

The American Rescue Plan Act

Key Overview

1. It's a lot of money:

- a. Statewide it is probably over \$3 billion
- b. There is much we don't know, and things are changing daily

2. About \$1 billion goes to Vermonters directly.

- a. Tax reductions
 - i. 30% increase in EITC
 - ii. First \$10,000 of UI not taxable federally (may be extended to Vermont at \$11 million cost)
 - iii. Increased child care tax credit payable monthly \$250/\$300 phase out at \$75,000/\$150,000
- b. Aid to businesses
 - i. Restaurants and others mostly directly through feds
 - ii. Family leave credits through September 30, 2021
 - iii. Paycheck protection
 - iv. Employee Retention Credits
 - v. Shuttered venue grants
 - vi. *\$86 billion to support approximately 185 failing multi-employer pension plans.*
 - vii. \$10.4 billion to support agriculture, including supply chain/debt relief, grants, training,
- c. Other individual
 - i. Checks: \$1400/\$2800 phase out \$75,000/\$150,000
 - ii. Unemployment supplement \$300,000
 - iii. Premium assistance for health insurance through September 6th
 - iv. Funds for SNAP/ LIHEAP

3. Including December funds, about \$568M Funding for Local Government and Schools, Higher Ed.

- a. **No state role however Senate proposing technical assistance in use of funds**
- b. Towns & municipalities \$19, \$57 and \$121m = \$197M
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 - 1. Burlington \$19,080,000
 - 2. Calais \$160,000
 - 3. Newport City \$420,000
 - 4. Newport town \$290,000
 - 5. Orwell Town \$120,000
 - 6. Royalton \$280,000
 - ii. Schools/LEAS State Agency 10% set aside
 - iii. ESSER 2 \$114M \$12.7m
 - iv. ESSER 3 \$257M \$28.5m

4. State Funds Context thoughts

- a. **Varies from CRF in several key ways**
 - i. **Regulations:** Like CRF regulations may be delayed
 - ii. CRF regs changed through late Fall
 - iii. With ARPA federal leadership just coming on Could be quicker or slower

- b. **Availability Timing:** CRF was 6 months - State and local funds until December 2024 (3.5 years) School funds September 2023 (2.4 months)
- c. **Arrival** some now, most May-June?
- d. **Phase of Pandemic** – CRF was early crises funding this is recovery
- e. **Unlike one large state CRF, the allocations are a mix**
 - i. **\$1.052B State Relief Fund**
 - ii. **\$.113 B Capital Funds**
 - iii. **\$.152 B (in addition to \$200m already received)**
 - iv. **\$.040 B Mortgage relief funds,**
 - v. **Child Care funds/more FMAP (list attached)**

State Funding:

- a. **SEC. 602. CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND**
 +/- \$1.0524 billion; Received not later than 60 days after state submits application +/- May 15-25th Available *through December 2024*

(1) Use of funds.--Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraph (3), a State, territory, or Tribal

government shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section, or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4), to cover costs incurred by the State, territory, or Tribal government, by December 31, 2024—

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal

government prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

(2) Further restriction on use of funds.--

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“(A) In general.--A State or territory shall not use the funds provided under this section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such State or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax (by providing for a reduction in a rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit, or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.

(B) Pension funds. -No State or territory may use funds made available under this section for deposit into any pension fund

FISCAL RECOVERY, AND CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

+/- \$113.4 million *no time limit A process for distribution to be established 60 days after passage*

to remain available until expended, for making payments to States, territories, and Tribal governments to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease”

Resource Estimates:

The first page are the programs that FFIS has a state specific estimate for. The next page are programs that are funded but FFIS does not provide a state specific estimate

