

Impact of the American Rescue Plan on North Carolina

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law in March 2021, enacted transformational change and is widely seen as the most sweeping anti-poverty legislation in a generation, estimated to [reduce child poverty by more than half](#) and [narrow the gap in poverty rates by race and ethnicity](#).

The Act comprises dozens of provisions, some of which would be directly accessible to families, including expanded tax credits for working families and families with children, rental assistance, increased food assistance benefits, and other critical supports to help families stay afloat while the COVID-19 pandemic rages on. It also includes substantial investments in systems supports, including supports for community health centers and schools as well as [flexible funds for state and local governments](#) to make investments based on the needs they identify in their communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The table below includes many, but not all, of the funding streams included in the American Rescue Plan, including its general purpose by issue area, name of the funding stream, allocation or estimated allocation for North Carolina or other eligible recipient(s), and information about where to find additional information.

Issue Area	Funding stream	NC Allocation	Primary Recipient(s)	Source	Data type	Additional information
Family Supports	Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund	\$16,782,875	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	U.S. Office of Family Assistance
Family Supports	Home-Delivered Meals	\$13,865,682	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Official	
Family Supports	Economic Impact Payments	\$12,611,184,000	Individuals	Internal Revenue Service	Payments as of June 2021	
Housing	Homeowner Assistance Fund	\$273,337,247	State	U.S. Department of Treasury	Official	U.S. Department of Treasury
Housing	Emergency Rental Assistance	\$556,224,453	State and local governments	U.S. Department of Treasury	Official	U.S. Department of Treasury
Nutrition assistance	Commodity Supplemental Foods Program	\$118,823	State	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Official	
Nutrition assistance	WIC Cash Value Vouchers Increase	\$19,930,473	WIC Program Participants	FFIS estimate	FFIS estimate	U.S. FNS
Nutrition assistance	Congregate Meals	\$9,243,788	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Official	
Utility Assistance	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	\$86,970,460	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	U.S. Office of Community Services
Utility Assistance	Low Income Household Water Assistance Program	\$17,105,002	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	U.S. Office of Community Services
Business Support	State Small Business Credit Initiative	\$120,461,927	State	U.S. Department of Treasury	Official	U.S. Department of Treasury
Early Education	Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDF Discretionary)	\$502,777,789	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	U.S. Office of Child Care
Early Education	Child Care Entitlement to States (Increase in Matching Portion)	\$16,060,047	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	
Early Education	Child Care Stabilization Grants	\$805,767,459	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	U.S. Office of Child Care

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Early Education	Head Start	\$24,981,000	Head Start and Early Head Start grantees	U.S. Congressional Research Service	Estimate	U.S. Office of Head Start
Education	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	\$3,599,191,706	State	U.S. Department of Education	Official	
Education	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund for Homeless Children and Youth	\$23,576,625	State	U.S. Department of Education	Official	
Education	Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools	\$82,951,720	State	U.S. Department of Education	Official	
Education	IDEA - Grants to States	\$81,359,406	State	U.S. Department of Education	Agency estimates	
Education	IDEA - Preschool Grants	\$5,961,147	State	U.S. Department of Education	Agency estimates	
Education	IDEA - Infants & Families	\$6,298,244	State	U.S. Department of Education	Agency estimates	
Education	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Public and Nonprofit Institutions	\$1,105,955,176	Institutions of Higher Education	U.S. Department of Education	FFIS aggregate of agency data	
Education	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Proprietary Institutions	\$3,243,584	Institutions of Higher Education	U.S. Department of Education	FFIS aggregate of agency data	
Family Supports	Child Abuse State Grants	\$3,120,382	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	
Family Supports	Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention	\$7,673,803	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	
Family Supports	Family Violence Prevention	\$3,691,782	State	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	
Family Supports	Family Violence Prevention - State Domestic Violence Coalitions	\$299,107	Eligible coalition	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	
Family Supports	Family Caregivers	\$4,440,754	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Official	U.S. Administration for Community Living
Family Supports	Preventive Services	\$1,355,756	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Official	
Family Supports	Supportive Services	\$14,173,808	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Official	
Family Supports	Title VII Ombudsman	\$308,126	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Official	
Family Supports	Adult Protective Services	\$2,579,576	State	U.S. Administration for Community Living	Agency estimates	U.S. Administration for Community Living
Family Supports	Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	\$625,310	State	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration	Official	HRSA Maternal & Child Health

