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Grant Funders Q&A
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WHO WE ARE

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the voice of America's cities, towns and villages, representing more than 200 million people across the country.





OUR MISSION

To strengthen local leadership, influence federal policy and drive innovative solutions.

During an unprecedented time, NLC delivered unprecedented results for our members.

\$65 billion of DIRECT aid to EVERY city, town or village across the country.

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NLC DELIVERS

Covid-19 recovery package signed into law on March 11, 2021, with \$1.9 trillion of programming for emergency stabilization and economic recovery.

- Includes Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)
 - \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, territories
 - \$65.1 billion for cities, towns and villages
 - \$65.1 billion for counties
- SLFRF is non-competitive funding – every local jurisdiction is *entitled* to funding.
- Funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024. However, funds do not have to be spent/performed until Dec. 31, 2026.
- First reporting deadline for NEUs is April 30, 2022.
- Local governments can address emergency needs ASAP, and then pause to formulate a long-term plan for remaining funds.

Treasury identifies 7 broad categories of use and 66 subcategories (see pages 32-32 of [Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) for a comprehensive listing of eligible uses – referred to as “expenditure categories”).



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – “necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.”

- Projects eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - Construct, improve, and repair wastewater treatment plants; control non-point sources of pollution; create green infrastructure; manage and treat stormwater; water reuse; protect waterbodies from pollution.
- Projects eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - Build or upgrade facilities to improve water quality; transmission, distribution, and storage systems; consolidation or establishment of drinking water systems
- Cybersecurity
- Climate Change and Resilience
- Lead Service Line Replacement

Clean Water SRF

- **City of Wilmington, DE** - \$15M CWSRF loan to address flooding by replacing their combined sewer system with separate sanitary and stormwater collection systems.
- **City of Mariana, FL** - \$5M CWSRF loan for the installation of two solar facilities and solar arrays at wastewater treatment plant.

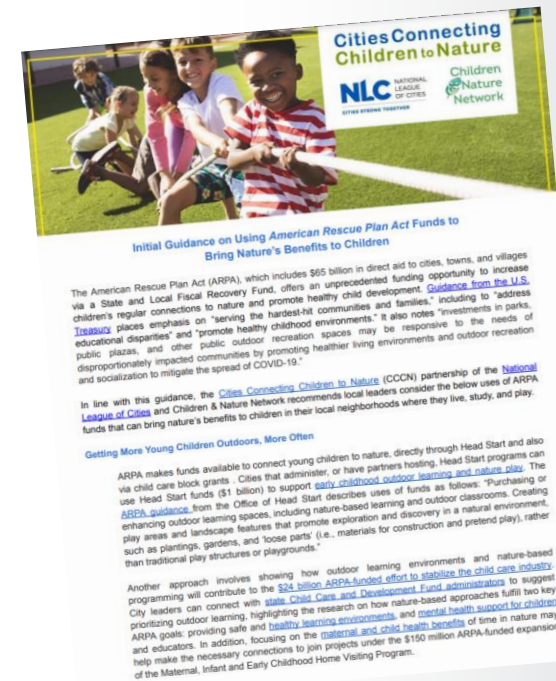
Drinking Water SRF

- **Town of Selbyville, DE** - \$3M in DWSRF funding to build a new well, add a transmission line to the treatment plant and build a new treatment plan with aeration capabilities.
- **City of Pretty Prairie, KS** - \$2.4M in DWSRF funding to construct a new reverse osmosis water treatment plant to address nitrate contamination in their source water.

NLC's COVID-19 Hub – www.nlc.org/recovery

- Blogs
 - [Three Key Takeaways from Treasury's Latest ARPA Fiscal Relief Fund Reporting Guidance](#)
 - [How to Spend ARPA Funds with an Equity Lens](#)
- [Local Action Tracker](#) – see examples of how municipalities are using ARPA funds
- Fact Sheets
 - [Initial Guidance on Using ARPA Funds to Bring Nature's Benefits to Children](#)
 - [Clean Water](#) and [Drinking Water](#) State Revolving Funds
 - Advancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience with ARPA – *forthcoming*
- Webinar Recordings

