



## Navigating The

# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The ARPA provides many opportunities for communities to obtain funding to reverse the economic effects of COVID

### How Can the ARPA Funds Be Utilized:

According to the Georgia Governor's office of Planning & Budget (OPB), the State Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to invest in necessary improvements to water and sewer infrastructures.

Applicants may also use this funding to invest in wastewater infrastructure projects, including constructing publicly owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly owned treatment works.

Local fiscal recovery funds will be paid to local governments with the first 50% available now, and the second 50% 12 months later. Any funds not obligated by December 31, 2024 or expended by December 31, 2026 needs to be returned.

Additionally, certain ARPA funds can be used for drinking and clean water-related infrastructure projects that are not associated with COVID.

### Fund Distribution:

Currently 23 Metropolitan Areas have been identified to receive a share of the \$17.4B in funds allocated for Georgia. How can your municipality apply for grants?

The application period for the State of Georgia Fiscal Recovery Funds will be **August 1-August 31, 2021**. Applicants can apply via the Georgia Grants Portal.

The grant application process will require a proposal narrative for Water/Sewer Infrastructure, Broadband Infrastructure, and

Negative Economic Impact projects. Visit the **Georgia Governor's office for Planning & Budgeting website at [www.opb.georgia.gov](http://www.opb.georgia.gov)**.

### Potential ARPA Municipal Projects:

As published by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), and the US Congress, the following represents a fraction of engineering projects that can be completed with ARPA funds:

- Clean-up of wastewater holding ponds
- Private/public partnership with internet service provider, county, school system, and healthcare for comprehensive broadband connectivity
- Replacement of asbestos and lead water distribution lines
- Replacement of utility meter system with AMI system for consumption management and cost control
- Replacement of water meters and handheld readers
- Replacement of water pumps at treatment facilities
- Revenue replacement (incl. for projects related to parks, sidewalks, etc.)
- Sewer facility upgrades
- Solid waste disposal related to PPE

For specific insight on the ARPA, and how it can assist your community, please contact:

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**“More than \$17.4B in ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are allocated for the State of Georgia.”**

- Georgia Governor’s Office for Planning & Budgeting

**Municipal - Specific Information:**

The National League of Cities (NLC) website offers a robust section of searchable documents relevant to municipalities and local leaders in this historic legislation:

- Local Recovery: Five Principles for ARP Implementation
- ARP Local Relief Frequently Asked Questions
- How to Spend Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds
- How to Use ARPA to Access Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- How to Meet Reporting Requirements for Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds
- How States Can Allocate Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds to Local Governments
- How to Use Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds to Ease Budget Shortfalls

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Our talented team of engineers & planners have the expertise your municipality needs to best invest ARPA funds and build your community.



**Gravity Sewer, Force Mains & Pump Stations**

**Hall County, Georgia**

A new sewer service consisted of construction of a two-stage submersible master pump station with a flow capacity of 900 gpm at 370 feet TDH through 20,000 feet of 10” force main with 262 feet of static head conveying wastewater into the City of Gainesville sewer system.

K+W provided complete engineering, bidding & construction admin. services



**Water Plant Improvements & Upgrades**

**City of Palmetto, Georgia**

Three phase upgrade project for the plant originally built in 1936 with no major upgrades since 1978. Keck & Wood, Inc. provided design and project admin to install clearwell baffles for THM prevention, install rate-of-flow controllers, concrete basin restoration, and rebuild the alum sludge lagoon.

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**Culvert Rehabilitation**

**City of Newnan, Georgia**

Rehabilitation of 60” and 96” corrugated metal cross drain culverts utilized Cured-In-Place technology to alleviate road closure for long periods. The Cured-In-Place method utilizes a high strength resin, cured at the job site inside the culvert with hot water. The cost to repair using the Cured-In-Place technology vs. traditional methods were comparable.

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