



What is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?

- Signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021
- \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 federal recovery package
 - \$350 billion to state and local governments
 - Paid directly to local government by the US Treasury in two tranches
 - First tranche paid by May 10, 2021
- Provides financial aid to families, governments, businesses, schools, non-profits & others impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis
- Funds must be earmarked by 2024 and spent by the end of 2026

How much money will Utah receive?

State- \$1.38 billion

Counties- \$623 million

Summit County- \$8,186,172

Metro Cities- \$290 million

Coalville City- \$194,072

Francis City- \$175,557

Henefer- \$109,194

Kamas City- \$253,856

Park City- \$950,955

Other Local- \$187 million

Eligible Uses of ARPA Funds

- Public health
- Economic hardship (with focus on tourism sector)
- Public sector revenues
- Essential workers
- Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

ARPA Focus

- Infrastructure improvements
 - Limited to water, sewer and broadband projects
- Projects that transform community & have long-lasting economic impacts



How would Governor Cox like to see ARPA funds allocated?

- Fiscal Prudence
- Proactive Investments
- Partnerships
- Targeted
- Enduring
- Accountable

Local Assistance Matching Grant Program

To help local governments maximize and leverage their funds, the state will use \$50 million of its allocation to match city/county projects that address:

- Affordable housing or homelessness
- Public health challenges
- Water and sewer infrastructure
- Other allowable uses under ARPA

Other details for the program are TBD

Impacts of COVID-19 on Summit County

- Existing workforce housing challenges compounded
- Sales Tax revenue loss, especially in restaurant and TRT taxes
- Loss in Gross Regional Product
- Frozen county positions and employee compensation
- Projects delayed: fleet replacement and energy analysis; water concurrency and ESAC
- Retention and recruitment of sheriff deputies
- Increased Search and Rescue (SAR) activity
- Digital divide realized in the community (remote learning inequities)
- Public engagement went virtual
- Unplanned county expenditures on pandemic response

Summit County's Current Strategic Priorities

- Transportation and Congestion
- Workforce Housing
- Environmental Stewardship
- Refine County General Plans and Development Codes
- Mental Wellness and Substance Abuse Issues

Staff recommends the County focus its allocation on the County government (i.e. shoring up county budgets and expanding county services)

Next Steps

- Setting priorities & expenditure framework
- Identifying options
 - Flex quickly to take advantage of opportunities based on framework
- Timeline
 - Plan and move slowly (when possible)