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Agenda: Urban PN-3 Peer Learning Network

• Welcome

• ARPA Overview

• Questions & Interactive Discussion

• Conclusion
Counties invest $63 billion annually in federal, state and local funding in human services.

Administer key federal safety net programs serving young children:
- The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) (in 8 states)
- The Social Services Block Grant (9 states)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (9 states)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (10 states)

Serve as Head Start agencies or contribute local dollars to expand Head Start programs.

Function as clinic sites for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Fully or partially oversee the child welfare system in 11 states.

Invest in core policies and services that align and strengthen PN-3 systems.
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

- Counties will interact with various funding supports under the ARP
- [Click here](#) for NACo’s interactive funding breakdown
- Most critical for counties: direct funding via the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
# Address Negative Economic Impacts

## Workers & Families
- Assistance to unemployed workers and job training
- Food, housing, cash and other assistance to households (proportionate)
- Survivor’s benefits for family members of COVID-19 victims

## Small Business
- Loans and grants to mitigate financial hardship
- Loans, grants and in-kind assistance to implement COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics
- Technical assistance

## Public Sector
- Rehire staff
- Replenish state unemployment insurance funds
- Administer economic relief programs

## Impacted Industries
- Tourism, travel and hospitality
- Other similarly affected sectors

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## PROVIDE EQUITY-FOCUSED SERVICES

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COVID-19 mitigation and containment: includes schools, homeless facilities, residential foster care facilities, group living facilities and other congregate settings.

Behavioral healthcare: includes services for mental health and substance misuse

Public health and safety staff: payroll and covered benefit expenses for employee’s time spent mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, including human services staff.
ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

• Direct assistance to households:
  • Proportionate cash assistance
  • Food assistance
  • Rent, mortgage, or utility assistance
  • Counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness
  • Emergency assistance for burials
  • Home repairs, weatherization, or other needs
  • Internet access or digital literacy assistance
ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

• **Assistance to nonprofit organizations** that responds to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency

• **Assistance to unemployed workers**, including job training

• **Survivor’s benefits** for family members of COVID-19 victims
A wide range of services are eligible if provided to in/to Qualified Census Tracts (communities with high proportion of low-income) or communities with a demonstrably disproportionate economic or health outcome due to the pandemic. These include (but are not limited to):

- Programs or services that facilitate access to health and social services
  - Assistance accessing or applying for public benefits or services
  - Remediation of lead paint or other lead hazards
  - Community violence intervention programs
ADDRESS DISPARITIES

• Programs or services that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness
  • Supportive housing or other housing programs for homeless individuals
  • Affordable housing development
  • Housing vouchers and neighborhood relocation assistance

• Programs or services that address the impact of COVID-19 on education
  • New or expanded early learning services
  • Assistance to high-poverty school districts to advance equitable funding
  • Educational and evidence-based services to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students
ADDRESS DISPARITIES

• Programs or services that address or mitigate the impacts COVID-19 on childhood health or welfare
  • New or expanded child care
  • Home visiting programs that provide education and assistance for economic support, health needs, or child development
  • Services for child-welfare involved families and foster youth to provide support and education on child development, positive parenting, coping skills, or recovery for mental health and substance use
PREMIUM PAY

- **Recipients may provide premium pay** ($13/per hour) to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency or provide grants to third-party employers with eligible workers performing essential work.

- Definition of essential employees includes:
  - Any work performed by an employee of the state, local or tribal government
  - Childcare workers, educators, and other school staff
  - Social service and human services staff
PREMIUM PAY

- Treasury is defining essential work as **regular in-person interactions** or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others.
- A worker would NOT be engaged in essential work and accordingly may not receive premium pay, for telework performed from a residence.
- Premium pay **can be retroactive**.
- Recipients have discretion to designate additional sectors.
- Additional reporting requirements in certain cases (**grants to third-party employers**).
REPLACE LOST REVENUE

• Recovery Funds may be used to provide government services to the extent of reduction in revenue experienced due to COVID-19.

• Recipients can use funds to support government services with broad flexibility, including (but not limited to) school or educational services, health services, environmental remediation, public safety services and cybersecurity.

• Important guidance on the calculation of “lost revenue” can be found here.
KEY DATES RELATED TO THE RECOVERY FUND

- **January 27, 2020:** Declaration of the public health crisis
- **March 3, 2021:** Beginning of the Recovery Fund “covered period”
- **July 16, 2021:** Deadline to comment on U.S. Treasury’s *Interim Final Rule* on Recovery Fund
- **August 31, 2021:** Deadline to submit first Interim Report to U.S. Treasury
- **August 31, 2021:** Deadline to submit first *Recovery Plan Performance Report* to U.S. Treasury
  - Applies to COUNTIES ABOVE 250,000 POPULATION ONLY
- **October 31, 2021:** Deadline to submit first *Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report*
  - Applies to ALL COUNTIES
- **December 31, 2024:** Recovery Funds must be obligated (**NOT incurred**)  
- **December 31, 2026:** Recovery Funds must be spent & all work/performance must be completed

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SUPPORTING INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH ARP RECOVERY FUNDS

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS:

• County boards as key decisionmakers for county recovery funds
• Consider what worked well and what didn’t with CRF programs
• Create realistic goals/expectations based on legislative parameters and Treasury guidance – visit www.naco.org/covid-19-recovery-clearinghouse
• Importance of a “supplement, not supplant” mentality
• Account for other federal COVID relief dollars – where are there gaps?
• Coordination with municipalities and state governments

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Questions?

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