ISC AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT



Government agencies must meet specific milestones to ensure that the funds are expended by the mandated deadline of **December 31st, 2024.**

Time is of the essence, the ARPA clock is ticking!

National emergencies and catastrophes often trigger federal relief and grant funding assistance available to state and local governments, schools and universities, public utilities, other eligible non-government organizations, and even businesses and residents impacted by the event. Every year, the federal government administers billions of dollars through federal agencies that share a responsibility in administering the programs established by Congress. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is not different.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2) is the latest in a series of COVID-19 related relief and economic stimulus legislation. ARPA provides an exceptional opportunity for governments and community leaders to not only recover from the impacts of COVID-19, but to provide their communities on a path for sustained growth, revitalization, and resiliency.

ABOUT US

Integrated Solutions Consulting is a professional services firm focused on developing and implementing comprehensive crisis and consequence management solutions. We are a team of innovative problem solvers that combine experience and evidence-based knowledge to deliver practical, best practice results across multiple industries to make communities safer and more resilient.



ISC's Four Phased Approach & Twelve Actions will ensure COVID-19 recovery success for your community!





The Essentials of the American Rescue Plan Act

On March 12, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion ARPA into law and includes approximately \$350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments. The ARPA funding provides direct, more flexible, and almost double in funding than last year's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

- Half of the funds will be dispersed during 2021, and the other half will be dispersed in 2022.
- The funds must be spent by December 31, 2024, and cannot be deposited into a pension fund or used to offset tax reductions or delay tax increases.

ARPA funds available to:

States and the District of Columbia ----- \$195.3 Billion
County Governments ----- \$65.1 Billion

Metropolitan Governments ---- \$45.6 Billion

Non-Entitlement Units ____ \$19.6 Billion of Local Government

Tribal Governments ---- \$20 Billion

Territory Governments ---- \$4.5 Billion

State and local governments cannot use the funds towards pensions or to offset revenue resulting from a tax cut enacted since March 3. 2021.

How can the ARPA funds be used?



Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality.



Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. Premium pay couldn't exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker.



Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19.



Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

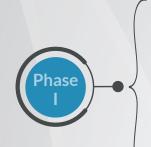


State & local governments could transfer funds to private nonprofit groups, public benefit corporations involved in passenger or cargo transportation, and special-purpose units of state or local government.



12 Essential Actions for ARPA

Administering ARPA funds will be a challenge even for the most sophisticated state, county, metropolitan, tribal, territorial, and non-entitlement government agencies. COVID-19 recovery success is dependent upon a strategy that instills integrity, transparency, and accountability while also meeting the expectations of the community and taxpayers. Our community recovery strategy has been time-tested and proven in past catastrophic disasters, terrorist attacks, epidemics, and national crises.



- 1. Reflect and objectively analyze unmet needs and how best to rejuvenate your community.
- 2. Establish a governance structure to guide decision-making and collaboration with community stakeholders.
- 3. Instill transparency and build trust.
- 4. Identify a "team" of trusted recovery champions that will provide guidance, build unity, and strengthen partnerships.
- 5. Prepare a COVID-19 recovery strategy that maps ARPA funding opportunities to community needs and priorities.



- 7. Make a commitment to minimizing fraud, waste, and abuse.
- 8. Design and implement programs that will stimulate community resiliency, economic growth, and sustainability.



- 9. Define a systematic process to track ARPA funds and ensure compliance.
- 10. Prepare quarterly reports to demonstrate progress and performance.



- 11. Ensure compliance of ARPA expenditures and perform periodic audits to prevent de-obligations or return of funds.
- 12. Perform closeout and reconciliation of ARPA expenditures.



Keeping the COVID-19 Relief Funding Straight

ARPA is just one of many federal relief packages for the Coronavirus. Having difficulty keeping it all straight? *Let us help you!*

FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF TIMELINE

\$7.8 Billion	\$15.4 Billion	\$2.1 Trillion	\$483 Billion	\$900 Billion	\$1.9 Trillion
Coronavirus Preparedness & Response Supplemental Appropriation s Act	Families First Coronavirus Response Act	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act	Paycheck Protection Program & Health Care Enhancement Act	Consolidated Appropriations Act	The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
March 6, 2020	March 18, 2020	March 27, 2020	April 24, 2020	Dec. 27, 2020	March 11, 2021

Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding by Agency





ISC'S APPROACH TO COMMUNITY COVID-19 RECOVERY SUCCESS

Our experience and expertise in past national catastrophes and disasters has taught us that securing every eligible dollar of disaster assistance is very important; however, it does not stop there. Community recovery operations are complex, involving a multitude of stakeholders that must make informed decisions that serve in the best interest of the community and its people. Community recovery does not happen overnight. Not properly managing one stage to the next will jeopardize federal relief funding, cause unnecessary delays with important community recovery projects, and create frustration and discontent with constituents. It is vital for communities to initiate COVID-19 recovery activities as expeditiously as possible and take proactive measures to manage its success.

We are very proud of the work we do, but we are most proud of supporting our clients when they need it most, being invested in their disaster recovery progress, and making a difference, together. We feel that this commitment, coupled with our record of performance, is why we have been the preferred disaster recovery consultant for our clients across the nation over the past

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Successful
Performance

two decades.



Our Innovations in Managing Federal Relief Funds:

GRANT MANAGEMENT TOOL

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ISC's Disaster Relief Experience: Catastrophic Events Totaling Over \$1.4 trillion Cumulative Loss

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H1N1 PANDEMIC





MIDWEST FLOODS

JAPAN TSUNAMI





JOPLIN TORNADOES

EBOLA OUTBREAK





HURRICANE SANDY

HURRICANE HARVEY





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COVID-19 PANDEMIC