

# LEVERAGING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS THROUGH STATE AND LOCAL COORDINATION

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# ARPA: FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

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- Child Tax Credit increased to \$3,000 per child (\$3,600 for children under six) and made fully refundable
- \$1 billion in emergency funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Extension of Pandemic Electronic Benefits for children, including children under six, through the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Increased Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits
- \$390 million to improve WIC program participation and modernization

# ARPA: CHILD CARE AND EARLY LEARNING

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- \$39 billion for child care: \$24.5 billion stabilization fund and \$14.5 billion in Child Care and Development Block Grant
- \$650 million per year increase in mandatory Child Care and Development Fund through FY22
- \$1 billion allocated to Head Start and Early Head Start agencies
- \$250 million for the Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part C) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Child and Dependent Tax Credit expanded, allowing families to claim more of their child care expenses

# ARPA: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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- \$150 million to Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting to support continued virtual and in-person visits
- \$10 million to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network for individuals with violence-related stress
- \$100 million for Behavioral Workforce Training and Education
- \$80 million to Pediatric Mental Health Access program
- \$3 billion for block grants for community mental health and prevention and treatment of substance abuse
- Allow states to provide coverage for 12 months post-partum for women on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program

# ARPA: STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Type	Amount (\$ billions)
States & District of Columbia	\$195.3
Counties	\$65.1
Metropolitan Cites	\$45.6
Tribal Governments	\$20.0
Territories	\$4.5
Non-entitlement Units of Local Government	\$19.5

# 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

# 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](#).



# STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRENATAL-TO-THREE COLLABORATION IN ACTION



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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTING IN INFANTS AND TODDLERS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL

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- NACoRF unites county officials to:
  - Advocate county priorities in federal policymaking
  - Promote exemplary county policies and practices
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  - Optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and
  - Enrich the public's understanding of county government.

