



# **The American Rescue Plan Act**

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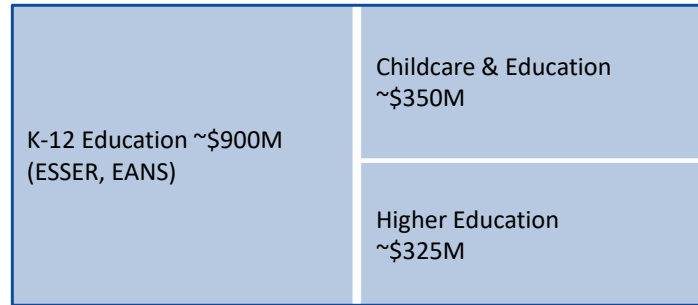
**League of Kansas Municipalities**

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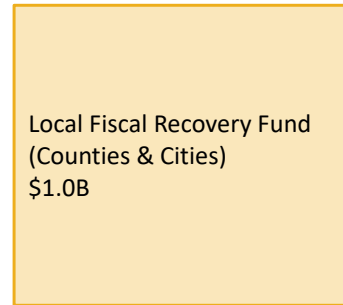
# Kansas received \$8.6B from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Direct Payments<sup>1</sup> (e.g., economic impact payments) ~\$3B+

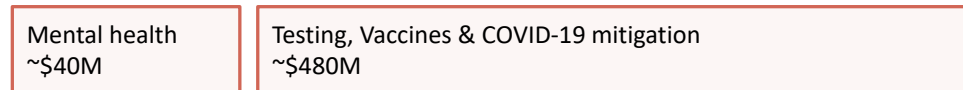
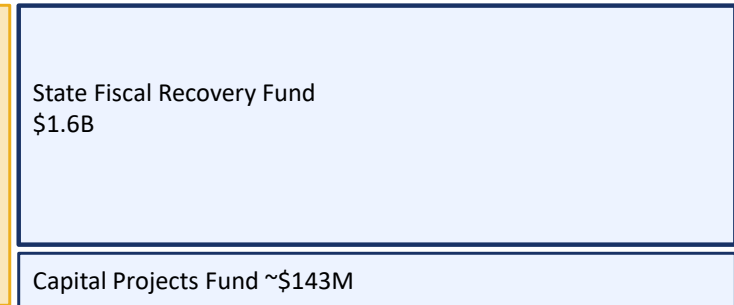
## Education and Childcare ~\$1.6B



## Local ~\$1.0B



## State ~\$1.6B



## Health ~\$520M



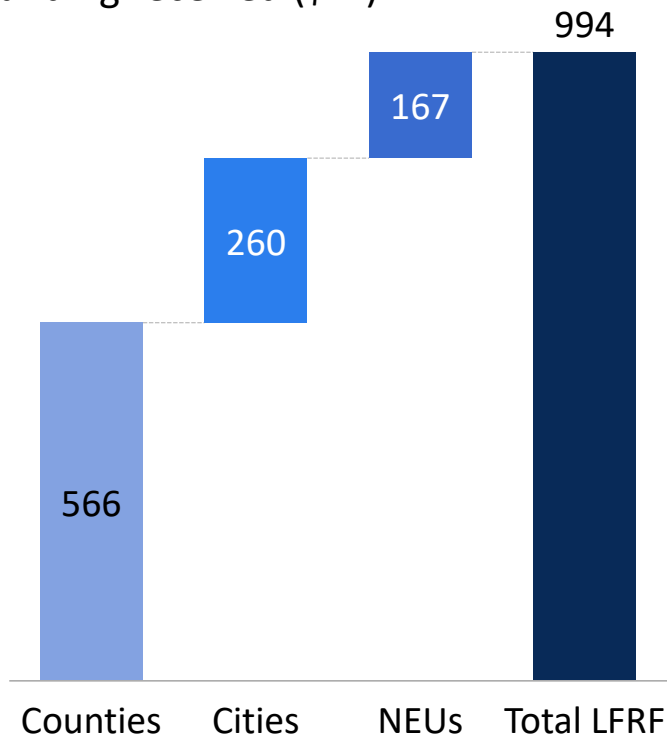
## Housing and Economic Revitalization ~\$287M

1. Direct Payments estimate includes only Economic Impact Payments (~\$3.3B est. to KS); additional aid expected through Child Tax Credit (~\$1-2B est. to KS; 652,000 children will receive credit), UI Benefits (\$ TBD); Food Insecurity (~\$23M est. to KS) includes increased SNAP benefits to Sep. 30 and WIC vouchers for 4 months; Small Business Relief (~\$450-850M+ est. to KS pro rata) through competitive grant programs (e.g., PPP, Restaurant Revitalization Fund, Shuttered Venue Operator Grants) Source: American Rescue Plan Act (H.R. 1319), Government Financial Officers Association



## ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF)

Funding received (\$M)



