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Federal Update



COVID Relief

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021



Community Project Funding

• FY 22 Member Community Project Requests

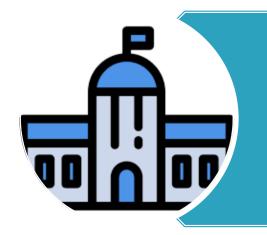


COVID Relief Package

American Rescue Plan-Passage Timeline



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



\$130 Billion

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds \$65 Billion

Cities (CDBG) & Counties (population)



\$10 Billion

Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund



\$1,400

Direct Payments to Individuals



\$300 Weekly

Enhanced Unemployment Benefits

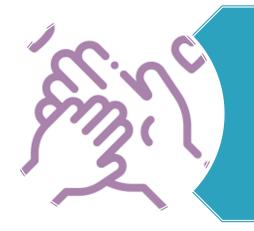


\$5 Billion

Utilities Assistance







\$450 million

Domestic Violence Services



\$27 Billion

Rental Assistance/

\$5 Billion Homelessness





\$1.2 Billion
Shuttered Venues





\$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

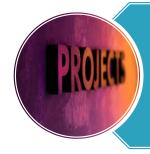


- ✓ Limit of 10 Community Projects
- Demonstrate community support
- ✓ Complete Financial Disclosure Statement
- ✓ Post all requests online
- Adhere to ban on for-profit recipients
- Ability to comply with matching requirements
- Comply with one-year funding projects

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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