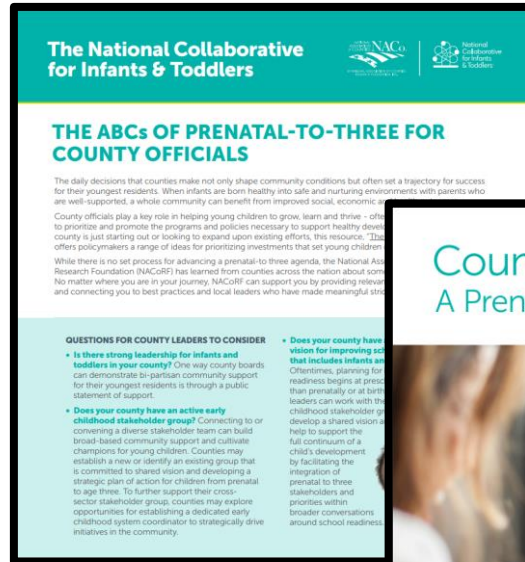


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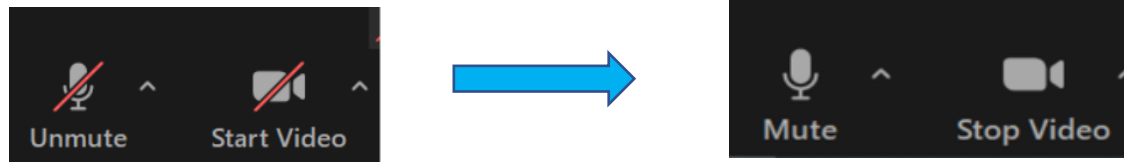


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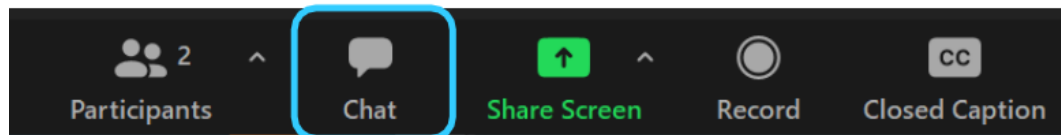


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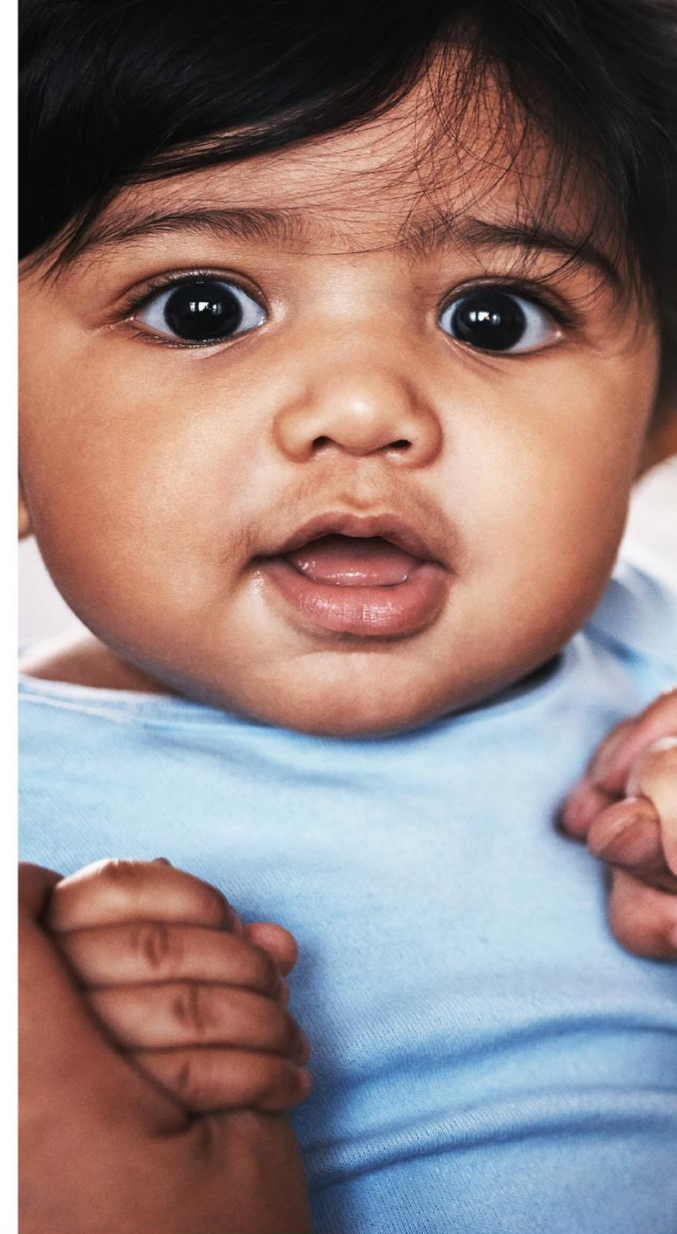
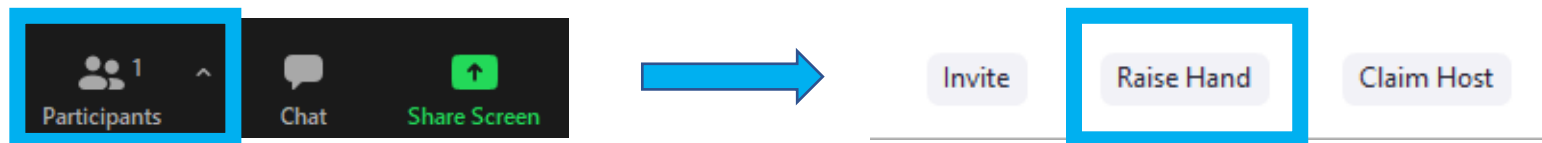
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Agenda: Urban PN-3 Peer Learning Network

