

Dept. of Revenue: Second payment of ARPA Coronavirus relief funding, totaling over \$205 million, distributed to more than 1,800 communities

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MADISON— The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR), in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), and on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), distributed the second tranche payment of American Rescue Plan Act - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA-SLFRF) to Wisconsin non-entitlement units (NEUs) of government today.

A total of 1,824 Wisconsin NEUs are receiving a second payment of ARPA-SLFRF funding. The collaboration effort between DOA and DOR results in a distribution of over \$205 million in relief funds to local governments in Wisconsin.

“I am extremely proud of the efforts of our staff to ensure every local unit of government was contacted and made fully aware of the funding available to them. As a result, 99.8% of Wisconsin’s towns, villages and cities decided to accept and have now received this funding for their communities,” said Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca. This is a remarkable achievement, and the Towns Association and League of Municipalities, who have been excellent partners with us, deserve enormous credit.

NEUs are typically Wisconsin towns, villages and cities with a population under 50,000. Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, NEUs could apply for relief funding last year. The payments were to be distributed in two allocations; 50% was

distributed in 2021, and the remaining portion was allocated today.

Local governments are authorized to use their relief funds to:

- Support public health expenditures
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
- **Note:** Local governments can use up to \$10 million (not more than their award amount) for government services

Find out more

- Allowable uses of the ARPA funds are listed in full on the [Treasury's frequently asked questions page](#)
- DOR's [ARPA - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) web page has more information and links to payment details