Estimated State Funding in the
American Rescue Plan
(\$ in thousands)

last updated March 30, 2021

Dept	Type	Program	(\$,000s)	
			Vermont	Time Constraints on Use
Dept. of the Treasury	State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	State Fiscal Relief Fund*	\$1,052,431	May be used for expenses incurred thru Dec 31, 2024
		Local Fiscal Relief Fund*	\$197,569	
		Capital Projects*	\$113,396	
		Emergency Rental Assistance (State total)	\$152,000	Unpaid funds redistributed starting on 3/31/2022
Dept. of Education		Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools	\$2,628	Available through 9/30/2023
		Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	\$65,132	Available through 9/30/2023
	IDEA	Grants to States	\$6,724	Not specified
	IDEA	Preschool	\$462	Not specified
	IDEA	Infants & Toddlers	\$1,223	Not specified
Dept. of Health & Human Services	Administration for Children and Families	Child Care and Development Block Grant*	\$18,387	Obligated by 9/30/2023
		Child Care Stabilization Grants*	\$29,408	Available through 9/30/2021
		Child Care Entitlement to States (Increase in Matching Portion)*	\$797	Obligated by 9/30/2021
		Head Start*	\$1,704	Available through 9/30/2022
		Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program*	\$25,712	Available through 9/30/2022
		Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention*	\$381	Available through 9/30/2023
		Child Abuse State Grants	\$202	Available through 9/30/2023
	Administration for Community Living	Supportive Services	\$2,300	Available until expended
		Congregate and Home Delivered Meals	\$3,750	Available until expended
		Preventive Services	\$220	Available until expended
		Family Caregiver	\$725	Available until expended
		Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman	\$50	Available until expended
	SAMHSA	Mental Health Block Grant*	\$2,783	Spent by 9/30/2025
		Substance Abuse Block Grant*	\$5,479	Spent by 9/30/2025
	Dept. of Agriculture	Food and Nutrition Service	WIC Cash Value Vouchers Increase	\$972
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 3-year State Admin			\$1,694	Available until Sep. 30, 2023
Dept. of Homeland Security	FEMA	Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$862	Available through 9/30/2025
		Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$659	Available through 9/30/2025
		National Endowment for the Arts - State Arts Agencies	\$757	None
		National Endowment for the Humanities - State Councils	\$725	None
		TOTAL		\$1,689,132
Treasury		\$1,400 Direct Payments	\$731,749	Vermont

Department	Program	Previously Enacted	P.L. 116-260	American Rescue Plan
USDA	Rural Broadband ReConnect	\$100	50	50
USDA	Distance learning and telemedicine	25	0	0
USDA	Support for Farm Stress Programs	0	28	0
USDA	Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach	0	75	0
USDA	Dairy Donation Program	0	400	0
USDA	Local Agriculture Market Program	0	100	0
USDA	Specialty Crop	0	100	0
USDA	Emergency Grants for Rural Health Care	0	0	500
USDA (FNS)	SNAP Contingency Reserve	15,510	0	0
USDA (FNS)	SNAP 1/	0	See note	0
USDA (FNS)	SNAP state administration	0	100	1,135
USDA (FNS)	SNAP online purchasing and technology improvements	0	0	25
USDA (FNS)	Child nutrition 1/	8,800	See note	0
USDA (FNS)	Emergency Food Program (TEFAP)	850	400	0
USDA (FNS)	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Women, Infants, Children (WIC)	500	0	0
USDA (FNS)	WIC cash value voucher increase	0	0	490
USDA (FNS)	WIC program modernization	0	0	390
USDA (FNS)	Nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico, territories	300	614	1,000
USDA (FNS)	Commodity Supplemental Food Program	0	13	37
USDA (FNS)	Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grants	0	75	0
Commerce	Economic Development Assistance programs	1,500	0	3,000
Commerce	Assistance to Fishery Participants	300	300	0
Commerce	Hollings Manufacturing Extension Program	50	0	0
Commerce	Connectivity Grants to Minority-serving Institutions	0	285	0
Commerce	Broadband Infrastructure Program	0	300	0
DOJ	Byrne Justice Assistance Grants	850	0	0
DHS	Disaster Relief Fund 2/	45,000	2,000	50,000
DHS	Emergency Food and Shelter Program	200	0	400
DHS	Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Humanitarian Relief	0	0	110
DHS	Assistance to Firefighter Grants	100	0	100
DHS	Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants	0	0	200
DHS	Emergency Management Performance Grants	100	0	100
FCC	Emergency Connectivity Fund (schools/libraries)	0	0	7,171
FCC	Emergency Broadband Connectivity Fund (households)	0	3,200	0
FCC	COVID-19 Telehealth Program	200	250	0
Independent Agencies	Election Security Grants	400	0	0
Independent Agencies	National Endowment for the Arts	75	0	135
Independent Agencies	National Endowment for the Humanities	75	0	135
Independent Agencies	Institute of Museum and Library Services	50	0	200
Independent Agencies	Community Navigator Pilot Program	0	0	100
Independent Agencies	State Commissions on National and Community Service	0	19	20
Independent Agencies	Volunteer Generation Fund	0	6	20
Interior	Assistance to Territories	55	0	0
Interior	Water and Related Resources	13	0	0
DOL	UI Fraud Prevention, Equitable Access, and Timely Payment Fund	0	0	2,000
DOL	UI administration	1,000	0	0
DOL	Grants to establish or improve short-time compensation programs	100	0	0
DOL	WIOA - Dislocated Workers Assistance National Reserve	345	0	0
ED	Education Stabilization Fund	30,750	81,880	165,959
ED	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	0	0	3,030
ED	Project SERV 6/	100	0	0
HHS (CDC)	Grants to states, localities, and tribes	2,450	0	0
HHS (CDC)	Grants to states, localities, tribes for testing 3/	11,000	22,400	47,800
HHS (CDC)	Grants to states, localities, and tribes for vaccines 4/	0	4,500	7,500
HHS (CDC)	Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Reserve Fund	600	0	0

