

AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The County of Ventura expects to receive approximately \$164.3 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for investment in community programs to support our most vulnerable populations to ensure equitable growth and recovery in future years. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law in March 2021, is a federally approved COVID-19 stimulus plan that provides \$350 billion of funding to State and Local Governments out of the \$1.9 trillion-dollar bill.

THE COUNTY OF VENTURA CAN USE FEDERAL ARPA FUNDS TO:



Support public health costs of COVID-19 response

Address negative economic impacts to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector

Replace losses to public sector to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic

Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks



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Invest in water, sewer, and internet services, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to internet

TIMELINE:

- June 2022: The county expects to receive federal funds
- **December 2024:** State, local and tribal governments must have identified eligible community projects to use ARPA funds
- December 2026: ARPA funding must be spent

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

How should the County of Ventura spend \$163.4 million in ARPA funds? Take the survey online at www.ventura.org/arpa by May 1, 2022. The County's Board of Supervisors will consider community feedback as community projects are funded.