### Distribution of Funds

- Cities & Counties: Treasury sends funds directly
- NEUs<sup>1</sup>: Treasury sends funds to the State, which is required to distribute funds to NEUs as a pass-through
- Funds are released by Treasury in two tranches 1 year apart

### Calculation of funds

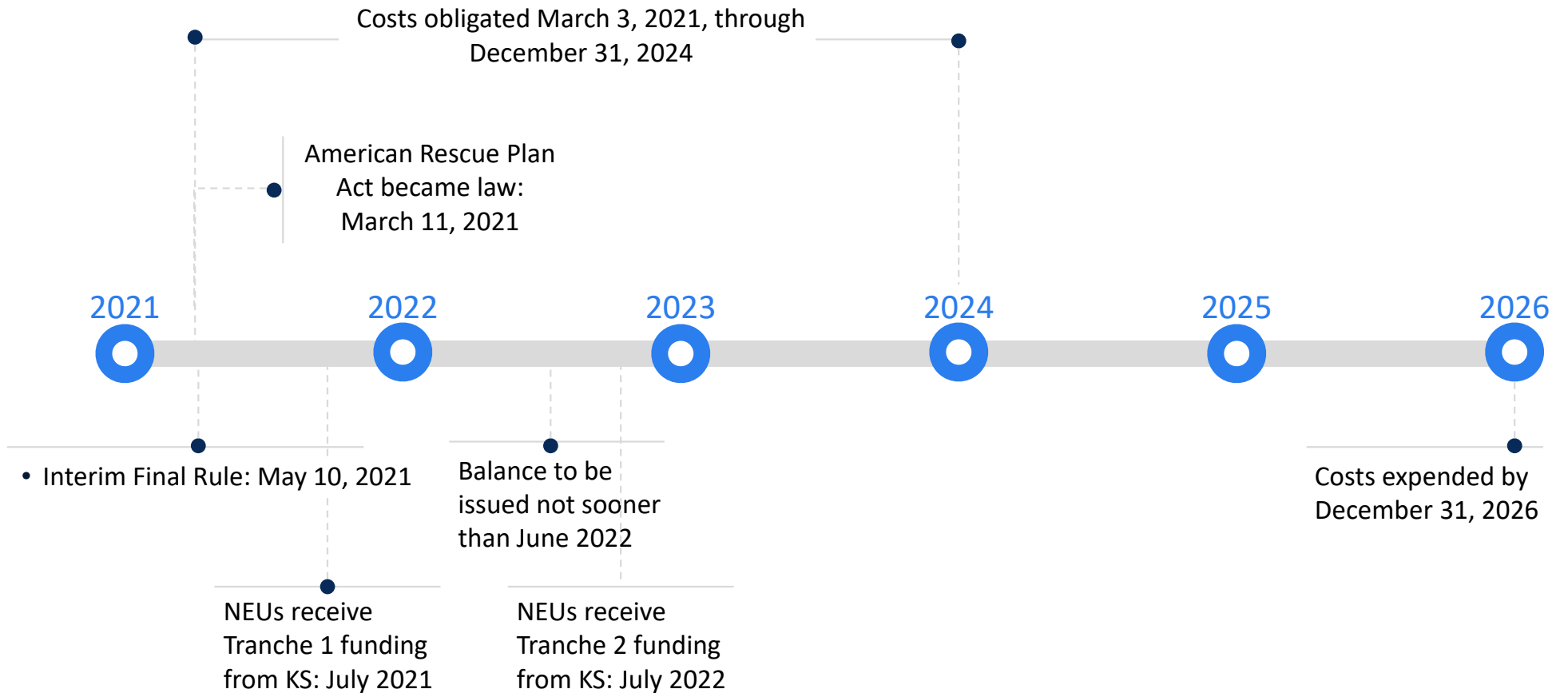
Awarded dollars are based on local government's relative population and capped at 75% of their annual budget<sup>2</sup>

### Allowability

SFRF and LFRF have the same allowability guidance except Local Governments are allowed to spend funds to directly or indirectly offset reduction in net tax revenue

1. Non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs), defined in section 603(g)(5) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, are local governments typically serving populations of less than 50,000. NEUs include cities, villages, towns, townships, or other types of local governments; 2. Funds awarded is based on the population the NEU bears relative to the total population of all NEUs in the state and capped at 75% of their annual budget. Source: U.S. Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

# Timeline for State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund



# Updated guidance for State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

## Eligible uses

- 1 Respond to the **public health emergency** with respect to COVID-19 or its negative **economic impacts**
- 2 **Provide premium pay<sup>1</sup>** for public employees doing essential work or provide grants to eligible employers
- 3 **Provide government services** to the extent of reduction in revenue due to COVID-19 relative to revenues collected in most recent full fiscal year
- 4 Make **necessary investments** in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

1. Up to \$13 per hour—premium amount may not exceed \$25,000 with respect to any single eligible worker

## Next Steps

### Receiving funds:

- Review [Treasury Guidance](#)

