Following the American Rescue Plan Act with the American Jobs Plan
The American Rescue Plan Act

• For the first time, all 19,000 municipal governments are entitled to a direct, non-competitive federal formula grant from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund based on guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department.

• Local Allocation of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ($350B)
  • **Local Governments**: $130.2 billion split evenly into:
    • $65.1 billion for 19,000+ municipal governments; and
    • $65.1 billion for 3,000+ county governments
  • Aid for municipalities is protected from state or county interference by iron-clad statutes compelling states to comply, including penalties for states that fail to carry out their responsibilities to small cities and towns.

  • **Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) ($10B)**
    • $45.6B for Metropolitan Cities
    • $19.5 Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government
The American Jobs Plan: City Perspective
On March 29, NLC sent letters to President Biden and Congressional leaders outlining local priorities for bipartisan infrastructure, workforce, and economic recovery investment:

1. Rebuild Transportation Connectivity
2. Support Water Infrastructure
3. Support Broadband Access for All Communities
4. Build Community Resilience
5. Enhance Parks, Neighborhoods and Housing
6. Invest in Workforce and Skills Development
7. Update Local Infrastructure Financing Tools
Passed
  • American Rescue Plan Act

Must Do
  • FAST Act Reauthorization (Transportation)

Proposals
  • American Jobs Plan
  • American Families Plan
  • GOP Senate Framework
  • House STARTER Act
On March 30, President Biden announced the American Jobs Plan to rebuild the backbone of America, including plans to:

- **Fix highways, rebuild bridges, upgrade ports, airports and transit systems.** Deliver clean drinking water, a renewed electric grid, and high-speed broadband to all Americans;
- Build, preserve, and retrofit more than two million homes and commercial buildings, modernize our nation’s schools and childcare facilities, and upgrade veterans’ hospitals and federal buildings;
- Solidify the infrastructure of our care economy by creating jobs and raising wages and benefits for essential home care workers;
- Revitalize manufacturing, secure U.S. supply chains, invest in R&D, and train Americans for the jobs of the future;
- Invest in our nation’s workforce development system and sector-based skills training within infrastructure sectors;
- Create good-quality jobs that pay prevailing wages in safe and healthy workplaces while ensuring workers have a free and fair choice to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively with their employers.
American Jobs Plan: By the Numbers

- Over 8 years + in addition to the FAST Act Transportation Reauthorization ($305B+/61B per year)

- $821 billion out of the plan’s $2.25 trillion is infrastructure spending — about 37%.
  - Transportation: $621 billion
  - Electricity: $100 billion
  - Internet: $100 billion

- $590 billion to “invest in domestic manufacturing, research & development, and job training initiatives.”

- $328 billion to improve housing stock, modernize schools and child care facilities, and upgrade VA hospitals and federal buildings

- $400 billion to “expand home care services and provide additional support for care workers.”
$621B in Transportation in the American Jobs Plan

ESTIMATED COSTS IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAN

115 Modernization for bridges, highways, roads and streets

20 Road safety improvements

85 Transit modernization

80 Address Amtrak's repair backlog

174 Support for the electric vehicle market

25 Airports
17 Inland waterways, ports and ferries
20 Support for reconnecting neighborhoods cut off from historical investments
25 Support for transformative, ambitious, large or complex projects
50 Improve infrastructure resilience to floods, wildfires, hurricanes and other climate-related risks
Initial $568B Republican Senate Framework Proposal

- Over 5 Years
- Transportation - $437 billion
  - Roads and Bridges – $299 billion
  - Public Transit Systems – $61 billion
  - Rail – $20 billion
  - Safety – $13 billion
  - Airports – $44 billion
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure – $35 billion
- Inland Waterways and Ports – $17 billion
- Broadband Infrastructure (additional funding) – $65 billion
- Water Storage – $14 billion
Biden, GOP senators upbeat, plan more infrastructure talks

GOP weighs going bigger on infrastructure

House GOP floats its own infrastructure plan, as talks drag on
Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer:

This bill “has one of the largest traditional infrastructure funding [numbers] that we've seen in a long time, and it recognizes the new” breed of infrastructure… “The link between both is jobs.”
91% of Cities Say Insufficient Funding Delaying Critical Infrastructure Investments

2021 State of the Cities Report
Which factors impact your infrastructure decision making today? Select three most important factors.
(% of city respondents)
NLC Questionnaire: Your City's Story on Infrastructure and Jobs

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The National League of Cities supports a bipartisan infrastructure bill in the 117th Congress because, as our executive director Clarence Anthony said, “We cannot be shy as a country about investing in our people and in our communities to build a better quality of life in every place we call ‘home.”

Every city and town has infrastructure priorities that would improve the quality of life for its constituents, and we want to know yours - whether it’s transportation, water, broadband, or workforce training - so we can shine a national spotlight on them. President Biden’s American Jobs Plan and bipartisan Congressional discussions show that cities can lead the national discussion around federal investments in infrastructure to help us rebuild our economy as we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are interested in hearing about one or two of your city's infrastructure projects that would benefit your community if additional resources are passed. After you have completed the first set of questions, please click “Next” if you want to share a second bonus project with us. We look forward to your city's leadership in this national conversation!
The U.S. Department of the Treasury has a landing page for the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund.

The Treasury expects to provide technical assistance to mitigate administration burden.

For general questions about the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund, email SLFRP@treasury.gov

- Additional Resources on Guidance Coming Soon!
  - Receiving Funds
  - Eligible Uses
  - Allocations
  - Reporting Requirements
- FAQs
- Blogs
- ARPA Provisions Tracker

Tell NLC what kind of additional programming and resources will be useful for your municipal operations:
Covid-19 Economic Relief

Assistance for American Families & Workers
Learn More

Assistance for Small Businesses
Learn More

Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments
Learn More

Assistance for American Industry
Learn More

ABOUT THE ARP ACT
ABOUT THE CARES ACT
BEWARE COVID-19 SCAMS
COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL
PERSONAL FINANCE RESOURCES
TREASURY COVID-19 WORKPLACE SAFETY PLAN
RECEIVE UPDATES
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan will deliver $350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

FUNDING OBJECTIVES

Treasury is launching this much-needed relief to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
What Small Cities Need To Know to Access ARPA Local Relief Funds
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