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September 2, 2021. The State of Vermont will disburse \$60.6 million in American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery (ARPA-LRF) funds to 276 eligible local governments today and cities, towns, and villages should expect to receive their portion of those funds over the next several days.

“These funds will play an important role for municipalities as we work to build stronger, more resilient communities,” said Governor Phil Scott. “In addition to the historic investments with State ARPA funds that I’ve proposed for climate change mitigation, housing, broadband, water and sewer infrastructure, and more, this municipal money can help strengthen support in these and other critical areas.”

On August 5, Vermont received half of the \$121 million of funds that the U.S. Treasury originally designated for distribution to the state’s 14 counties. After further review of Vermont’s unique county structure at the urging of the Scott Administration and Vermont’s Congressional delegation, the federal guidance was revised to allow our municipal governments to take full advantage of the ARPA local recovery funds.

The U.S. Treasury is required to distribute these funds to the states for distribution to local governments in two equal payments. The \$60.6 million distributed today represents the first of these two payments. The county funds are distributed to eligible local governments based on the proportion of the municipality’s population to the county population. The average payment of local fiscal recovery funds with today’s disbursements and the separate \$29 million distributed in July of this year equates to \$150 per resident.

VLCT and Vermont’s 11 regional planning commissions continue to assist cities, towns and villages with navigating federal rules related to the ARPA-LRF through webinars, a dedicated email address for inquiries, an [ARPA resource webpage](#) [1], in-person and virtual meetings, and steady communication through multiple channels. VLCT and the RPCs will continue to work with all municipalities throughout the award period to ensure they have the resources they will need to successfully plan, execute, and report on their projects and comply with all requirements of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funding.

[Click this link](#) [2] for more information.



Links

[1] <https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information>

[2] <https://finance.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance>