

GREATER CLEVELAND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COALITION

#ARPInCLE

The GCARP Coalition is a group convened by The Center for Community Solutions, to ensure that Greater Cleveland is equipped to make an equitable recovery from the pandemic, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other federal funding streams dedicated to recovery.

We have four key goals:

1

MAXIMIZE American Rescue Plan and other federal resources coming to greater Cleveland

2

TRACK how local and state governments are spending ARPA funds, focused on Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and Ohio

3

INFLUENCE how funds are spent, with a focus on creating economic opportunities and reducing inequity and disparities in our community

4

HIGHLIGHT the positive influence of ARPA and other federal investments

This work is rooted in a shared vision & values:

- Collaboration
- Transparency
- Racial equity
- Community & institutional capacity building
- Elevating community voice
- Recovery for those most impacted by the pandemic
- Transformational change
- Long-term strategic solutions
- Leveraging and attracting funds
- Strengthening democracy

Take the survey!



If these goals and values resonate with you, and you have an interest in continued learning and advocacy related to Greater Cleveland's use of federal recovery dollars, **we invite you to join our coalition.** Please take our survey to indicate the kinds of programming and activities that most interest you, and we will keep in touch with you as the work continues.

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The **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** is a piece of federal legislation, passed in 2021, that totaled **\$1.9 Trillion**. The purpose is to provide relief for and address the negative impacts of COVID-19.

\$350 Billion was allocated to state and local governments



OHIO
\$5.6 Billion



CUYAHOGA
\$239 Million



CLEVELAND
\$511 Million

How can ARPA funds be used?



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



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



Address Negative Economic Impacts

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



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

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



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

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



Broadband Infrastructure

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



December 31, 2024 | ARPA funding must be **appropriated** for a purpose
December 31, 2026 | ARPA funding must be **expended**

What does that mean? Common ARPA terminology

- **Tranche** - The funding arrives in 2 tranches, or portions. Local governments received half of their funding in May, 2021, and the second half in May, 2022.
- **The Final Rule** - The US Treasury Department issued guidance for local governments on allowable uses. The Final Rule is the final guidance, and went into effect on April 1, 2022.

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