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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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\$1.36 billion for the Vermont Coronavirus Relief Funds (estimated distribution)

	Vermont	Per Capita	
Population	623,989		
Non-Entitlement Pop.	581,170		
State Fund	\$1,052,430,763		
Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund	\$113,395,706		
Metro Fund	\$19,080,134		
Non-Entitlement Municipality Fund	\$57,470,276	\$99	Non-Entitl Pop
County Fund	\$121,018,827	\$194	Total Pop
Total State and Local CRF	\$1,363,395,706		

Source: Congressman Welch's House Oversight and Reform Committee has the most recent spreadsheet on state and local distribution estimates: <u>Critical Aid for State, Tribal, Territory, and Local Governments | House Committee on Oversight and Reform</u> (3/8/2021) (spreadsheet does not show distribution to villages and does not show distribution of county monies to units of general local government).

- The U.S. Treasury will distribute the Coronavirus Relief Funds to the state, which then must distribute the local funds to the towns. The Treasury will distribute the money in two tranches—one within 60 days of enactment to the extent practicable, and the second one year after the disbursement of the first tranche. States have 30 days to distribute the funds to municipalities but can request an extension if needed. Funds must be spent by December 31, 2024. ARPA <u>Link</u>.
- In states that do not have counties that are units of general local government, ARPA mandates that
 the county allocation will be distributed to units of general local government on a per capita
 basis. ARPA <u>Link</u>.
- The U.S. Treasury is expected to issue guidance within 60 days of ARPA's enactment. <u>FACT SHEET:</u>
 The American Rescue Plan Will Deliver Immediate Economic Relief to Families | U.S. Department of the Treasury
- o Coronavirus Relief Funds can be used:
 - To respond to the pandemic or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and non-profits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
 - To provide premium pay for essential workers;
 - To replace revenue lost compared to the most recent full fiscal year prior to the pandemic; or
 - To make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Section 602(c)(1) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund

"(c) Requirements.—

- "(1) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraph (3), a State, territory, or Tribal government shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section, or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4), to cover costs incurred by the State, territory, or Tribal government, by December 31, 2024—
- "(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- "(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

- "(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of
 such State, territory, or Tribal government due
 to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full
 fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency; or
- "(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Section 604 – Use of Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

"SEC. 604. CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$10,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for making payments to States, territories, and Tribal governments to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).