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HHS (CDC)	Surveillance, epidemiology, analytics infrastructure, contact tracing	1,500	0	0
HHS (CDC)	Genomic Sequencing and Surveillance	0	0	1,750
HHS (CMS)	Health Insurance Exchange Modernization (State-based Marketplaces)	0	0	20
HHS (CMS)	Medicaid Community-Basis Mobile Crisis Intervention (Planning Grants)	0	0	15
HHS (CMS)	Survey and Certification	100	0	0
HHS (CMS)	State Nursing Home Strike Teams	0	0	500
HHS	Provider Relief Fund	175,000	3,000	8,500
HHS	Hospital Preparedness Program	250	0	0
HHS (ACF)	Child Care and Development Block Grant	3,500	10,000	14,990
HHS (ACF)	Child Care Entitlements to States 5/	0	0	633
HHS (ACF)	Child Care Stabilization Fund	0	0	23,975
HHS (ACF)	Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood	0	350	0
HHS (ACF)	Chafee Education and Training Vouchers	0	50	0
HHS (ACF)	Promoting Safe and Stable Families	0	85	0
HHS (ACF)	Community Services Block Grant	1,000	0	0
HHS (ACF)	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	900	0	4,500
HHS (ACF)	Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Energy Assistance	0	638	500
HHS (ACF)	Head Start	750	250	1,000
HHS (ACF)	Family Violence Prevention and Services	45	0	446
HHS (ACF)	Child Welfare Services	45	0	0
HHS (ACF)	Runaway and Homeless Youth	25	0	0
HHS (ACF)	Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention	0	0	250
HHS (ACF)	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment State Grants	0	0	100
HHS (ACF)	Pandemic Emergency Assistance	0	0	1,000
HHS (ACL)	Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals	720	168	750
HHS (ACL)	Elder Justice Programs	0	100	276
HHS (ACL)	Home and Community-Based Supportive Services	200	0	460
HHS (ACL)	Family Caregivers	100	0	145
HHS (ACL)	Centers for Independent Living	85	0	0
HHS (ACL)	Aging and Disability Resource Centers	50	0	0
HHS (ACL)	Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans	20	0	10
HHS (ACL)	Preventive Services	0	0	44
HHS (SAMHSA)	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinical Expansion Grant Program	250	600	420
HHS (SAMHSA)	Emergency Response Activities	100	240	0
HHS (SAMHSA)	Suicide Prevention Programs	50	50	20
HHS (SAMHSA)	Mental Health Block Grant	0	1,650	1,500
HHS (SAMHSA)	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	0	1,650	1,500
HHS (SAMHSA)	National Child Traumatic Stress Network	0	10	10
HHS (SAMHSA)	Community-based Funding for Local Substance Use Disorder Services	0	0	30
HHS (SAMHSA)	Community-based Funding for Local Behavioral Health Needs	0	0	50
HHS (SAMHSA)	Project Aware	0	50	30
HHS (HRSA)	Community Health Centers	2,020	0	7,600
HHS (HRSA)	Rural Health Clinics	225	0	0
HHS (HRSA)	Public Health Workforce	0	0	7,660
HHS (HRSA)	National Health Service Corps	0	0	800
HHS (HRSA)	Nurse Corps	0	0	200
HHS (HRSA)	Teaching Health Centers - Graduate Medical Education	0	0	330
HHS (HRSA)	Mental and Behavioral Health Training (Health Care Professionals)	0	0	80
HHS (HRSA)	Grants for Health Care Providers to Promote Mental and Behavioral Health	0	0	40
HHS (HRSA)	Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training	0	0	100
HHS (HRSA)	Pediatric Mental Health Care Access	0	0	80
HHS (HRSA)	Telehealth and Rural Health	180	0	0
HHS (HRSA)	Ryan White HIV/AIDS	90	0	0
HHS (HRSA)	Poison Control Centers	5	0	0
HHS (HRSA)	Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	0	0	150
HHS (HRSA)	Family Planning	0	0	50
DOT	Transit Infrastructure Grants	25,000	14,000	30,461
DOT	Grants-in-Aid to Airports	10,000	2,000	8,000
DOT	Highways	0	10,000	0

