



NOTICE

Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Information, resources, and determining project eligibility

On March 11, 2021, the 117th United States Congress passed a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill and was signed into law by President Joe Biden to speed up the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. This stimulus bill created the [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#) which will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

Managed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, these ARPA funds provide substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. **These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.**

The intent of this notice is to assist communities with their efforts to determine project eligibility. Such as, would a project qualify for the [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\)](#). While OHA can determine a project's eligibility for the DWSRF, **preapprovals or final determinations for ARPA project eligibility is made by the ARPA recipient and not by the State of Oregon or by the Treasury Department, per Treasury's FAQs – section 6.7 (p.29).**

Resources regarding ARPA requirements and guidance for the allowed use of awards and required reporting include:

- U.S. Department of Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds website: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>
- Interim Final Rule: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>
- Compliance and Reporting Guidance: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>