

# American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2024



## How cities are using ARPA funds to improve their communities

In 2021, Washington cities received more than \$1.2 billion in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The injection of federal dollars during the pandemic helped city leaders develop plans and programs to respond to the unique needs of their communities. As of the end of the September 2023 reporting period, Washington cities have spent or obligated \$844,920,838 in federal ARPA Funds.

- Washington cities received: \$1,213,192,443.
- Washington cities have obligated: \$844,920,838.
- Washington cities have spent: \$626,072,211.

ARPA funding has been a critical component of success for cities as they addressed and planned for their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Without these funds, communities across Washington state would not have bounced back so quickly from the fiscal impacts of the pandemic.

### Washington cities have used ARPA funds to invest in:

- Critical city infrastructure
- Affordable childcare
- Stable and affordable housing
- Supporting local businesses
- Providing community assistance

## ARPA-Funded Project & Program Highlights:

### City of Dayton

**Population 2,445 | 5th District**

**Project:** Broadband Infrastructure



Dayton partnered with the Port of Columbia to use **\$335,000** of the city's ARPA funds to secure a \$2 million state grant to build out local broadband infrastructure. Because of the city's investment, over 1,100 households and 140 businesses will have access to 1 Gbps speeds.

### City of Castle Rock

**Population 2,460 | 3rd District**

**Project:** Infrastructure Investments



Castle Rock allocated nearly **\$650,000** to fund street improvements in the city's downtown area, enhance local parks and playgrounds, and invest in much-needed critical water and stormwater upgrades.

### City of SeaTac

**Population 31,740 | 9th District**

**Project:** Local Business Support



SeaTac worked with a local economic development group to develop a three-pronged **\$3.5 million** program for local businesses. The program provides funding for childcare startups, trains local businesses how to transfer businesses online, and creates capital access programs for new businesses.

### City of Gig Harbor

**Population 13,060 | 6th District**

**Project:** Regional Food Bank Investment



Gig Harbor contributed **\$500,000** to the Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank to help build a new facility. The food bank was a critical resource during the pandemic serving 11 zip codes across the Key Peninsula. Because of the significant ARPA investment, the food bank opened its new facility to the public in July 2022.

### City of Pasco

**Population 81,280 | 4th District**

**Project:** Utility Assistance Program



Pasco established a **\$1.2 million** utility assistance program for residents to pay off their past due account balance or to receive credit towards future bills. Drawing on previous experience running a similar program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, city leaders and staff increased their promotion of the program and streamlined the application process.

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### City of Port Angeles

**Population 20,240 | 6th District**

**Project:** Local Business Support



Port Angeles provided **\$500,000** in operational support to a private ferry company that connects the city to Canada. Pre-pandemic, the ferry shuttled 120,000 vehicles and nearly 500,000 people between the US and Canada annually resulting in a \$64 million economic impact on the city. The city's support helped the company retain 75 full-time staff employed during the pandemic.

### City of Sultan

**Population 6,730 | 8th District**

**Project:** Downtown Revitalization



Sultan saw a meteoric rise in population during the pandemic – In just two years the population grew from 5,000 to over 6,000. The city is investing hundreds of thousands of ARPA dollars to revitalize the city's downtown area as well as support local businesses as the city adjusts to its new population growth.

### City of Lakewood

**Population 64,150 | 10th District**

### City of Tacoma

**Population 220,800 | 6th, 9th & 10th District**

**Project:** Enhanced Homeless Shelter



The cities of Lakewood and Tacoma partnered with Pierce County to invest **\$8.8 million** to purchase and transform a 94-room hotel into a 120-person enhanced shelter. After two years, the hotel will shift from being an enhanced shelter to providing permanent supportive housing.

### City of Kenmore

**Population 24,230 | 1st District**

**Project:** Direct Household Assistance



Kenmore distributed **\$1 million** in direct cash assistance to households with an income at or below 50% of the area median income (AMI). In partnership with the Northshore Schools Foundation, the city collected and approved applications from September 2021 and March 2022. Eligible households received \$2,000 plus \$250 per additional person in the household.

### City of Grandview

**Population 11,250 | 4th District**

**Project:** Downtown Revitalization



Grandview is investing 25% of their ARPA award to revitalize their downtown. A part of their plan includes providing five \$10,000 grants to small, local, independent businesses to relocate to the city's downtown. In 2022, the city distributed \$385,000 in funding to dozens of existing local businesses.

### City of Yakima

**Population 98,650 | 4th District**

**Project:** Support for Victims of Domestic Violence



Yakima is providing \$2 million to fund a domestic violence program and shelter in partnership with the YWCA. The program provides services to those in emergency domestic violence situations as well as those referred by an outside agency.

### City of Bellingham

**Population 95,960 | 2nd District**

**Project:** Support for Childcare Facilities



Bellingham committed \$2.4 million to build five childcare facilities as part of the community's new low-income senior and family housing developments and an additional \$1M to stabilize the childcare industry and workforce.

### City of Puyallup

**Population 43,420 | 10th District**

**Project:** Relocation Assistance



Puyallup provided \$263,966 to help residents affected by the sale of their mobile home park. The neighborhood was made up of 42 households including low-income families and seniors many of whom did not speak English. The city provided two housing case managers fluent in Spanish to help residents find new housing along with \$5,000 in relocation grants to eligible households.

### City of Everett

**Population 114,200 | 2nd District**

**Project:** Supportive Long-Term Housing



Everett invested \$483,224 in ARPA funding for a 40-unit pallet shelter community which started occupancy in 2022 and continues to provide stable housing and resources for previously unhoused and chronically homeless adults.

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