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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

TIER 1—REQUEST FOR STAGE I APPLICATIONS

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*PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES*

## Introduction

Nassau County (the "County") is pleased to announce the availability of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") funds for non-profit agencies and other eligible organizations to support program implementation and administrative services for the below list of programs (individually, a "Program" or collectively, the "Programs"). This Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") describes the types of eligible Programs and the current level of funding available to each Program through which these funds will be awarded.

In order to qualify for funding, please submit an application in accordance with the instructions provided below. The submitted application must be developed to best meet ARPA requirements by responding to specific goals identified in the Program list below which directly support County



residents and/or County industry by either expanding existing services or providing new services that respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) or its negative economic impacts. Programs must be conducted within Nassau County. The County has allotted up to \$17,900,000 of ARPA funds for these Programs.

This NOFA is a request for Stage I applications. If selected, the respondent will be asked to submit a Stage II application which will request further information from the respondent to identify all Program implementation and administrative services required in fulfilling the objectives of their Program(s). The selected Program recipients of these ARPA funds may be required to enter into an agreement with the County and will be expected to conduct the agreed upon scope of work, report progress in a manner deemed appropriate by the County, and retain thorough records of expenditures, all in compliance with ARPA. A [fact sheet](#) related to ARPA compliance can be found on the Nassau County website.

## Programs

The following are the list of Programs and Stage I application deadlines related to this NOFA. Please note that the below application deadlines are subject to change at the sole discretion of the County:

Program Name	Program Description	Application Deadline
<a href="#">Veterans Support Programs</a> \$1 million	<p>This category of funding will provide for 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(19) veteran organizations. 501(c)(3) organizations will receive grants for expenses and losses related to their inability to hold events and social programs for veterans and their families. Funding will allow the organizations to improve the social welfare of the veteran community, enable member participation and sponsorship of patriotic events, and restore their ability to provide direct services to veterans and their families – tangible goods and services, such as food, clothing and transportation. Funding will also bring current any rent, mortgage and utilities, cleaning and maintenance expenses, expenses related to ventilation, heat and air conditioning, and touchless facilities. Expenses incurred to restore social interaction, entertainment, care for or aid members who were isolated during the pandemic, are also eligible impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p> <p>501(c)(19)s are unique non-profit tax-exempt organizations and will receive funding through a subrecipient agreement. There are approximately one hundred 501(c)(19) organizations – located as Posts in Nassau. 501(c)(19). Post organizations will</p>	Open



	<p>receive up to \$10,000 each, to fund and administer veterans' services such as information meetings, job training and referral services, and other related services for veterans impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Health and Social Services Grant Programs</a> \$10 million</p>	<p>Social determinants of health were major contributing factors to disparate health outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the County is seeking applications to provide funding to address these health challenges and meet the needs of our most vulnerable population in the County. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization's that address health equity concerns are invited to apply for ARPA funding. Non-profit agencies are also invited to apply for ARPA funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address ongoing needs, including: food insecurity; employment services; childcare; domestic violence; child abuse and neglect; PINS education; adult protective services; and diversion services.</li> <li>- Provide services for those in the criminal justice system who have co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders with wrap around services. This will be a collaborative effort between the County's Probation, Sheriff, and Human Services departments, and community- based agencies focused on providing care coordination services for individuals and their families.</li> </ul>	<p>Open</p>
<p><a href="#">Youth Services</a> \$1.2 million</p>	<p>The Department of Human Services' Office of Youth Services will amend and/or issue funding notices for 39 contracts with 33 not for profit agencies to provide ARP eligible services. Funding will be used to modify, enhance, and expand Youth services due to the augmented need during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to: Educational recovery; mentoring; economic recovery; vaccination resources; SAT prep; non-traditional career exposure; parenting support classes; year-round youth employment; summer youth employment; STEM technology equipment educational recovery program; suspension disparities; student educational rights; counseling services; parent-child home program resources. This may include personnel and the purchase of supplies, equipment, and vehicles to support expanded services. All services must be within</p>	<p>Open</p>



