

CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS: AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENTS

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The [State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) (“Fiscal Recovery Funds”) allocated in the “American Rescue Plan Act” (ARPA) provide flexibility for governments to meet local needs, including emergency rental assistance, addressing the housing and health needs of people experiencing homelessness, and building and preserving affordable housing. These funds present a significant opportunity for communities to meaningfully address the systemic discrimination that has led to the pandemic’s disproportionate toll on people of color, people with disabilities, immigrant communities, low-income households, and other historically marginalized groups. For more information on Fiscal Recovery Funds, see NLIHC’s [fact sheet](#).

This fact sheet highlights examples of state and local governments using ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds to invest in affordable housing and homelessness resources.

STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING INVESTMENTS USING ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

STATE	AMOUNT OF FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS
Alaska	\$7 million	Alaska passed the FY22 budget (H.B. 69) which includes \$7 million for grants to electric utilities to address delinquent payments due to COVID-19.
American Samoa	\$10 million	The American Samoa government allocated \$10 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing development.
Arizona	\$40.7 million	Arizona allocated \$40.7 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing and homelessness, including \$10 million for service and resources for people experiencing homelessness (allocated through the Arizona Housing Coalition); \$7.5 million to domestic violence providers for safe housing options for survivors; \$7.2 million for Native American Connections to acquire a 58-bed transitional housing facility for youths experiencing homelessness; \$5 million for Chicanos Por La Causa to hire personnel to assist with rental applications and housing relocation; \$4 million for domestic violence providers serving Native American Tribes; \$2.5 million for Home Matters to Arizona to expand affordable housing options and to support providers that focus on transitional, homeless, and domestic abuse shelters; and additional housing and homelessness resources.

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California	\$5.16 million	California passed FY22 budget (H.B. 128), which includes \$1.75 billion to fund the construction of thousands of new affordable homes held up in the state pipeline awaiting allocations of scarce federal tax-exempt private activity bonds; \$1 billion to implement the California Arrearage Payment Program (CAPP) to help prevent utility disconnections for low-income households experiencing financial hardship due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; \$1.2 billion for Project Homekey to acquire hotels, motels, and other properties to provide housing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness; \$500 million for planning and implementation grants; \$300 million for affordable housing preservation; \$100 million for homebuyer assistance; \$81 million to finance accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units by low- and moderate-income households; \$40 million for eviction and foreclosure prevention and defense; \$45 million for excess site development.
Colorado	\$550 million	Colorado passed the FY22 budget (H.B. 21-1329 ; S.B. 21-242), which includes \$550 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Affordable Housing and Homeownership Cash Fund. The funds must focus on programs or services that address housing insecurity, the lack of affordable housing, or homelessness.
Connecticut	\$35.1 million over 2 years	The Connecticut legislature passed and Governor Ned Lamont signed H.B.6689 , which includes \$24.55 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for housing investments in FY22 and \$10.55 million for housing in FY23. These funds include \$20 million for legal representation for tenants facing eviction over two years, \$7 million for Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation, and other housing investments. The legislature plans to reconvene for a special session in the coming weeks and will address further allocation of the remaining ARPA funds.
District of Columbia	\$543 million	Washington D.C.'s Recovery Plan includes investments of \$323 million for affordable housing production and \$27 million for affordable housing preservation. The District's Recovery Plan includes funding to significantly expand available housing and services for survivors of domestic violence: \$17 million will support community-based organizations in acquiring, expanding, and operating dedicated housing units for victims of domestic violence and temporarily increasing services. Another \$700,000 will provide targeted services and emergency shelter for LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence.
Hawaii	\$36 million	The Hawaii Legislature allocated about \$36 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing. Of these, \$28.6 million will be for homeless services over 2 years; \$5.4 million to maintain general assistance payments, help prevent homelessness, and increase health and safety for unemployable individuals with disabilities; \$1 million for the development of affordable homeownership housing projects; \$500,000 to maintain rental assistance to low-income families; and \$505,000 for households that do not qualify for Treasury's ERA program.

