



# Federal Funds Overview

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# Outline

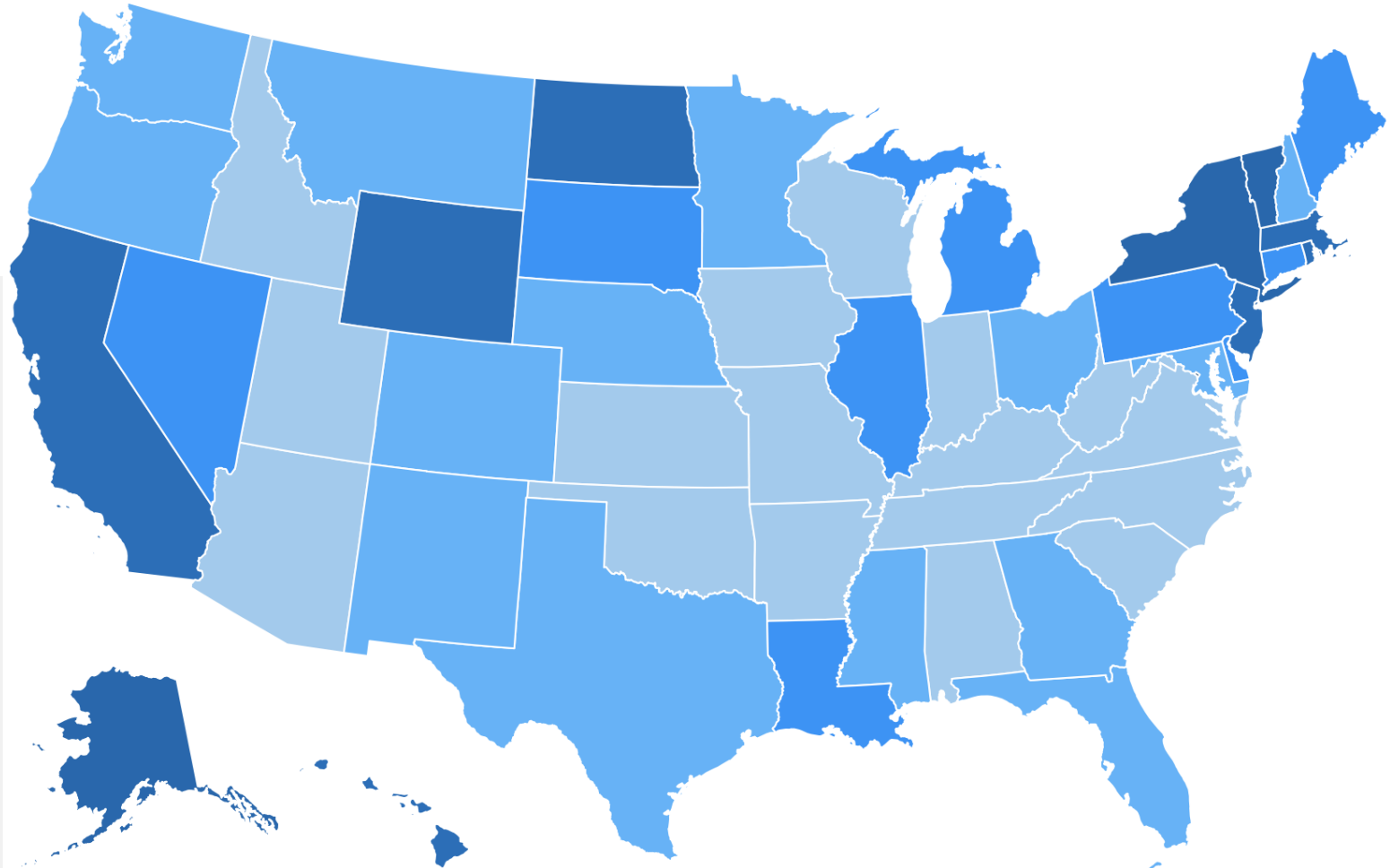
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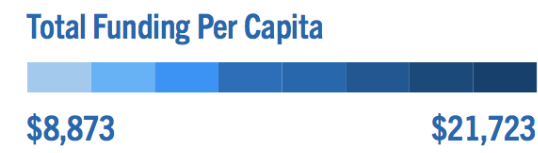
# Distribution of Federal Funding from COVID-19 Programs by State

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	TOTAL
TOTAL (MILLIONS)	\$18,570
+ ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS	\$4,778
+ UNEMPLOYMENT	\$957
+ SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT	\$4,688
+ PUBLIC HEALTH AID	\$1,924
+ DIRECT AID TO STATES	\$2,923
+ OTHER	\$2,166
+ EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT	\$1,133



■ District of Columbia



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# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

**Discretionary Funds to State and Local Governments (\$1.89B)**

Limited discretion to use funds for allowable expenses (e.g., COVID response, water/broadband infrastructure, etc.)

**State Action Needed**

Funds through December 2024

**Direct Funds to State Agencies**

Funds provided exclusively for a specific purpose (e.g., public school support, rental assistance, substance use block grants, etc.)

**State Action Needed**

Fund Deadlines Vary by Program

**Direct Support to Businesses and Individuals**

Economic support (e.g., \$1,400 stimulus checks, child tax credits, PPP loans, etc.)

**No State Action Needed**

# ARPA Personnel Opportunities

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## Bonuses

- “Recipients must be able to substantiate that the employees were likely to leave employment in the absence of the retention incentive and should document their assessment.”
- “For example, a recipient may determine that a retention bonus is necessary based on the presence of an alternative employment offer for an employee.”
- “All worker retention incentives must be narrowly tailored to need and should not exceed incentives traditionally offered by the recipient or compensation that alternative employers may offer to compete for the employees.”

# ARPA Personnel Opportunities

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## Premium Pay

- “Premium pay may be awarded to eligible workers up to \$13 per hour.”
- “Premium pay must be in addition to wages or remuneration (i.e., compensation) the eligible worker otherwise receives.”
- “Premium pay may not exceed \$25,000 for any single worker during the program.”

# ARPA Personnel Opportunities

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## Premium Pay

- 1. Identify an “eligible” worker. Eligible workers include workers “needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors.”
- 2. Verify that the eligible worker performs “essential work,” meaning work that: is not performed while teleworking from a residence; and involves either: a. regular, in-person interactions with patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work; or b. regular physical handling of items that were handled by, or are to be handled by, patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work.
- Confirm that the premium pay “responds to” workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Eligible worker receiving premium pay is earning (with the premium included) at or below 150 percent of their residing state or county’s average annual wage for all occupations.



# Idaho Approach to Use of Funds (S 1204)

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- ARPA funds are borrowed from our grandchildren. To the extent allowable under law, the state should make **long-range investments** that will benefit our grandchildren.
- State agencies receiving ARPA funds shall **plan for the reduction** of these federal funds to avoid creating ongoing obligations that are shifted to the general fund after the federal funds are depleted.
- The use of ARPA funds should not impede or inhibit the state's constitutional mandate to provide for a **balanced budget**.

# Idaho Approach to Use of Funds (§ 1204)

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- ARPA funds should also be used to lower the state's capital costs and deferred maintenance costs in the years ahead to the extent permissible.
- ARPA funds should not duplicate other federal programs.
- Local dollars are the dollars of first resort for local needs.

# Governor's ARPA Recommendations

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- Local drinking and wastewater systems: \$300,000,000
- Recharge and water storage: \$250,000,000
- Water remediation: \$70,000,000
- Empowering Parents Grants: \$50,000,000
- Workforce Housing: \$50,000,000
- Childcare Infrastructure Grants: \$50,000,000
- Workforce Training: \$50,000,000

# Questions

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