

LOCAL FUNDING

The American Rescue Plan makes available a total of \$19.53 billion for payments to non-entitlement units of local government and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

Non-entitlement areas include those units of general local government which do not receive CDBG funds directly from the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development. Non-entitlement areas are cities with populations of less than 50,000 (except cities that are designated principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas), and counties with populations of less than 200,000.

The State of Kansas will have 30 days after it receives funding from the Federal Government to distribute the funds to each non-entitlement unit of local government in an amount that bears the same proportion to the percentage of population that unit of government bears to the total population of all nonentitlement units of local government in Kansas.

Metropolitan cities will receive direct funding from the U.S. Treasury.

All local units of government shall use the funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health crisis by:

- Providing assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality
- Providing premium pay to eligible workers who are performing such essential work or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work
 - Premium pay is defined as an amount of up to \$13 per hour that is paid to an eligible worker, in addition to wages or remuneration the eligible worker otherwise receives for all work performed by the eligible worker during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Such amount shall not exceed \$25,000 for a single eligible worker.
 - Eligible workers are defined as those needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors designated as necessary to protect the health and well-being of the residents
- Supplementing the reduction in revenue from government services due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to the revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year
- Making necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure

A unit of local government or county may transfer funds to a private nonprofit organization, a public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of state or local government.

Funds will remain available through Dec. 31, 2024.