

We did it!!!!

The American Rescue Plan Act passed the House this afternoon by a vote of 220-211, and will be signed later this week, according to White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki.

Cities, towns and villages will receive \$65.1 billion under the bill.

Here is [NLC's statement](#) on the passage of the bill by the House.

The bill ensures that all 19,000 cities, towns, and villages will receive funding in this package. Never before has Congress provided money to every municipality. This is truly historic. Under the CARES Act, only the top 34 cities received money directly from the federal government. 6,000 cities, towns, and villages received nothing from the CARES Act.

This money will allow cities who are struggling to recover. This money will allow cities to not have to furlough workers and bring back those laid off. This money will make a huge difference in the fiscal condition of every city, town and village in this nation.

Today is a tremendous victory. There are too many people to personally call out here, but it is because of the advocacy you did, the calls you made, the emails you sent, the tweets you tweeted, the op-eds you published in your local papers and on and on, that we are here today.

The American Rescue Plan provides federal investments to defeat the COVID-19 virus and provide workers and families with resources needed to survive the pandemic.

Specifically, the bill provides funding for:

- Agriculture and nutrition programs, including extending SNAP and the Pandemic EBT program to keep families fed through the pandemic;
- Schools and institutions of higher education to safely reopen schools, address learning loss, and support students and staff, including support for broadband for students;
- Child care to help sustain child care providers and expand child care assistance to 857,000 children;
- COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, treatment, and prevention, especially for hard to reach communities and areas;
- Mental health and substance-use disorder services;
- Emergency rental assistance, homeowner assistance, and other housing programs to help families pay rent, mortgages, and utilities;
- Transit agencies to prevent layoffs of transit workers and prevent severe cuts to transit services that essential workers and the general public rely on.
- Payments to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments for economic relief and to combat the virus;
- Multiemployer pension plans;

- Small business assistance, including specific programs for restaurants and live venues;
- Support for health care workers, transportation workers, federal employees, veterans, and other targeted populations;
- International and humanitarian responses and;
- Tribal government services.

The bill also includes provisions that:

- Extend enhanced unemployment benefits through September, providing an additional \$300 per week on top of all state unemployment benefits;
- Provide direct economic impact payments of \$1,400 per eligible individual and \$2,800 for couples making up to \$150,000 per year. Eligible families will also receive an additional \$1,400 payment per child and adult dependent, amounting to \$5,600 for an average family of four;
- Expand the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit, two powerful and effective tools to end poverty;
- Provide premium assistance for certain health insurance coverage; and
- Require coverage, without cost-sharing, of COVID-19 vaccines and treatment under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

RESOURCES:

Summaries:

- [ARP Title-By-Title Summary](#)
- [ARP Summary of Modifications to the House Bill](#)
- [ARP Overview by Senate Budget Committee](#)

State By State Estimates:

The below state by state estimates were prepared by multiple institutions, including the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and various Senate Committees.

- [State and Local Fiscal Relief](#)
- [Enhanced Federal Unemployment Insurance](#)
- [Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit](#)
- [Additional Round of Direct Payments](#)
- [Education Relief Funding](#)

- [Emergency Rental Assistance](#)
- [LIHEAP](#)
- [FEMA Disaster Relief Fund Estimates](#)
- [Child Care and CCDBG](#)
- [Head Start](#)
- [Transit Relief for Urbanized Areas](#)
- [Rural Transit](#)
- [Paratransit](#)
- [Enhanced and Expanded ACA subsidies, Additional Resources](#)
- [Extension of ACA Premium Subsidies to UI Recipients](#)
- Incentives for Non-Expansion States to Expand Medicaid
 - [Increased FMAP](#)
 - [Increased Coverage](#)