Visit the Treasury webpage for more info about the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund – www.Treasury.gov/SLFRP





**Infrastructure Investment
and Jobs Act – \$550
*billion in new federal
investments for
America’s infrastructure***

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- \$11.713 billion each for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (traditional)
- \$15 billion for lead pipe replacement projects through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
- \$10 billion for grants to address emerging contaminants and PFAS drinking water contamination
 - \$1 billion through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund
 - \$4 billion through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
 - \$5 billion for underserved communities
- \$75 million for the Army Corps WIFIA program specifically for dams
- \$465 million for the Army Corps Continuing Authorities Program to plan, design and implement smaller, less complex/costly water resources projects
- \$8.3 billion for Western water projects through the Bureau of Reclamation

Build Back Better Act

- \$9 billion for lead pipe replacement grants
- \$225 million for low income water assistance program grants
- \$1.85 billion for sewer overflows and stormwater reuse municipal grants
- \$125 million for alternative water source project grants
- \$150 million for individual household decentralized wastewater treatment system grants (septic systems)
- Excludes water conservation, stormwater management, wastewater management subsidies from taxable income

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Strengthening Infrastructure Against Extreme Weather Events
 - \$500 million for grants and loans to local communities facing rising water levels, coastal erosion and flooding (STORM Act)
 - \$3.5 billion for the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance program
 - \$1 billion for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program
- Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Transportation
 - \$5 billion for states for a National Electric Vehicle Formula Program for charging infrastructure network buildout
 - \$2.5 billion for competitive grants for EV charging and fueling infrastructure
 - \$5 billion for the replacement of existing school buses with zero emission and clean school buses
- Investing in Clean Energy
 - \$550 million for the [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant](#)
 - \$225 million for grants for implementing updated building energy codes
 - \$3.5 billion for the Weatherization Assistance Program

Build Back Better Act

- Parks – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program
- Buildings – Building codes, home energy retrofits, energy efficiency appliance rebates, education and technical assistance
- Reducing Emissions – Climate pollution reduction planning + implementation grants, Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants
- Tax Credits – Renewable electricity, renewable fuels, energy efficiency incentives for individuals and businesses, zero emission vehicles

← All Resources

Infrastructure Bill Insights

www.nlc.org/resource/infrastructure-bill-insights

Problem Solved	Program	Amount	Match	Department/Agency	Distributor	Recipient	Mechanism	Description	Link
Home broadband subscription affordability	Affordable Connectivity Benefit	\$14,200,000,000		Federal Communications Commission	Universal Service Administrative Company		Cost Share	Funds an extension of the Emergency Broadband Benefit to provide qualifying low-income households with a \$30 discount on qualifying home broadband service from a participating internet service provider. Funds are paid directly to participating providers.	
Bridges	Bridge investment program	\$12,500,000		Department of Transportation	Federal Highway Administration	Local government; state; political subdivision of state or local government; special purpose district; tribe; group of eligible entities	Competitive Grants	New competitive grant program to assist State, local, Federal and tribal entities in rehabilitating or replacing bridges, including culverts, and eligibility for large projects and bundling of smaller bridges.	
Broadband infrastructure availability	Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program	\$42,450,000,000	25%	National Telecommunications and Information Administration (Department of Commerce)	states		Formula Grants	Provides formula grants to states to build broadband infrastructure to provide service to unserved and underserved areas, anchor institutions, and multitenant buildings with a substantial number of un- or underserved households. States may make subgrants in accordance with plans as approved by NTIA.	
Contaminated property, Environment	Brownfields Program	\$1,500,000,000	0%	Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Protection Agency	Local, State Governments	Competitive Grants	To help communities, States, Tribes and others to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. \$1.2 billion for Brownfields competitive grants (raises grant caps for half of the	

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Additional Resources: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Articles

- [NLC overview of what is in the infrastructure bill for cities](#)
- [Addressing Climate Change in Infrastructure Legislation](#)
- [New Transportation Grants for Cities in Congress' Infrastructure Bill](#)
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Includes Water Infrastructure Priorities](#)
- [Infrastructure Bill Includes Wins for Digital Equity but Opportunity Remains](#)



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