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American Rescue Plan Act

COVID-19 FUNDING FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

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Types of Funding in ARPA

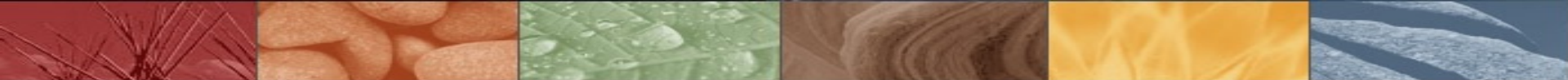
- **Funds for individuals**
- **Funds for governments**
- **Funds for agencies**
 - **supplemental appropriations**
 - **One-time grants/new funding**



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Funds for Governments


- **Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (\$20B)**
- **Permissible Uses**
 - Respond to the public health emergency or its negative impacts (individual assistance, business assistance, etc.)
 - Respond to workers performing essential duties
 - Maintaining government services if revenues have gone down
 - Investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure
- **Funding**
 - \$1B allocated equally
 - \$19B allocated by Treasury formula
- **Payments due within 60 days (May 10th)**



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Funds for Governments Continued


- **Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (\$100M)**
 - Carry out capital projects to enable work, education and health monitoring in response to COVID
 - Grant application necessary
 - Minimum distribution: \$50,000 per Tribe, shares distributed equally
- **Tribal Consistency Fund (\$500M)**
 - Payments in 2022 and 2023 for any governmental purpose
 - Depends on economic condition of Tribe



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Funds for Agencies


- **IHS: \$6.1B**
- **BIA: \$900M**
- **BIE: \$850M**
- **Housing: \$750M**
 - **\$455M for Native American Housing Block Grant programs**
 - **\$280M for ICDBG**
 - **5% set aside of \$9.9B homeowner assistance fund**
- **Emergency TANF: 7.5% set aside of \$1B fund**
- **Child Care Fund: 1-2% set aside of \$3.5B fund**



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Funds for Agencies

- **HRSA: \$80M for burnout and mental health for health care providers**
- **HHS:**
 - **8.5M for Provider Relief Fund for rural providers**
 - **\$15M to improve access to clean drinking water**
- **ACF/Head Start: \$1B for one-time supplemental grants**
- **FCC: \$7.2B emergency connectivity fund**
- **HHS/ANA: \$20M for Native American language preservation grants**



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Program Guidance

- **Statutory purposes**
- **For Treasury funds, coming soon**
- **Award document**

- **Carefully check allowable uses of funds**
 - **Enforcement actions**



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Reporting Requirements


- **CARES Act funds: quarterly reporting**
 - Likely to see again
- **May be different for various types of funds**
- **Audit requirements**



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Things to Watch For


- **Scammers and frauds**
 - **Never heard of person/company before**
 - **No references**
 - **No work history/relevant experience**
 - **Trusted partners are suspicious**
- **Be suspicious of sending money in advance of receiving goods/services**



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