



Federal Legislative Update

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COVID Relief

- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021



Community Project Funding

- FY 22 Member Community Project Requests



COVID Relief Package

American Rescue Plan– Passage Timeline



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

- ❖ House Passage – February 27
- ❖ Senate Passage – March 6
- ❖ House Amended Passage – Pending
- ❖ President's Authorization – Pending

American Rescue Plan Act



\$130 Billion

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

\$65 Billion

Cities (CDBG) & Counties (population)



\$10 Billion

Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

American Rescue Plan Act



\$1,400

Direct Payments to Individuals



\$300 Weekly

Enhanced Unemployment Benefits



\$5 Billion

Utilities Assistance

American Rescue Plan Act



\$49 Billion
Testing/Contact Tracing



\$14 Billion
Vaccines

American Rescue Plan Act



\$450 million

Domestic Violence Services



\$27 Billion

**Rental Assistance/
\$5 Billion Homelessness**

American Rescue Plan Act



\$26 Billion
**Restaurant Revitalization
Fund**



\$1.2 Billion
Shuttered Venues

American Rescue Plan Act



\$8 Billion
Airports & Concessionaires



\$30 Billion
Public Transit Grants



Community Project Funding

Earmark Moratorium Background

- ▶ 112th Congress (2011–2012), earmark moratorium commenced
- ▶ Earmarks accounted for less than one percent of federal spending
- ▶ Under the earmark moratorium the Administration and Federal Agencies have wide discretion over program spending not used for earmarks

Community Project Funding–Highlights



- ▶ House Appropriations Committee launched FY22 Community Project Funding
- ▶ Previously known as ‘Earmarks’
- ▶ Member funding requests for State & Local governments & nonprofits
- ▶ Rigorous Vetting & Transparency

Community Project Funding– What is an Earmark?



A provision or report language included at the request of a Member, or Senator providing, authorizing or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a grant, or other expenditure to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or Congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula driven or competitive award process.

Community Project Funding– Member Guidelines



- ✓ Limit of 10 Community Projects
- ✓ Demonstrate community support
- ✓ Complete Financial Disclosure Statement
- ✓ Post all requests online
- ✓ Adhere to ban on for-profit recipients
- ✓ Ability to comply with matching requirements
- ✓ Comply with one-year funding projects

Community Project Funding– What's Next?



House Appropriations Committee
will provide additional guidance



Appropriations accounts and
programs eligible will be identified



Criteria for requests will be
provided



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