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Fiscal Recovery Funds	State Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$5,439,309,692	State	U.S. Treasury	Official	
Fiscal Recovery Funds	Non-entitlement Area Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$705,384,207	Local governments	U.S. Treasury	Official	
Fiscal Recovery Funds	Metro City Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$668,167,686	Local governments	U.S. Treasury	Official	
Fiscal Recovery Funds	County Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$2,037,187,362	Local governments	U.S. Treasury	Official	
Health	COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness	\$102,468,748	State	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness	Official	
Health	Epidemiology and Lab Capacity for School Testing	\$315,895,947	State	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness	Official	
Health	Expand Genomic Sequencing	\$6,661,942	State	White House	Estimate	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Health	Crisis Response Workforce	\$62,340,758	State	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness	Official	
Health	Disease Intervention Workforce	\$27,361,745	State	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness	Official	
Health	Public Health Laboratory Preparedness	\$142,473	State	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness	Official	
Health	Community Health Centers - Expanded Access to COVID-19 Vaccines, Build Vaccine Confidence	\$161,988,125	Community Health Centers	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration	Official	
Health	Rural Health Clinic - COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation	\$5,700,000	State	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration	Official	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration
Health	Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program for Professionals	\$448,768	Eligible institutions of higher education	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration	Official	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration
Health	Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program - Testing and Mitigation	\$4,909,144	Eligible rural hospitals	U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Official	
Health	Health Center Program Look-Alikes	\$5,794,468	Eligible clinics	U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration	Official	
Health	Mental Health Block Grant	\$41,535,246	State	U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Official	
Health	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$36,420,651	State	U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Official	
Health	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	\$3,999,653	Eligible clinics	U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Official	
Housing	HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Entitlement	\$71,822,797	Eligible local governments	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Official	

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Housing	HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Non-entitlement	\$65,590,727	State	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Official	
Independent Agencies	Institute of Museum and Library Services - States	\$4,309,771	State	U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services	Official	U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services
Independent Agencies	National Endowment for the Arts	\$902,300	State	National Endowment for the Arts	Official	
Independent Agencies	National Endowment for the Humanities	\$1,271,060	State	National Endowment for the Humanities	Official	
Infrastructure	Capital Projects Fund	\$277,060,856	State	U.S. Senate	Estimate	U.S. Treasury
Infrastructure	Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$2,659,779	State	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Official	
Infrastructure	Emergency Connectivity Fund	\$237,640,000	Eligible schools and libraries	White House	Estimate by OMB	Universal Service Administrative Co.
Nutrition assistance	SNAP 3-year State Administrative Expense Grants	\$39,388,957	State	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Official	U.S. FNS
Nutrition assistance	Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$11,386,218	Eligible local social service organizations	FFIS estimate	Estimate	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Transportation	FTA Intercity Bus Formula	\$4,183,036	State	Federal Transit Administration	Official	
Transportation	FTA Urbanized Area Formula	\$197,742,957	Local governments	Federal Transit Administration	Official	
Transportation	FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula	\$14,043,104	State	Federal Transit Administration	Official	
Transportation	FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	\$1,448,037	State and local governments	Federal Transit Administration	Official	
Transportation	Airport Rescue Grants	\$256,405,224	Airports	Federal Aviation Administration	Official	
Infrastructure	Unemployment Insurance Extension Implementation Grants	\$275,000	State	U.S. Department of Labor	Official	U.S. Department of Labor