



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

**“ZOOM” WEBINAR
DECEMBER 15, 2021
6:00 PM**

Hosted by the County of Fresno
Speakers: George Uc and John Thompson

*Para interpretación en español, utilice el
canal en español en Zoom*

Presentation Objectives

- ✓ Overview of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
- ✓ Potential eligible uses for ARPA funds
- ✓ Board Priorities and Guiding Principles
- ✓ ARPA Website
- ✓ Timeline
- ✓ Questions and Comments

Key ARPA Highlights

- ✓ On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) into law.
- ✓ ARPA created a \$1.9 trillion package intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health, and economic impacts.
- ✓ Established help to turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.
- ✓ Has some flexibility to help those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key ARPA Highlights

- ✓ Fresno County will receive **\$194,063,657** in Local Assistance Funding in two installments, spaced one year apart.
- ✓ Received 1st Tranche of funding on June 17th in the amount of **\$97,031,825**.
- ✓ Funds must be fully allocated by **December 31, 2024**.
- ✓ All funded projects activities must be complete; and funds expended by **December 31, 2026**.

ARPA Funding Categories

Category “A”



Support Public Health: Response Fund Covid-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.



Address Negative Economic Impacts: Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector.

Category “B”



Premium Pay for Essential Workers: Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors (up to \$13/hr increase with a cap not to exceed \$25k).

Category “C”



Replace Public Sector Revenue

Loss: Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.

Category “D”



Water and Sewer Infrastructure:

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and storm drain infrastructure.



Broadband: Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access.

Board Priorities

“Do it Right The First Time”

- ✓ Short-term projects with long-term impacts
- ✓ Focus on County assets (own vs. lease)
- ✓ Improve Efficiency / Longevity
- ✓ Technology (data sharing, business intelligence)
- ✓ Facility improvements
- ✓ Infrastructure Improvements (shovel-ready projects)

Guiding Principles

- ✓ One-Time Funding
- ✓ Nexus to Pandemic & Recovery
- ✓ Needs-Based/Data-Informed
- ✓ Maximize the Opportunity
- ✓ Avoid Duplication
- ✓ Prioritize Transformational Projects

County of Fresno's ARPA Website

www.fresnocountyca.gov/arpa



The screenshot shows the County of Fresno's ARPA website. At the top is a navigation bar with links for Employee Services, Newsroom, Employment, Contact Us, and Select Language. Below this is a header with the Fresno County logo and a menu with SERVICES, RESOURCES, DEPARTMENTS, and I WANT TO... The main content area features a banner for 'THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021' with five stars. Below the banner is a section for 'Upcoming Events' with two events: one on December 15, 2021, and another on December 22, 2021. Each event includes a link to a 'Statement of Interest Information' page. There are also links for 'ARPA Zoom Webinar Flyer (English)' and 'ARPA Zoom Webinar Flyer (Spanish)'. A red arrow points to the 'Community Survey' button at the bottom left. Another red arrow points to the 'Statement of Interest Information' button at the bottom right.

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Upcoming Events

- **December 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** : County of Fresno staff will host a Zoom webinar to announce the opening period for organizations to file their Statement of Interest forms for potential eligible project activities under the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARPA).
- **December 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** : County of Fresno staff will host a webinar on Zoom to organizations to Statement of Interest for potential eligible project activities under ARPA.

[ARPA Zoom Webinar Flyer \(English\)](#)

[ARPA Zoom Webinar Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

- o [Press release](#)
- o [Click here \(Statement of Interest Information\)](#) for more information.
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The **American Rescue Plan (ARP)** is a federal stimulus plan approved by the Congress of the United States and President Biden that provides \$350 billion of stimulus funding to State and Local Governments out of the \$1.9 trillion-dollar bill. The share expected to be received by Fresno County is approximately \$194 million. For more information about the American Rescue Plan, [click here](#).

Eligible Uses for ARP Funds:

1. **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
2. **Address negative economic impacts** caused by the public health emergency, including economic harm to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
3. **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
4. **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
5. **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

In addition to counties receiving funds from the American Rescue Plan, states, cities, tribes, and school districts will also be granted funds. For the U.S. Treasury website, [click here](#).

If you have questions or comments on the American Rescue Plan, you can contact the County via email at ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov

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Statement of Interest Webpage

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST INFORMATION

Starting Wednesday, December 15, 2021, the County of Fresno invites all organizations to express their interest in seeking potentially available ARPA funding through the completion and submittal of a "Statement of Interest" via email at ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov.

The submitted "Statement of Interest" documents will be compiled and categorized and provided to the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors in February 2021. At that time, the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors may elect to "earmark" a portion of ARPA funding for a formal competitive selection process, which, if funded, is anticipated to be open in mid-February and run through March, 2022. Once the competitive selection process is complete, recommended projects will be considered by the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors, anticipated in May, 2022. **Please note the "Statement of Interest" document is not an offer by the County for ARPA funding.** Additional details are included on the "Statement of Interest" document, please see links below.

- [Statement of Interest - Word Fillable \(English\)](#)
- [Statement of Interest - PDF print and fill out \(English\)](#)
- [Statement of Interest - Word Fillable \(Spanish\)](#) (Coming Soon)
- [Statement of Interest - PDF print and fill out \(Spanish\)](#) (Coming Soon)

Details on upcoming webinars

- **December 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** – County of Fresno staff will host a Zoom webinar to announce the opening period for organizations to submit "Statements of Interest" to the County of Fresno.
 - Time: Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 - Location: Zoom Webinar
<https://zoom.us/j/94927704749>

To participate by telephone dial:
US: +1 (669) 900-6833
or +1 (408) 638-0968

For English enter Webinar ID: 949 2770 4749
For Spanish enter Webinar ID: 980 5792 6564

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The "Statement of Interest" tab is your main access to:

✓ The fillable Statement of Interest form

✓ Zoom meeting information

7. Does your organization reside in or serve a Qualified Census Tract? (A Qualified Census Tract (QCT) is any census tract (or equivalent geographic area defined by the Census Bureau) in which at least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI). HUD has defined 60% of AMGI as 120% of HUD's Very Low-Income Limits (VLILs), which are based on 50% of area median family income, adjusted for high cost and low-income areas.)

YES
☐

NO
☐

If yes, please explain:

8. Which category or categories will this project activity benefit? (Select from below)

☐ Negative Economic Impact

☐ Public Health

☐ Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

☐ Broadband

☐ Water

☐ Sewer

☐ Other _____

ORGANIZATION'S FUNDING

9. Provide a proposed budget and timeline for this project activity, include all sources of obtained and potential funding. Please indicate whether each funding source has been obtained, or is potential.

ORGANIZATION'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that all answers on behalf of the organization identified in this Statement of Interest are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Important Note: The Statement of Interest is not an offer by the County of ARPA funding and does not commit the County to grant any amount of ARPA funding to any type of recipient or for any type of project activity.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

December 10, 2021:

Press Release: Invitation for organizations to submit “Statement of Interest” to County of Fresno

December 15, 2021:

Open “Statement of Interest” period to solicit potential eligible project activities under ARPA

January 10, 2022:

Preliminary compilation of submitted Statements of Interests

January 28, 2022:

Final compilation of submitted Statements of Interests

February 1, 2022:

Board of Supervisors presentation on internal projects and submitted Statements of Interest

Feb. – April, 2022:

Open application period for external projects

May, 2022:

Board of Supervisors presentation and consideration of applications received



Questions / Comments

Contact Information

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