The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriates $19.53 billion to States for distribution to tens of thousands of nonentitlement units of local government (NEUs), which are local governments typically serving a population under 50,000. The ARPA directs the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to each State for distribution to NEUs within the State. Treasury has published additional guidance around the distribution process to NEUs.

Once payment from Treasury has been received, states will have 30 days to disburse payments to NEUs unless an extension is requested. States will issue further instructions on how NEUs can request their first distribution from the state. As this allocation and distribution process moves forward, NEUs with questions about the payment process should consult their state government.

Preparing to Request Funding

There are a few steps you can take now to prepare to request funding from your state, including:

✓ Obtain or confirm your local government’s valid DUNS number
✓ Gather your local government’s payment information:
  o Local government name, Entity’s Taxpayer Identification Number, DUNS number, and address
  o Authorized representative name, title, and email
  o Contact person name, title, phone, and email
  o Financial institution information (e.g., routing and account number, financial institution name and contact information)
✓ Confirm your local government’s top-line budget total (defined as your local government’s total annual operating budget, including the general fund and other funds, in effect as of January 27, 2020)
✓ Review award terms and conditions agreement (as provided by Treasury to be signed)
✓ Review assurances of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as provided by Treasury to be signed)

Requesting Funding

Please follow your state’s instructions on how to request funding through the state. Please have the above information ready. An authorized representative should also be ready to sign documents, including:

✓ Award terms and conditions agreement
✓ Assurances of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

After Requesting Funding
After submitting your request for funding to your state, please retain the documents and information above for your first report. Additional reporting instructions should be forthcoming. If your local government is not registered in SAM.gov, please do so as soon as possible after receiving the award.

You will be asked for the following information in your first report to Treasury, among others:

✓ NEU Recipient Number (a unique identification code for each NEU assigned by the state to the NEU as part of the request for funding)
✓ Copy of signed award terms and conditions agreement
✓ Copy of signed assurances of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
✓ Copy of actual budget documents validating the top-line budget total provided to the state as part of the request for funding