



# American Recovery Plan Act Human Services Provisions

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- The American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) (P.L. 117-2) signed into law on March 11.
- Provides \$2.577 billion in Fiscal Recovery Funds to the state and \$2.125 billion to local governmental units
- Includes a number of optional Medicaid provisions for states
- Funds dozens of specific grants for state and local governments

- Allowable Uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF)
  - To respond to the COVID–19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits.
  - To provide premium payments to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency and provide grants to employers of essential workers.
  - For the provision of government services to the extent of a reduction in state government revenue due to COVID–19.
  - To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

# Fiscal Recovery Funds (Cont.)

- States may not use FRF to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue resulting from a change in law
- The Secretary of Treasury shall allocate the funds to a state within 60 days after the state certifies funds will be used for allowable purposes
- The Secretary may withhold 50% of the funds for 12 months
- Fiscal Recovery Funds are available until December 31, 2024
- LAC approval is required in order to spend these funds

# Medicaid Provisions

Provision	FMAP	Effective Period	Notes
<b>Mandatory Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccines and Administration and Treatment Under Medicaid</b>	100%	Enactment to one year after PHE ends	Prohibits cost sharing
<b>Coverage to pregnant and postpartum women during pregnancy and for one year postpartum</b>	Regular	4/1/2022 to 3/30/2027	
<b>State Option to Provide Qualifying Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services</b>	85% first year	4/1/2022 to 3/30/2027	Standards to qualify; State planning grants
<b>Extension of 100 Percent FMAP to Urban Indian Health Organizations</b>	100%	Enactment for eight quarters	

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<b>Sunset of Limit on Maximum Rebate Amount for Single Source Drugs and Innovator Multiple Source Drugs</b>	NA	Starts 1/1/2024	
<b>Additional Support for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services During the COVID-19 Emergency</b>	Adds 10% to current FMAP	Expenditures between 4/1/2021 and 3/30/2022	Defines HCBS; Used to enhance, expand or strengthen HCBS
<b>Funding for State Strike Teams for Resident and Employee Safety in Nursing Facilities</b>	NA \$250M split among states	Enactment to one year after PHE ends	Teams to assist with clinical care, infection control, and/or staffing

# Funding Directly to DHS

- ARPA also provides \$640 million in direct grant funding to the Department of Human Services to respond to impact of COVID-19 in the state.
- Funding is for a variety of purposes including:
  - Behavioral health
  - Child Care
  - Child welfare
  - Economic assistance
  - Services for older adults and vulnerable adults

# Behavioral Health Funding

Program	Purpose	Amount (000s)	Match or MOE	LAC Approval Required	Available Until
Mental Health Block Grant	Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services	\$21,622	No	Yes	9/30/2025
Substance Abuse Block Grant	Prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation activities for alcohol and drug abuse	\$20,367	No	Yes	9/30/2025



# Child Care Funding

Program	Purpose	Amount (000s)	Match or MOE	LAC Approval Required	Available Until
Child Care Development Block Grant	Increase access and improve the quality of child care for low-income families	\$203,222	MOE	No	Obligate by 9/30/2023
Child Care Stabilization Fund	Sub-grants to child care providers that are either open or temporarily closed to help support their operation during the pandemic	\$325,033	MOE	No	9/30/2023
Child Care Entitlements	Increase access and improve the quality of child care for low-income families	\$9,220	MOE	No	Ongoing

# Child Welfare Funding

Program	Purpose	Amount (000s)	Match or MOE	LAC Approval Required	Available Until
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention	Prevent child abuse and neglect by building programs to strengthen and support families and to better understand diverse populations	\$4,370	No	Yes	9/30/2023
Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Grant	Improve child protective services. Improve the intake, assessment, screening and investigation of reports of abuse and neglect.	\$1,758	No	Yes	9/30/2023

# Economic Assistance and Nutrition Funding

Program	Purpose	Amount (000s)	Match or MOE	LAC Approval Required	Available Until
Pandemic Emergency Assistance funds	Non-recurrent, short-term benefits in cash or other forms.	\$14,352	MOE	Yes	9/30/2022
SNAP State Administration	Reimburse states for the administration of the SNAP program.	\$11,184	No	Yes	9/30/2023
SNAP Online Purchasing and Technology Improvements	Technological improvements associated with the SNAP online purchasing program, electronic benefit transfer (EBT) systems, and mobile payment technologies.	\$500	No	Yes	9/30/2023

# Programs for Older Minnesotans and Vulnerable Adults

Program	Purpose	Amount (000s)	Match or MOE	LAC Approval Required	Available Until
Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals	Nutrition Services to low-income older adults who depend on services to help them shelter in place in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.	\$12,327	Match (15%)	Yes	No deadline
HCB Supportive Services	Variety of community-based supportive services in response to the pandemic.	\$7,490	Match (15%)	Yes	No deadline
Family Caregivers	Information, respite, education, training and support groups to family caregivers.	\$2,338	Match (25%)	Yes	No deadline

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Program	Purpose	Amount (000s)	Match or MOE	LAC Approval Required	Available Until
Elder Justice Programs	Improve interventions used to prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults.	\$2,816	No	Yes	9/30/2022
Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans	Additional support for the Ombudsman for Long Term Care office in response to the pandemic.	\$166	No	Yes	9/30/2022
Aging Preventive Health	Preventive health information and services to seniors.	\$728	No	Yes	9/30/2022

# Thank You!

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