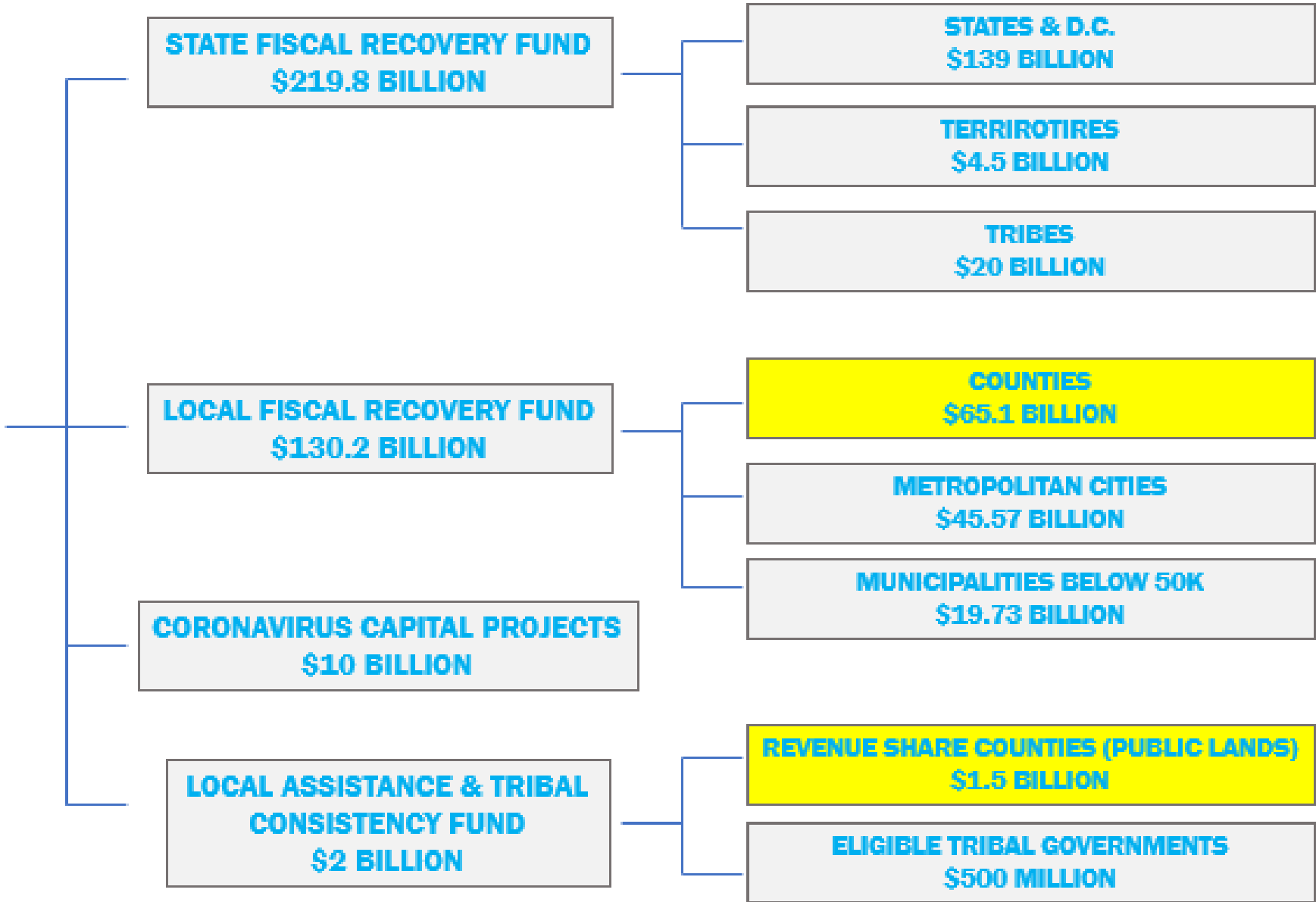


# COUNTIES MATTER FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

- Counties invest \$63 annually in federal, state and local funding in human services
- Administer key federal safety net programs serving young children:
  - [The Child Care 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



**STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS  
\$362 BILLION**



# 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 and learn more at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)
- Most critical for counties: direct funding via the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds



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# SUPPORTING INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH ARP RECOVERY FUNDS

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR COUNTIES AND STATE AND 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](http://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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# Early Childhood Success

Improving city leaders' capacity to

Reach across neighborhoods, Align programs, Design policies, and Build equitable systems that are responsive and supportive of all young children and their families, so



Every city, town and village has

*healthy babies and happy families, and*

*all children are thriving by 3, ready at 5, and on their way by 8*

## COVID-19 Pandemic Response & Relief

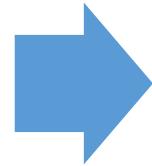
COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE & RELIEF

### What does direct funding means?

For the first time, all 19,000 municipal governments are entitled to a direct, noncompetitive federal formula grant from the U.S. Treasury Department (Coronavirus Local Fiscal Relief Fund).

### Receiving Funds: General Information

50% provided beginning  
in May 2021



Metropolitan cities will  
receive their second  
round of funds 12  
months after they  
receive their first funds.



NEUs will receive their  
money from their  
respective states within  
30 days of the states  
receiving the money.





- Provide support to families through enhanced home visiting programs. Connect with your MIECHV administrators to identify unmet needs or underserved families.
- Increase compensation through salaries, stipends, hazard pay, benefits, recruitment and retention bonuses.

- Provide support for the purchase of necessary supplies and equipment such as sanitation supplies, curricula, classroom materials, and outdoor equipment.
- Provide support to expand the capacity of childcare providers to serve more children and families.





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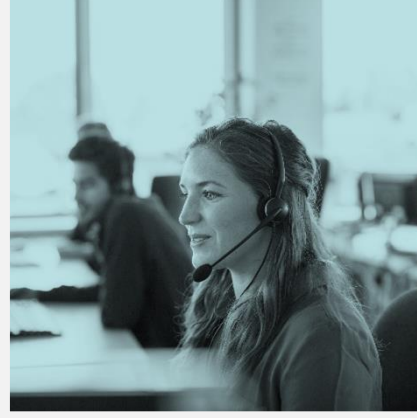
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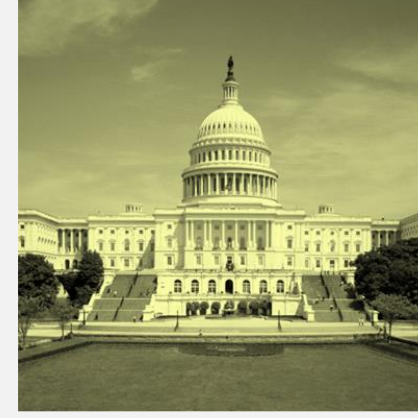
## Connections

NCSL links legislators and staff with each other and with experts



## Training

NCSL delivers training tailored specifically for legislators and staff



## State Voice in D.C.

NCSL represents and advocates on behalf of states on Capitol Hill



## Meetings

NCSL meetings facilitate information exchange and policy discussions

# American Rescue Plan Act

## Early Care and Education Allocations

### Child Care \$39 billion

- CCDBG
- Child Care Stabilization Funds

### Head Start \$1 billion

### Home Visiting \$150 million

## Key Stakeholders

### State

- State lead CCDF agencies
- State finance departments/other direct recipients of recovery funds

### Local

- CCR&Rs, CDFIs
- Local dedicated funds, children's cabinets and other child-focused coordinating bodies
- Shared Services Networks
- Collective impact partnerships, children's cabinets, other intermediaries
- Child care and out of school time providers
- Directly/disproportionately impacted communities

# Stay Connected

- NCSL
  - Track ARPA state fiscal recovery funds allocations
  - Attend NCSL Legislative Summit
  - Follow @NCSLorg on social media
- NCSL Children & Families Program
  - Visit our webpage
  - Track early care and education legislation
  - Subscribe to the CYF newsletter



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