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# Bennington County Regional Commission & Windham Regional Commission



## ARPA Municipal Project Selection

### Be Patient and Methodical

Municipalities have until the end of 2024 to obligate their ARPA funds, and the end of 2026 to spend the funds. Take your time and think big!

### Review Municipal Priorities & Programs

Identify priorities from your Municipal Plan and develop an initial list of project ideas. Consider how your community's needs connect to the four ARPA eligibility categories.

### Eligible Use Categories

- Respond to the public health emergency & negative economic impacts
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Revenue replacement (see [calculator](#))
- Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure

### Consult Your Citizens

Use a public process to solicit and prioritize project ideas. Reach out to community groups. ARPA funding can be distributed to nonprofits or other eligible third-party organizations performing eligible projects that benefit your community!

### Invite Ideas!

- Host a public forum
- Conduct a survey
- Attend community events
- Send a letter
- Use social media
- Ask committees

## Exclude Ineligible Uses

ARPA funds cannot be spent on:

- Match to other federal programs (you can add to federal funding received)
- Pensions
- Infrastructure not directly addressed in ARPA, or
- Rainy day funds, financial reserves, and outstanding debt.

## Leverage Other Funding Sources

Federal or state programs (Economic Development Agency, FEMA, Agency of Natural Resources, Agency of Transportation, Agency of Commerce and Community Development) may be able to provide funding for municipal projects. Guidance on potential uses of State ARPA funds is in development. Projects that cannot be funded by these programs should be considered for ARPA.

## Use your RPCs!

The Legislature provided ARPA funding to regional planning commissions to support municipalities in project selection and development. We are happy to provide information about ARPA and public engagement and attend meetings at your request.

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## Additional Information

Please visit the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) website for additional ARPA information:

<https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information>