



American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund



The American Rescue Plan will deliver over \$91 million to Washoe County to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and address critical needs facing our communities.



Recovery Fund investments in Washoe County will:

- **Address health disparities** known to directly influence social inequities in health through programs that target populations with higher incidents of disease.
- **Bolster economic recovery for small businesses** to mitigate financial hardships, implement structural workplace changes, or address other COVID-related issues.
- **Promote healthy childhood environments** with key partners in the community who deliver early learning and family support services
- **Build stronger neighborhoods** with initiatives that preserve and expand upon affordable housing options for low to mid-income level earners in our community.
- **Focus on foundational investments** into stormwater infrastructure and the expansion of broadband service into underserved locations.
- **Address the root causes of homelessness**, to include collaborative solutions for mental health, substance abuse and identifying pathways to independent living.

Development Timeline

The Recovery Fund creates an unprecedented opportunity for our community, region and state that will last for decades to come. Washoe County’s approach to allocating its funds will be collaborative with public and private sector partners. The process will leverage the expertise of both in providing transformational solutions before allocation of funding begins.



Recovery Funds must be obligated by December 2024 and be used by December 2026.

To learn more about the funding plan under development or to sign-up for notifications, please visit washoecounty.us/recovery.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the overall purpose of these funds and where are they coming from?

Funds are administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that was passed in March of 2021 by the U.S. Congress. The focus for the related Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds are to 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.

How much funding is getting applied in Washoe County?

Funds are being distributed to states, counties, municipalities, and tribes. Washoe County will receive \$91 million, which is a separate distribution from the state funding amount. For example, the State of Nevada will receive \$2.9 billion, and they have outlined a framework to guide this spending that can be found at nevadarecovers.com.

What discretion does Washoe County have in the use of these funds?

Recovery funding has broad flexibility within identified areas, and the County has focused on investing into areas that are eligible for funding and best serve the specific needs of the County's most pressing needs.

How will the use of these funds be reported out to the community?

Every quarter, a comprehensive expenditure report must be submitted to the U.S. Treasury. This report, as well as information about Recovery Fund programs will be posted on <https://www.washoecounty.us/arpa>.

Will APRA funds be used in alignment with regional efforts?

Cross-over review of regional strategic objectives is underway to determine where regional opportunities might exist. For example, eligible funding includes improvements to water-related and broadband infrastructure improvements, both of which may be best served through regional coordination.

Will new programs or projects be created in the use of these funds?

There are many existing programs and projects that can be funded to fulfill the intent of this funding. New projects that fall within the investment areas on the front of this page are also eligible. Please note, any projects that create a long-term impact to Washoe County administrative budgets will not be considered.