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Illinois	\$114 million	The Illinois General Assembly passed major omnibus legislation , H.B. 2621, which includes \$75 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Illinois Housing Development Authority to implement the COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program; \$28.1 million for Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for supportive housing services; \$10 million for the Housing Is Recovery Pilot Program ; \$1 million for the IDHS Homeless Youth Program.
Iowa	\$100 million	Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced on September 8 that \$100 million in discretionary funding from the American Rescue Plan Act will be deployed to expand housing availability in the state through several existing programs. Learn more here .
Maine	\$111.5 million	L.D. 1733 was signed into law by Governor Mills on July 26, 2021. It allocates \$50 million to build more affordable housing for Maine's workforce (\$20 million of which requires developers to enter into a prehire, collectively bargained project labor agreement with the workers who will build the affordable housing) and provides \$50 million for home energy efficiency and heating and ventilation upgrades for renters and low-income seniors. Additionally, the bill includes \$10 million to support homeless shelters and \$1.5 million to support housing navigators.
Maryland	\$20 million	Governor Larry Hogan signed Supplemental Budget No. 5 for FY22 which includes \$20 million for assistance with utility bills for households of modest means.
Massachusetts	\$600 million	Massachusetts will invest over \$600 million in affordable housing investments, including \$115 million for affordable housing production and preservation, \$150 million to preserve and maintain public housing, \$150 million to develop permanent supportive housing, \$65 million for homeownership assistance, and \$115 million to support expanded homeownership opportunities through Mass Housing's Commonwealth Builder Program, among other housing investments.
Minnesota	\$52 million	Minnesota allocated \$25 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for homelessness resources, including \$10 million to create a homeless shelter emergency response team at the Department of Human Services and \$15 million to support shelter programs and services eligible under the Emergency Services Program. Minnesota also allocated \$7 million to support the operations and implementation of RentHelpMN and \$20 million to provide an additional three months of emergency rental assistance to households that have exhausted their 18 months of benefits.
Nevada	\$5 million	The Nevada Legislature approved AB 486 , a bill that authorized \$5 million in ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds for the direct payment of rental assistance to landlords on behalf of tenants.
New Hampshire	\$1.5 million	New Hampshire's Fiscal Committee approved \$1 million for the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to fund the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Program through June 30, 2023. The Committee also approved \$505,505 for the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to fund the Housing Needs Administration Program through June 30, 2023.
New Jersey	\$760 million	New Jersey's FY22 budget bill includes \$10 million for home lead-based paint remediation. Governor Murphy signed S.B. 3691 in August, which provides \$500 million for rental assistance and \$250 million for utility assistance. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is creating an Eviction Prevention Program with the \$750 million.

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North Carolina	\$50 million	North Carolina is allocating \$50 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds for housing, including \$15 million in fiscal year 2022 (FY22) to the Department of Health and Human Services for rapid rehousing services to assist individuals and families at risk of homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic with obtaining safe housing. These funds can be used for security deposits and rental assistance, temporary hotel stays while awaiting permanent housing, housing navigation services, case management, and others uses. The state is also allocating \$35 million in FY22 to Dare County for the purpose of making a forgivable loan to a qualified private partner to develop affordable housing.
Oregon	\$115 million	In a special legislative session, the Oregon Legislature passed S.B. 5661 , which allocates \$100 million in ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program, \$5 million for program delivery expenses to expedite and enhance the ERA program, and \$10 million for the Grant to Home Forward program for distributions to compensate landlords.
Pennsylvania	\$50 million	The Pennsylvania legislature allocated \$50 million for the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, which will help ensure that the state's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit construction projects are not further delayed due to rapidly rising construction costs and other unforeseen cost increases. Some projects that received more recent LIHTC funding have been jeopardized due to large cost increases for materials and labor.
Rhode Island	\$29 million	Rhode Island allocated \$29 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing and homelessness assistance, including \$1.5 million in grants to expand housing navigation, stabilization, and mental health services; \$12 million to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to acquire properties for redevelopment as affordable housing and supportive housing; \$15 million to develop affordable housing units; and \$500,000 to expand programmatic and administrative capacity for affordable housing.
Utah	\$35 million	The Utah State Legislature passed and Governor Spencer Cox signed FY22 budget bill S.B 1001 , which includes \$35 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for a Redevelopment Matching Grant for Affordable Housing.
Vermont	\$99 million	Vermont approved in the FY22 budget (H. 439) \$94 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide housing and increase shelter capacity, including providing permanent homes in mixed-income settings, with priority given to populations who may be displaced from the hotel/motel voucher program or are currently without housing. The FY22 budget also provides \$5 million for the Vermont Housing Incentive Program.
Virginia	\$157.75 million	The Virginia government allocated \$157.75 million of ARPA state and local fiscal recovery money for housing and community development programs. Specific allocations include \$22.5 million to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support the Virginia Removal or Rehabilitation of Derelict Structures Fund program; \$120 million for utility assistance; \$5 million to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for permanent supportive housing in Northern Virginia to assist with the bed crisis at state facilities; \$2.5 million to the Virginia State Bar for legal aid funding for legal representation in eviction cases; and \$3.75 million to DHCD for a dedicated lead rehabilitation program to address childhood lead poisoning in residential properties.

