ARP signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021

Federal Treasury guidance on allowable uses was released on May 10

Funds must be obligated by 12/31/24 and expended by 12/31/26
American Rescue Plan

$5.7 B in two programs:

State Fiscal Relief  Critical Capital Projects
$5.44B  $277 M

Another $3.2B provided to NC local governments
• Employment rate for low-wage workers down 13% and labor participation rate down 2%
• Entertainment spending down 30%
• Housing assistance requests up 36%
• 59% of North Carolinians lack access to affordable high-speed internet
• Only 50% of eligible children attend NC Pre-k
A Shared Recovery for a Stronger North Carolina

- Assisting Families Hardest Hit
- Upgrading Infrastructure
- Preparing the Workforce
- Promoting Business Development and Innovation
- Positioning Government to Best Serve North Carolinians
Expanding Affordable Housing: $575M

- $500M to develop and rehab approx. 3,000 rental & 3,500 housing units
- $75M in down payment assistance for first-time home buyers
  - $8K standard assistance
  - $15K enhanced assistance for public school teachers
- Will assist 5,000 to 9,000 homebuyers
Extra Credit Grant 2.0: $250M

• Grants to eligible families with children based on 2019 AGI

• $500 grant to AGI’s of $15K-$30K

• $250 grant to AGI’s of $30K-$60K

• Reaches an estimated 660,000 families
Health & Wellness Promotion: $125M

• $15M each to target major risk factors
  • Diabetes
  • Heart disease and stroke
  • Obesity
  • Cancer
  • Tobacco
  • Youth health

• $15M for healthy communities
• $15M injury and violence prevention
Assisting Families and Individuals Hardest Hit

Enhancing Food Security: $64M

• $28M to bolster small farms and emergency food operations
• $32M to strengthen local food systems and expand nutrition education
• $4M to reduce college hunger
• Benefits 90 community organizations; hundreds of farmers markets and roadside stands; and students at universities and community colleges
Help for Vulnerable Individuals & Families: $65M

- $28M to support families at risk of homelessness (focus on seniors, disabled persons, and kids transitioning from foster care)
- $20M for domestic violence and sexual assault victims
- $10M to support family caregivers
- $7M for vulnerable youth
Assisting Families and Individuals Hardest Hit

**Sound Basic Education: $140M**
- $75M to hire reading literacy coaches in all 300 low-performing elementary schools
- $65M to develop a skilled educator pipeline

**Early Childhood Development: $160M**
- $102M to improve access to Pre-K
- $58M for home-based early literacy
Closing the Digital Divide: $1.2B

Goal: NC will become a top-5 state in adoption with rates above 80%, achieve 100% adoption for homes with children, and fully close equity gaps by 2025

- $600M for infrastructure
- $420M to ensure affordability
- $165M for digital literacy and enablement
- $15M for operational support
Water, Sewer, & Stormwater: $800M

• $440M for distressed & at-risk units
  • Distressed or regionalization projects 100% state-funded
  • At-risk 75%/25% state-funded
  • Potential to assist 65-130 units

• $360M for other critical projects
  • 50%/50% state match
  • Funding for approx. 30 projects
Lead and Asbestos Remediation in Schools & Child Care Facilities: $160M
- $35M for lead testing and remediation of drinking water
- $125M for lead and asbestos abatement

Rural Downtown Transformation Grants: $175M
- $60M for neighborhood revitalization
- $100M for local transformation projects
- $15M to acquire land and demolish old buildings
- Will support 100+ downtown districts
NC Guarantee Scholarship: $350M

• Eligible to all full and part-time students at UNC & CC’s

• Provides **at least $6,000** for family incomes < $60,000, with phase out to $75,000

• Expected to assist at least 72,000 students
Prepring the Workforce

Recovery Scholarships for UNC and CC’s: $270M

• Financial stability for poorest students

• Eligible to all full and part-time students

• Provides up to additional $1,000 per year for students with family incomes less than $35,000
Recovery Scholarships for Independent Colleges: $95M

• Financial stability for poorest students

• Eligible to all full and part-time students

• Provides up to additional $1,750 per year for students receiving existing Need-Based Scholarship
Preparing the Workforce

Summer Accelerator Grants: $60M

• Assists students in need of remedial support, stay on track to graduate

Finish Line Grants: $60M

• Up to $1,000/semester for students with financial emergencies
• Assist with housing, medical, transportation, and other needs
• Helps at least 20,000 students/year
Preparing the Workforce

21st Century Technology & Equipment for Higher Education: $150M

- Focus on high demand fields including STEM, health, and construction
- $75M to Community Colleges
- $45M to UNC system
- $30M to Independent Colleges

Reconnect the Workforce: $25M

- Targeted support to underrepresented populations, women, youth
Hospitality Industry Assistance: $350M

• $300M to replace approximately 10% of lost sales revenue to 12,000 bars, restaurants, and hotels statewide

• $50M to encourage small businesses to reopen in existing location

• Expected to support 1,000-2,000 businesses
Economic Sites Development: $50M

- Funds critical infrastructure to attract new businesses to NC
- Focused on Megasites, distressed communities, & Green energy sector

Strategic Industry Development: $50M

- Direct grants to local governments for infrastructure and workforce programs
Small & Historically Underutilized Business Resiliency: $50M

- $40M for grants up to $50,000 to support working capital
- Will assist approx. 750 businesses
- $6M for business recovery counseling
- $4M for second-stage growth assistance
Expand Motorsports and Outdoor Event Opportunities: $45M

• $30M ($10M each) for repairs and infrastructure improvements at The Rock, North Wilkesboro Speedway, and Charlotte Motor Speedway

• $10M for smaller racing venues

• $5M to develop, connect, and market a new Motorsports and Moonshine Heritage Trail
UNC System Health Research Innovation: $75M

• UNCCH is highest ranked COVID-19 research university in the nation

• $50M for READDI (Rapidly Emerging Antiviral Drug Development Initiative) to accelerate future drug development

• $25M to expand health research capabilities at our 6 HMSI’s
Restart the Arts, History, Science, Libraries, and Film: $60M

• Expected to take 2.5 years to recover

• $45M in recovery grants

• $2.5M each to the Symphony and Museum of Art

• $10M for film industry to build sound stages and sets

• > 1,000 organizations eligible for help
Local Government Assistance: $65M

• $41M to provide direct assistance to smaller units through the League of Municipalities, County Commissioners Association, & Council of Governments

• $24M to hold the towns of Huntersville and Apex harmless (so they receive funding amounts that align with their original Congressional estimates)
State-recognized American Indian Tribes Assistance: $18M

- $16M in direct aid to the 7 tribes recognized by NC but not the federal government

- $2M for small business grants and other assistance

- Will assist approx. 67,000 American Indians and over 1,000 businesses
Positioning Government to Best Serve NC

State Health Plan COVID-19 costs: $100M

Continuity of State Government Operations: $79M

Ventilation and Other Renovations at DPS and DDHS Facilities: $50M
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