### Managing funds:

- Calculate [revenue loss](#) (if applicable)
- Conduct [needs assessments](#) – identify programmatic needs
  - Crosswalk programmatic needs with Treasury guidance
- Identify or establish [organizational structure to administer funds](#)
  - Including items such as internal controls, file retention, and process/policy documentation

### Contact the League, Recovery Office:

- Visit [inquiry form](#) for [any questions](#), updating [contact info](#), and signing up for the [Recovery Office newsletter](#)
- Attend [Upcoming Webinars](#)
- Utilize additional resources from the Office of Recovery

# Resources



<https://www.nlc.org/resource/local-fiscal-recovery-funds-playbook/>

# Resources

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**Bloomberg Cities  
Network**



## **COVID-19 Federal Assistance e311**

A collaboration between Bloomberg Philanthropies and the U.S. Conference of Mayors helping cities identify, obtain, and retain federal funding for COVID recovery and response efforts.

<https://bloombergcities.jhu.edu/program/e311>



# Resources

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## **FAQs on Taxability & Reporting of Payments From Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/frequently-asked-questions-for-states-and-local-governments-on-taxability-and-reporting-of-payments-from-coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

# Resources

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## Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP)

- Details: The Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP) provides payments to restore or prevent disconnection of drinking water and wastewater services
- Eligible Kansas households are those with a combined gross income equal to or less than 150 percent of Federal Poverty Level
- Funding available: \$9 million
- Department of Children & Families, not the water vendor, will accept applications from households beginning Dec. 1

# Upcoming...

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**UFC**  
**FIGHT NIGHT**

**HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT**

Ethics  
&  
Civility

Wednesday, 12/8  
6-9PM

**John Goodyear**  
Staff Attorney

**Erik Sartorius**  
Executive Director

The graphic features two headshots of men in suits. The man on the left is John Goodyear, Staff Attorney, and the man on the right is Erik Sartorius, Executive Director. The background is a dark blue and red pattern with the UFC Fight Night logo and event details.



Questions

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# Appendix

# Treasury Resources

- Interim Final Rule - <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2021-10283.pdf>
- Fact Sheet - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf>
- Frequent Asked Questions - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>
- Quick Reference Guide - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Quick-Reference-Guide-FINAL-508a.pdf>
- Allocation for Metropolitan Cities - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds-metrocitiesfunding1-508A.pdf>

# Treasury NEU Resources

- Guidance on Distribution of Funds to Non-entitlement Units of Local Government - [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU\\_Guidance.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU_Guidance.pdf)
- List of Local Governments – [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/List\\_of\\_Local\\_Government\\_s.xlsx](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/List_of_Local_Government_s.xlsx)
- Non-entitlement Unit of Local Government Definitional and Data Methodology - [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU\\_Methodology.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU_Methodology.pdf)
- Non-entitlement Unit of Local Government Checklist for Requesting Initial Payment – [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU\\_Checklist\\_for\\_Reqesting\\_Initial\\_Payment.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU_Checklist_for_Reqesting_Initial_Payment.pdf)
- Award Terms and Conditions for Non-entitlement Units of Local Government – [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU\\_Award\\_Terms\\_and\\_Conditions.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU_Award_Terms_and_Conditions.pdf)
- Assurances of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Title\\_VI\\_Assurances.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Title_VI_Assurances.pdf)
- DUNs - Data Universal Numbering System <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/>
- System for Award Management - <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- NEU Methodology - [https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU\\_Methodology.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU_Methodology.pdf)

# Federal requirement resources

## Useful Websites for Federal requirements

- eCFR.gov and new beta site  
<https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/>
  - Federal regulation text in searchable platform
- SAM.gov
  - Assistance Listing Federal requirements and waivers
  - Exclusion Search
- OFAC “Sanctions List Search”:  
<https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
- USASpending.gov  
<https://www.usaspending.gov/search/>
  - Federal Assistance Identification Number (FAIN) lookup

The image is a composite of three website screenshots. At the top right is the e-CFR logo, which includes the text 'e-CFR' in a stylized font and 'Electronic Code of Federal Regulations' below it. The middle section shows the SAM.GOV website interface, titled 'The Official U.S. Government System for:'. It lists several services: 'Contract Opportunities (was fbo.gov)', 'Contract Data (Reports ONLY from fpds.gov)', 'Wage Determinations (was wdol.gov)', 'Federal Hierarchy (Departments and Subtiers)', 'Assistance Listings (was cfda.gov)', 'Entity Registration (Including Disaster Response Registry)', 'Entity Reporting (SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting)', and 'Exclusions'. Red arrows point to 'Assistance Listings' and 'Exclusions'. The bottom section shows the OFAC Sanctions List Search interface, featuring the OFAC logo (Office of Foreign Assets Control) and the text 'Sanctions List Search'. The USASpending.gov logo is also visible at the bottom left of the composite image.