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Washington	\$405.6 million	Washington State approved \$403 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds to boost the state's emergency rental and utility assistance. The budget also includes \$2.61 million for essential needs and housing support program and related needs.
Wisconsin	\$6 million	Governor Tony Evers announced \$6 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds will be used to address homelessness and ensure safe shelter for individuals experiencing short- or long-term housing instability during the winter months. The Safe Shelter and Homelessness Grants will provide resources to homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, and youth homelessness and runaway centers during the winters of 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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Atlanta, Georgia	\$3.5 million	The Atlanta City Council approved legislation (Ordinance 21-O-0175), which includes \$3.5 million in ARPA funds toward affordable housing.
City of Austin & Travis County, Texas	\$216 million	Austin approved \$106 million of ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of a community-wide effort to reduce levels of unsheltered homelessness, including through emergency shelter, street outreach, rapid rehousing, permanent supporting housing, landlord outreach and incentives, and housing development, among other investments. The Travis County Commissioners Court voted on September 14 to allocate \$110 million in ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address housing and homelessness. The \$110 million in ARPA dollars will fund over 2,000 new affordable housing units.
Bloomington, Indiana	\$1.2 million	The Bloomington City Council approved the Community Investment Plan for ARPA funds, which includes a \$250,000 grant to the Bloomington Housing Authority to create more affordable housing options; a \$1.2 million grant to the Housing Insecurity Group; and \$200,000 to support a new landlord risk mitigation fund to increase landlord participation in rental assistance programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher program.
Boulder County, Colorado	\$890,000	Boulder County is investing \$120,000 in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the county's Emergency Choice Housing Vouchers program, \$21,600 to support wraparound services for individuals experiencing homelessness, and \$750,000 for Family Resource Centers, which provide housing assistance to people disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.
Buncombe County, North Carolina	\$5.9 million	Buncombe County invested \$3 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds to fund Homeward Bound's expansion of its permanent supportive housing program. The county also invested \$2.5 million for the construction of affordable housing through the Mountain Housing Opportunities' Recovery Starts at Home project and \$400,000 for home repair and supportive services for low-income residents.
Cherokee County, Georgia	\$4.5 million	Cherokee County, Georgia is investing \$4 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds to renovate the Transition Center to better serve people experiencing homelessness and \$500,000 for housing assistance for seniors.
Chesterfield County, Virginia	\$4 million	Chesterfield County is investing \$4 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Chesterfield Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
Clark County, Nevada	\$157 million	Clark County, Nevada approved \$157 million of ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds for housing support, including to retain and expand affordable housing, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services.

