counties
- Allocations for Metropolitan Cities
- ***Still Pending – Allocations for Nonentitlement Units of Local Government***

# Treasury Guidance – Programmatic Highlights

## Allowable Uses

## Updates as of 5/10/21

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| <p>1 Respond to the <b>public health emergency</b> with respect to COVID-19 or its negative <b>economic impacts</b>, including assistance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Households, small businesses, and nonprofits</li><li>• Aid to impacted industries (e.g. tourism, travel, hospitality)</li></ul> | <p>Exacerbation of pre-existing disparities – <b>Qualified Census Tracts</b></p>   |
| <p>2 <b>Provide premium pay</b><sup>1</sup> for public employees that are performing essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work</p>   | <p>Focus of premium pay is essential workers and lower wage earners – <b>must perform regular duties in-person</b> (can be retroactive to 3/3/21)</p>                                  |
| <p>3 <b>Provide government services</b> to the extent of reduction in revenue due to COVID-19 relative to revenues collected in most recent full fiscal year</p>  | <p>Great deal of flexibility provided to calculate loss revenue (<b>4.1 % growth adjustment</b>) – use of revenue replacement funding offers the greatest programmatic flexibility</p> |
| <p>4 Make <b>necessary investments</b> in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure</p>   | <p>Priority is <b>clean drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and broadband</b> – additional infrastructure opportunities exist in other allowable use categories</p>                |

1. Up to \$13 per hour—premium amount may not exceed \$25,000 with respect to any single eligible worker

# Treasury Guidance - Administrative Highlights

Both the State of Kansas and Local Governments will receive funding in **two 50% tranches** (disbursements) 12 months apart

Funds **must be obligated (under contract) by 12/31/2024** but additional two years (12/31/2026) to expend and liquidate

All direct recipients will be required to **report Quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports**

Jurisdictions over 250,000 in population will have an **additional reporting requirement** (Annual Recovery Plan Performance Report)

Funds **cannot be used to match federal programs** including Stafford Act



# Treasury Guidance – Next Steps

Understand and validate your allocation – if you believe there is a discrepancy **hold off on applying**

- *State and National Associations are actively reviewing these concerns*

Before applying **have the following:**

- Taxpayer ID number and DUNS Number
- Current SAM.gov registration
- Authorized representative information
- Contract person information
- Funds transfer information – bank routing
- Completed certification document

Once ready – **[apply here](#)**

Treasury e-mail resources

- Application portal technical assistance - [covidreliefitsupport@treasury.gov](mailto:covidreliefitsupport@treasury.gov)
- General questions - [SLFRP@treasury.gov](mailto:SLFRP@treasury.gov)

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# Recovery Office Support

# Ongoing technical assistance (TA) for local governments



## Key changes to TA model include:

- ARPA–LFRF does not establish a subrecipient or beneficiary relationship
  - Transitioning risk assessment, allowability decisions, and reporting support to webinars, FAQs, and collateral materials
- Replacement of single RO Representative with more comprehensive RO team approach
- Replacement of unique email account with inquiry form for better tracking and timely responses

## TA support for ARPA will include:

- 2 Office of Recovery local government liaisons
- 3 Consultant local government support resources, including support for:
  - Webinars and communications
  - FAQs and overall coordination
  - Collateral development
- Additional support and staff augmentation available through shared services contract vehicle

# Recovery Office resources for local governments

Resource	Content	Release Date
<b>RO Website</b>	Online location for all RO ARPA support materials, grouped by audience and user objective	Currently available, updated frequently
<b>Inquiry Form</b>	Space to raise ARPA questions and general inquiries for the RO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions</li> </ul>	Released this week
<b>Ongoing Communications</b>	Consistent email communications, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practices, documents/templates</li> <li>• Treasury guidance</li> <li>• Reporting deadlines</li> <li>• Matching opportunities</li> </ul>	Monthly
<b>Ongoing Webinars</b>	Consistent monthly webinars, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-level compliance and reporting support</li> <li>• Areas of need</li> <li>• Collaboration opportunities</li> </ul>	Bi-weekly
<b>Shared Services Contract Vehicle</b>	State contract vehicle available to Local Governments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit and compliance support</li> <li>• Grants management</li> <li>• Staff Augmentation</li> </ul>	Late-June
<b>Job Aides/Templates</b>	Sample resource materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting and Compliance</li> <li>• Grants Management</li> <li>• Needs Assessment and Coordination</li> </ul>	Ongoing – Starting Mid-June

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# Best Practices

# Best practices local government should consider



## Prioritization

- Review ARPA **allowable uses of funds**
- Identify **existing programs** that require ongoing funding
- Identify **unmet needs** that require new funding
- Refer to [Bloomberg Cities Network](#)



## Collaboration

- Identify **Single Point of Contact (SPOC)** or contacts for specific topic areas
- Establish **partnerships with community based organizations**
- Engage with **other local, tribal governments and state agencies**



## Operations

- Establish **organizational structure** to administer funds
- Establish mechanisms to **monitor use of funds** by subrecipients
- Ensure **administering entity** establishes necessary agreements with subrecipients and/or grantees

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# Next Steps

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## Receiving funds:

- Review [Treasury Guidance](#)
- Submit [Treasury funding request](#) once ready
- Identify funding being [directed to your region](#) (local government and state agency funding)

## Managing funds:

- Calculate [revenue loss](#) (if applicable)
- Conduct [needs assessments](#) – identify programmatic needs
  - Crosswalk programmatic needs with Treasury guidance
- Identify or establish [organizational structure to administer funds](#)
  - Including items such as internal controls, file retention, and process/policy documentation

## Engaging with Recovery Office:

- Subscribe to [RO Listserv](#)
- Attend [Upcoming Webinars](#)
  - Utilize additional resources from the Office of Recovery





# Appendix

# Treasury Resources

- Interim Final Rule - <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2021-10283.pdf>
- Fact Sheet - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf>
- Frequent Asked Questions - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>
- Quick Reference Guide - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Quick-Reference-Guide-FINAL-508a.pdf>
- Allocation for Counties - [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds\\_countyfunding\\_2021.05.10-1a-508A.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds_countyfunding_2021.05.10-1a-508A.pdf)
- Allocation for Metropolitan Cities - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds-metrocitiesfunding1-508A.pdf>

# Treasury Reporting Schedule

Report type	Applies to:	Dates included in report	Initial report due to Treasury	Subsequent reports due to Treasury	Included in Report
Interim Report	States, Territories, Metropolitan Cities, Counties, Tribal Governments	Date of Award - July 31, 2021	August 31, 2021	N/A	Expenditures by category at the summary level
Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report	States, Territories, Metropolitan Cities, Counties, Tribal Governments	Calendar Quarter	October 31, 2021	30 days after end of each quarter through project period	Financial data, information on contracts and subawards over \$50,000, types of projects funded, other information regarding recipient's utilization of funds
Annual Project and Expenditure Report	NEUs	Annually	October 31, 2021	October 31 each year through project period	Financial data, information on contracts and subawards over \$50,000, types of projects funded, other information regarding utilization of funds
Recovery Plan Performance Report	States, Territories, Metropolitan Cities, Counties >250K residents	Annually	August 31, 2021	30 days after each 12-month period	Funded projects, plans for project outcomes to be achieved, key performance indicators, programmatic data