

NACo Legislative Conference 2022

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Office Hours



Our Experts



Carlos J. Castillo, CEM

**Senior Vice President,
Chief Development Officer**

40 years of experience as emergency manager and disaster recovery expert. Held several senior roles and led an organization of 1,300.

- FEMA – Acting Deputy Administrator, Resilience
- FEMA – Assistant Administrator for Disaster Assistance



Mark Misczak, CEM

Chief Operating Officer

30-year career with over 23 years leading FEMA's most complex recovery operations. National expert in disaster recovery efforts.

Managed consulting activities to identify, claim, and close out more than \$8 billion in Public Assistance (PA) and FEMA Hazard Mitigation (HM) grant funding.

About Us

- + Comprehensive emergency management, program and project management and construction management consulting firm
- + Over 37 years of professional services to Federal, state and local government agencies nationally
- + Our team:
 - + Former Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel
 - + Certified emergency managers
 - + Construction managers
 - + Inspection managers
 - + Project and program managers
 - + Engineers
- + Personalized PMO oversight services
- + Comprehensive project/program management, construction management and inspection services



ARPA: Four Eligible Use Categories

1

Replacing Revenue Loss

- + Offers a standard allowance of up to **\$10 million** for revenue loss
- + County can opt to use the revenue loss calculation or allocate up to \$10 million
(Note: if a county is receiving \$6 million in ARPA funding, only \$6 million potentially can be loss revenue)
- + Eligible use for government services:
 - Construction projects
 - Infrastructure projects
 - Health Services
 - Public Safety

Frequently Asked Questions



- + Does revenue loss need to be used by the 2026 deadline?
- + Can revenue loss be set aside for future loss?

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Public Health and Economic Impacts

- + **Capital Expenditures** – What qualifies for use of funding
 - Most support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response
 - Examples: Affordable Housing, Childcare Facilities, Schools, Hospitals and other projects that meet final rule requirements
- + Focus on impacted and disproportionately impacted communities



Public Health Examples of Use

Vaccination and testing operations – includes transportation to sites

Capital investments for public facilities

Mental Health

Support for impacted industries



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Premium Pay

- + Broadens the share of eligible workers without written justification
- + Eligible for those that have performed essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency



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Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

- + Significant change for use of funds for eligible broadband investments
- + Provide service to households and businesses with identified need
- + Adds eligible water and sewer infrastructure investments such as:
 - Stormwater projects
 - Projects addressing lead in drinking water
 - Household water quality testing



The background of the slide is a blue-tinted aerial photograph of a city. In the upper half, a river flows through a valley with green hills in the distance. A bridge is visible on the left. The lower half shows a closer view of city buildings, streets, and parking lots. A red banner with white text is centered across the middle of the image.

Other Sources of Funding for State and Local Governments

Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

- + **\$10 billion** to address challenges in rural America, tribes, and low- and moderate-income communities as a result of COVID-19
- + Available to states, territories, freely associated states and tribal governments
 - Counties aren't directly eligible recipients
 - Treasury encourages direct recipients to engage with communities



Homeowner Assistance Fund

Up to **\$10 billion** to provide relief for our country's most vulnerable homeowners in:

- States
- The District of Columbia
- U.S. Territories
- Tribes or Tribal Entities
- The Department of Hawaiian Homelands



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- + Funds provided directly to:
 - States
 - U.S. Territories
 - Local Governments
 - Indian Tribes (In the case of ERA1)
- + ERA1 provided up to **\$25 billion** in funding
- + ERA2 provided up to **\$21.55 billion** in funding
- + Treasury disburses ERA funds to states and other governmental entities (not directly to households or landlords)



State Small Business Credit Initiative

- + Provides **\$10 billion** to fund small business credit expansion initiatives to State and Tribal governments
- + Will fund State, Territory, and Tribal government small business credit support and investment programs



Questions?