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STATE & LOCAL FUNDING SUMMARY

American Rescue Plan (ARPA) – (\$10B) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) & (\$350B) Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CFRF)

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The coronavirus pandemic revealed and continues to reinforce the need for connectivity. While millions of Americans rely on the Internet to participate in critical activities and access basic services, others remain unable to fully access the Internet. Many living in rural areas, territories, and Tribal lands lack the necessary infrastructure to connect with others online. Some rural and urban areas with connections may still lack sufficient technology for functional use. Furthermore, access may be out of reach because of the unaffordable costs of Internet service, **equipment, devices**, or skills training.

The \$10 Billion Capital Projects Fund provides funding to states, territories, and Tribal governments for critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The focus of the Capital Projects Fund is on the continuing need for connectivity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic **complements** the broader range of uses, including for broadband infrastructure, of the American Rescue Plan's separate \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Capital projects include investments in depreciable assets and the ancillary costs needed to put the capital assets in use. All projects must demonstrate that they meet the critical connectivity needs highlighted and amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW TO APPLY:

Eligible applicants will be required to provide a plan describing how they intend to use allocated funds under the Capital Projects Fund consistent with the American Rescue Plan and guidance to be issued by Treasury. Treasury will begin to accept applications for review in the summer of 2021; *no guidance is available at this time but is expected to be published soon.*

UNDERSTANDING THE OPPORTUNITY:

The \$10 Billion under the Capital Projects Fund pales in comparison to the \$350 Billion provided the State and Local Recovery Funds (CFRF). However, The Capital Projects Funds is meant specifically to fund CapEx, device-centric projects.

ARPA – Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CFRF)

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CFRF) funding provides \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. ARPA & CFRF provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

This funding is intended to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 **response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus** and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Address systemic **public health and economic challenges** that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery 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.

HOW TO APPLY:

Eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county, and Tribal governments may now request their allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the Treasury Submission [Portal](#).

FUNDING AMOUNTS:

Congress has allocated Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to tens of thousands of eligible State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal governments. These allocations include:

- States & D.C. -- \$195.3 Billion
- Counties -- \$65.1 Billion
- Metropolitan Cities -- \$45.6 Billion
- Tribal Governments -- \$20 Billion
- Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government -- \$19.5 Billion

An Excel document appends this document and provides detailed allocations by recipient.

DISTRIBUTION TIMING/PROCESS:

- The U.S. Treasury will distribute funds directly to eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county, and Tribal governments.
- Non-entitlement units (generally populations of less than 50,000) should expect to receive this funding through their applicable state government. Non-entitlement units cannot receive this funding directly from Treasury and should not request funding through the Treasury Submission Portal. Further guidance on distributions to non-entitlement units should be published shortly.
- Tribal Governments will receive their allocation amounts after submitting requests for funding in the Treasury Submission Portal.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

- Local governments will receive funds in two tranches, with 50% provided beginning in May 2021 and the balance delivered approximately 12 months later.
- States that have experienced a net increase in the unemployment rate of more than 2 percentage points from February 2020 to the latest available data as of the date of certification will receive their full allocation of funds in a single payment; other states will receive funds in two equal tranches.
- Governments of U.S. territories will receive a single payment.
- Tribal governments will receive two payments, with the first payment available in May 2021 and the second payment, based on employment data, to be delivered in June 2021.

USE OF FUNDS:

CRF Funding recipients may use these funds to:

- Support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding **COVID-19 mitigation efforts**, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harm to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.
- Within these overall categories, **recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.**

ARUBA CAN HELP BY PROVIDING:

Aruba can support by providing the following solutions:

- Always-on wireless and wired solutions that are secure, easy to deploy, and cloud managed (Aruba Central).
- Providing secure work from home solutions to enable a productive and safe workforce (Remote Access Points, VIA, Aruba ClearPass)
- Supporting telemedicine/telepsychiatry delivery by providers to expand access to care, while minimizing face-to-face contact (Remote Access Points, VIA, Aruba ClearPass)
- Enabling rapid deployment of pop-up sites to meet community needs (SD-Branch, WLAN, Wired, SD-WAN)
- Using AI-driven insights and management that helps improve operations and stay ahead of issues, reducing the need for on-site IT support (Aruba Central, Aruba User Experience (UXI))
- Integrating with Third party IoT and sensors to support smart building and energy efficiencies. (WLAN, Meridian)

UNDERSTANDING THE OPPORTUNITY:

The \$350 Billion provided through State and Local Recovery Funds (CFRF) provides broad flexibility, allowing recipients to use the funding with the caveat that their costs are associated with the pandemic. These funds can be used to offset lost revenues, enhance pay, etc.

ARUBA'S GRANT/FUNDING TEAM

Aruba's grant/funding team will support:

- Funding research and notifications
- Grant/funding education and training
- Grant/funding management of discretionary (competitive) applications

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