

ARPA – Local Funds

- \$130.2 allocated to local governments
 - \$65 Billion to metropolitan cities (of that \$19.53 Billion to smaller cities and towns); \$65 Billion to counties
 - INDIANA: \$433 M to NEUs; \$847 M to metro cities; \$1.3 B to counties
- Metropolitan cities with populations over 50,000 receive a direct distribution as well as cities under 50,000 that qualify and accept CDBG grants
- Smaller cities and towns (non-entitlement units or NEUs) will get a distribution through the State.
 - The formula is based on population.
 - Two distributions – one in May / the other a year later
- Proper spending of the funds overseen by:
 - The US Department of Treasury
 - The Indiana State Board of Accounts

Spending Categories

- Non-exclusive list of expenditures in these areas:
 - Qualified Census Tracts
 - Public Health
 - Direct Aid
 - Community & Economic Development
 - Infrastructure
- It is encouraged to spend in areas addressing racial disparities, inequities, disproportionate harm
- Prohibited expenditures include pension funds, legal settlements, federal match requirements

Fund Use Connected to COVID-19

Framework to Assess Eligibility for Projects and Services

1. Identify the harmful effect of COVID-19 the activity will address
2. Assess the causal or compounding connection
3. Assess for disproportionate impact on distressed sectors or populations
4. Determine how to prove the expense produces the expected outcome

Deeper Dive into Eligible Uses

1. COVID19 Pandemic Response / Economic Impacts
2. Workforce/Personnel
3. Investments in: Water, Sewer, Projects, Broadband, Cybersecurity, Lead Service Line Remediation
4. Governmental Services: Lost Revenue (limited to calculated reduction)

Strategizing an Approach

- Consider what federal grant programs have been put in place and seek these dollars first
 - Emergency Rental Assistance Program
 - Homelessness Assistance – HOME Program
 - Broadband (OCRA)
 - Economic Development Administration Grants OR Indiana READI
- Save your local grant dollars for gap funding
- Engage community organizations to assess need; community organizations should be proactive with suggested uses or ways they could assist or operate programs
- Dollars don't have to be obligated until 2024 and spending not required until 2026