	the nonprofits approved scope of work and conducted on behalf of the Nassau Department of Human Services	
<p><u>Social Services</u> \$1.2 million</p>	<p>The Department of Social Services will amend and/or issue funding notices for 19 contracts with 14 not for profit agencies to provide ARP eligible services. American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding will be used to maintain, enhance, and expand services to vulnerable populations that Nassau County DSS services: Adult guardianship and financial services for adults unable to care for themselves; victims of domestic violence; homeless families and low-income working families in need of child care; life-skills building for youth aging out of foster care; in home support to families to avoid out of home placement; residential care for youth at risk of involvement in the Juvenile Justice System; food distribution to residents and families experiencing food insecurity; job training and placement for unemployed public assistance clients; job creation for disabled residents within the County. The vendors will continue to provide the services outlined in their contacts with DSS. The ARP funds will allow the vendors the flexibility to expand and/or tailor their services to meet newly presenting needs brought on by the exigencies of the pandemic. All services provided with ARP monies will be used within the framework described immediately above to serve the populations identified in the vendors individual contracts. All services will be conducted on behalf of Nassau County Department of Social Services</p>	Open
<p><u>Senior Services</u> \$2 million</p>	<p>The Department of Human Services' Office for the Aging will amend and/or issue funding notices for 31 contracts with 16 not for profit agencies to provide ARP eligible services. Funding will be used to modify, enhance, and expand Senior services due to the augmented need during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to: Congregate meals (Senior Center); home delivered meals; case management and in-home services; senior transportation to and from Senior Center; day care/caregiver support; nutrition education/health promotion; health insurance information and counseling; home energy assistance program; weatherization; legal counseling and representation. This may include personnel and the purchase of supplies, equipment, and vehicles to support expanded services. All services must be within the nonprofits approved scope of work and conducted on</p>	Open



	behalf of the Nassau Department of Human Services.	
<a href="#">Human Services</a> \$2.1 million	<p>The Department of Human Services' Office of Mental Health will amend and/or issue funding notices for 52 contracts with 36 not for profit agencies to provide ARP eligible services. Funding will be used to modify, enhance, and expand Mental Health and Substance Abuse services for adults and children due to the augmented need during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to: Mental health services; addiction services; mental health clinic services; developmental disabilities services. This may include personnel and the purchase of supplies, equipment, and vehicles to support expanded services. All services must be within the nonprofits approved scope of work and conducted on behalf of the Nassau Department of Human Services.</p>	
<a href="#">Boost Nassau Tourism Program</a> \$500,000	<p>The County is seeking funding applications from Nassau County's cultural institution attractions affected by COVID-19 pandemic closures and their partner 501(c)(3) entities. Funding will be used to in a targeted marketing and promotional campaign aimed to enhance and expand promotion, advertising, and marketing of the museum and its programs and exhibits, in an effort to bring in returning and new visitors and patrons to the museum, and increase overall tourism throughout Nassau County following the closures and decreased numbers of visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traditional or digital advertising or marketing campaigns to promote new programs and/or exhibits and bring in new visitors.</li> <li>- Specialized or promotional ticketing.</li> <li>- Promotions to increase membership.</li> <li>- Campaigns to promote Nassau County's culture, history, and arts.</li> <li>- Program support relevant to the enhancement of the tourism industry in Nassau County.</li> </ul>	Open
<a href="#">Multi-Year Regional Groundwater Conservation Program – Water Quality Improvements Element Administration</a> \$1.5 Million	<p>ARPA funding in the amount of \$1.5 Million is being made available to water suppliers who have challenges providing potable drinking water to their customers due to contamination of the source water from emerging contaminants such as 1,4 Dioxane and PFO/PFOA's (perfluorooctanoic acid). The water suppliers are tasked with constructing</p>	10/31/2021



