

ARPA Municipal Project Selection

Eligible Uses

- **RESPOND TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:** Local relief grants to households and businesses impacted by COVID-19; Support for testing; Actions that improve efficiency of future disaster response, such as parcel mapping, digitization of records, cyber-security, updating HVAC at buildings where the public congregate, and equipment to allow remote public meetings.
- **PROVIDE PREMIUM PAY:** Additional support for “essential workers” who have the greatest health risks. Federal guidance outlines eligible sectors/workers.
- **REVENUE REPLACEMENT:** Based on a uniform formula. Funds dedicated to “revenue replacement” can then be used for general government purposes. A calculator is available for communities that use NEMRC.
- **WATER AND SEWER:** ARPA funds may be used for any activity considered eligible for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; Stormwater and culvert upgrades; energy efficiency and renewable energy generation at treatment plans; Assistance to property owners with failing wastewater systems and wells.
- **BROADBAND:** Includes certain thresholds for speed and affordability.



Infrastructure Projects

Eligible Projects

- Water and sewer
- Broadband investments
- or above the amount allocated under the revenue loss provision are eligible

Ineligible Projects

- Match to other federal programs
- Pensions
- Infrastructure not directly addressed by ARPA
- Rainy day funds, Debt, Financial reserves

The Process

- Be Patient; Funds must be obligated by 2024, and expended by 2026
- Review municipal priorities and programs
- Consult citizens; Use public process to prioritize project ideas. Funding can be distributed to non-profits performing eligible projects to benefit the community
- Make sure to exclude ineligible uses
- Leverage other funding sources; Federal or State programs may be able to provide funding for municipal projects
- LCPC is here to support municipalities, for questions contact seth@lcpvt.org