- Welcome
- ARPA Overview
- Questions & Interactive Discussion
- Conclusion



COUNTIES MATTER FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

- 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

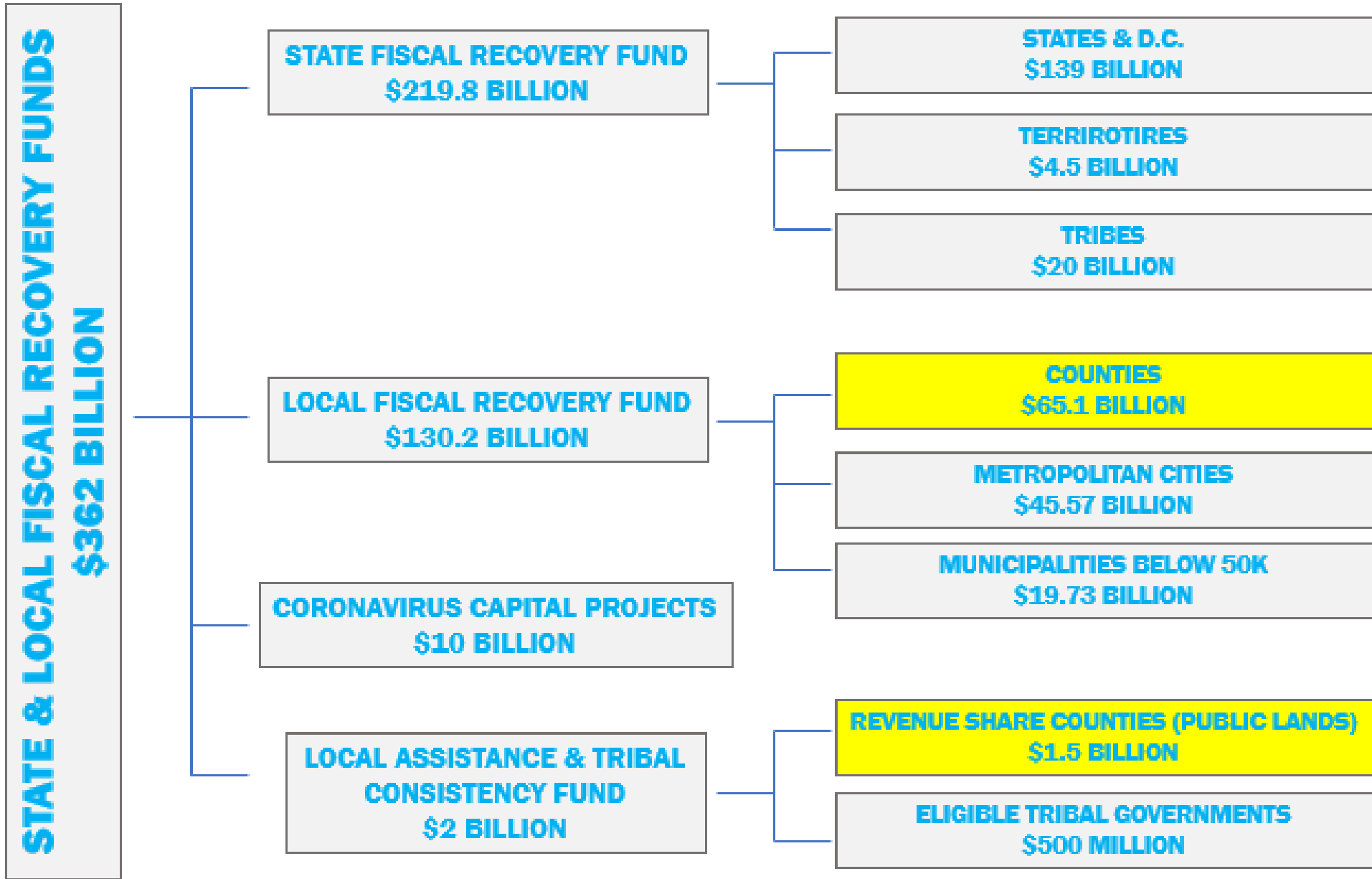
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Breakdown

This interactive tool helps navigate the roughly \$1.5 trillion in county related funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

LEARN MORE

- 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

1

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

2

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

3

PUBLIC SECTOR

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

4

IMPACTED INDUSTRIES

- Tourism, travel and hospitality
- Other similarly affected sectors

PROVIDE EQUITY-FOCUSED SERVICES

1

ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES

- Community health workers and public benefits navigators
- Remediation of lead paint and other lead hazards
- Community violence intervention programs

2

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

- Services to support individuals experiencing homelessness
- Affordable housing development
- Housing vouchers, residential counseling, navigation assistance

3

EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES

- New or expanded early learning services
- Expanded resources for high-poverty school districts
- Educational services like tutoring and afterschool programs

4

PROMOTING HEALTHY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS

- New and expanded high quality childcare
- Home visiting programs for families with young children
- Services for child welfare-involved families and foster youth

SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

- **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

ADDRESS DISPARITIES

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 governments 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

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

Questions?

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