	<p>expensive water treatment facilities in order to meet Federal, State and local drinking water standards specific to removing these emerging contaminants.</p> <p>The County is seeking applications from eligible non-profit organizations (501(c)(3)) and eligible subrecipients to receive ARPA funding to perform administration and oversight of distribution of grant funds to ensure compliance with ARPA/US Treasury guidelines. Grants up to \$50,000 will be made available to each of the eligible public and private water suppliers in Nassau County to assist with costs associated with treatment and removal of contaminants. These tasks may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study, planning/design of emerging contamination occurring within the water district</li> <li>- Purchase of equipment, materials and supplies to advance to removal of emerging contamination from the water supply of the district</li> <li>- Installation of equipment to advance removal of emerging contamination from the water supply</li> <li>- Purchase of support equipment such as Information Technology (IT) related to systems integral to treatment process within the district's distribution system</li> <li>- Development of operations manuals/guidelines/materials for use by water supplier personnel specifically pointed to the removal of emerging contamination</li> <li>- Maintenance activities of systems already on-line and removing emerging contamination. Such activities may include the removal of spent materials used in the treatment of contamination, or the purchase of new materials to be used in the treatment process, such as Activated Carbon.</li> <li>- Defray the cost of laboratory testing for emerging contaminants</li> </ul>	
<p><a href="#">Technical Assistance and Planning to Support Small Businesses</a> \$1.5 million</p>	<p>The County is seeking applications from eligible nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)) and eligible subrecipients (including chambers of commerce and other business organizations) to receive ARPA funding for the following activities to support Nassau County's small businesses and downtown recovery: outreach to small businesses, including minority and</p>	<p>10/31/2021</p>



	women-owned businesses and service-disabled-veteran owned businesses (MWBES/SDVOBs) concerning available recovery resources; technical assistance in securing available resources; workshops for business development, planning and e-commerce; promotional activities to advance downtown recovery; and other related eligible activities.	
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It is the responsibility of respondents to periodically review the County's website for regular updates to the NOFA Program descriptions, application deadlines, and other important information which may alter the terms or requirements of the NOFA.

The County is an equal opportunity employer.

## Submission

Application submission for each Program must be submitted through the Boost Nassau Portal. Each Program submission requires a separate application, however, multiple goals under one Program may be submitted under one application. Unless otherwise noted, respondents must complete and submit all forms, information, and other documentation listed as part of their electronic application submissions. Only complete submissions will be evaluated. In all instances, the County's determination regarding the completeness of any application shall be final. Application submissions must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on the listed date of application closing. Any application delivered after 11:59 PM EST on the listed date of application closing will not be considered. The determination of whether any application was received on time is at the sole determination of the County.

Potential respondents wishing to discuss applications and Programs within this NOFA can contact the Nassau County Boost Resource Center at <https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/ce/boost/>. Any changes to the NOFA will be updated at this current web address.

Please note, respondents must submit an application which identifies use of ARPA funds in compliance with ARPA eligible uses as described in the Federal Award Administration Information below.

## Selection and Review

Stage I applications are submitted by the nonprofit organization through the Boost Nassau Portal. If a Stage I application is accepted and deemed eligible, the respondent will be notified with instructions on how to submit Stage II applications. As part of the application review process for Stage I, the County will:

- Conduct an eligibility review;





- Verify that the nonprofit is located within Nassau County or services residents of Nassau County;
- Verify that the application is complete; and
- Validate the self-certifications

All grants will be awarded as determined to be in the best interests of the County.

## Federal Award Administration Information

### Reporting

Recipients of ARPA funds are required to submit various financial and programmatic reports as a condition of award acceptance. Future awards and funds drawdown may be withheld if these reports are delinquent. See the [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Guidance on Recipient Compliance and Reporting](#) for information on reporting requirements.

### Monitoring and Oversight

Per 2 CFR § 200.337, the Federal awarding agency, Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the pass-through entity, or any of their authorized representatives, has the right, at all reasonable times, to make site visits or conduct desk reviews to review Program accomplishments, management control systems, award progress of the funding recipient, and to provide any required technical assistance. During site visits or desk reviews, authorized representatives will review recipients' files related to the award. As part of any monitoring and program evaluation activities, recipients must permit authorized representatives, upon reasonable notice, to review grant-related records and to interview the organization's staff and contractors regarding the Program. Recipients must respond in a timely and accurate manner to requests for information relating to the award.

## Federal Contract Provisions

Recipients of ARPA funds are subject to required federal contract provisions under 2 CFR Part 200 Appendix II. A sample of the required supplementary conditions may be found [here](#). These supplementary conditions are subject to change.

## Eligible Uses

Recipients must use ARPA monies in compliance with ARPA, Section 35.6(b) of the Interim Final Rule (and final rule when effective), which appears in Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, applicable federal contract provisions, and all other applicable federal laws and regulations.