Department	Program	Previously Enacted	P.L. 116-260	American Rescue Plan
HUD	Community Development Block Grant	5,000	0	0
HUD	Emergency Solutions Grants	4,000	0	0
HUD	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	1,250	0	5,000
HUD	Project-Based Rental Assistance	1,000	0	0
HUD	Public Housing Operating Fund	685	0	0
HUD	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	65	0	0
HUD	Housing for the Elderly	50	0	0
HUD	Housing for Persons with Disabilities	15	0	0
HUD	Fair Housing Activities	3	0	20
HUD	Housing Counseling	0	0	100
HUD	HOME Investment Partnerships Program	0	0	5,000
Treasury	Coronavirus Relief Fund/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	150,000	0	350,000
Treasury	Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund	0	0	10,000
Treasury	Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	0	0	2,000
Treasury	Emergency Rental Assistance	0	25,000	21,550
Treasury	Homeowner Assistance Fund	0	0	9,961
Treasury	State Small Business Credit Initiative	0	0	10,000
EPA	Environmental justice grants	0	0	50
EPA	Air pollution grants and activities	0	0	50
VA	State Homes	150	100	750
TOTAL		\$505,825	\$187,036	\$804,202

1/ Funding in P.L. 116-260 is provided as necessary to cover increases specified in legislation.

2/ Funding for the Disaster Relief Fund in P.L. 116-260 is for funeral expenses. The American Rescue Plan permits new funding to cover these

3/ The American Rescue Plan figure for testing includes national activities and grants to state and local governments, territories.

4/ The American Rescue Plan figure for vaccines includes national activities and grants to state and local governments, tribes, and territories.

5/ The American Rescue Plan figure reflects the increase from the existing \$2.917 billion appropriation for Child Care Entitlement to States, beginning in FY 2021. The amount shown is for one year, but the increase is ongoing.

6/ Funding for Project SERV was redirected to other education programs in P.L. 116-260.

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