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Clark County, Washington	\$15.5 million	The Clark County Council approved \$15.5 million in ARPA funding to support homeless crisis response, including \$4.4 million for homeless outreach teams, \$800,000 for motel vouchers, \$5 million for increased congregate and non-congregate shelters and mitigation of increased permanent supporting housing costs, \$300,000 to support individuals enrolled in a Housing and Essential Needs pilot program, \$2.5 million for additional rent assistance and support for rapid rehousing programs, and \$2.5 million for existing permanent supportive housing programs.
Cincinnati, Ohio	\$12.4 million	The Cincinnati City Council approved roughly \$12.4 million in ARPA funds for housing initiatives, including \$6.4 million for the affordable housing trust fund; \$3 million for Bethany House, which provides services to families experiencing homelessness; \$2.5 million for affordable housing development; and \$500,000 to fund repairs for housing code violations.
Cook County, Illinois	+\$7.5 million	Cook County is investing \$7.46 million in ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds to stand up fixed-site emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness in 5-7 locations and for hotel-based sheltering. The county will invest additional ARPA dollars to fund supportive housing through the Flexible Housing Pool, provide medical respite care to patients at risk of homelessness, and establish a Homeless Housing Navigation program. Cook County is allocating ARPA funds to provide full-time behavioral health specialists at all HACC affordable housing properties and for Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt.
Dane County, Wisconsin	\$15.6 million	Dane County invested \$2.4 million to continue a non-congregate sheltering program that has housed nearly 300 people experiencing homelessness in local hotels throughout the pandemic. The county will use an estimated \$13.2 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds over two years to launch and operate a rehousing initiative to transition households experiencing homelessness into permanent housing through case management and rental subsidies.
Detroit, Michigan	\$30 million	Detroit will use \$30 million in ARPA funds for Renew Detroit - a program that will replace the roofs on the homes of 1,500 low-income seniors and homeowners with disabilities. The ARPA funds will triple how much the city currently spends on its existing low-income home repair program.
Fairfax County, Virginia	\$25 million	The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved \$25 million in ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds to preserve and create affordable housing.
Hamilton County, Ohio	\$35 million	Hamilton County invested \$35 million of ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds for housing and homelessness, including \$20 million for the development and preservation of affordable housing and \$5 million for homelessness prevention.
Honolulu City and County	\$9.4 million	The City and County of Honolulu's Recovery Plan includes \$7 million for services for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness; \$900,000 for to assess properties for the acquisition, development, and use of affordable housing or shelters; and \$1.5 million for a landlord engagement program

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Los Angeles, California	\$8.19 million	The City of Los Angeles is allocating \$8.19 million of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address homelessness, including \$3.2 million for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) coordinated entry system; \$1.3 million for direct outreach to people experiencing homelessness; \$1.2 million for LAHSA's winter shelter program; \$863,453 for Operation Healthy Streets; \$303,000 for Safe Parking Programs; \$286,794 for A Bridge Home; \$38,800 for Project Roomkey; and additional resources to support people experiencing homelessness.
Louisville, Kentucky	\$16 million	Mayor Greg Fischer and the Louisville Metro Council approved spending \$16 million from the first round of ARPA funding on housing, including \$10 million for court eviction diversion programs; \$5 million for utility assistance; and \$1 million for security deposit and rental assistance.
Maricopa County, Arizona	\$64 million	Maricopa County is investing \$64 million of Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing and homelessness. These investments include \$30 million for a new affordable housing development; \$5 million for a landlord engagement project; \$7 million for emergency home repairs for individuals impacted by the pandemic; \$5 million for homelessness services; \$10 million for additional shelter beds; \$4 million for rapid rehousing; and \$3 million for a flexible funding pool for homeless service providers.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	\$46.7 million	Milwaukee approved \$46.7 million for various affordable housing initiatives, including a historic high of \$10 million for the city's Housing Trust Fund, \$9 million to support affordable housing projects, and \$15 million to rehabilitate up to 150 city-owned foreclosed houses.
Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$28 million	The Minneapolis City Council approved Mayor Jacob Frey's proposal to spend \$28 million of ARPA funds to increase the availability of affordable housing, increase BIPOC homeownership, and house people experiencing homelessness through innovative and cross departmental programming.
Montgomery County, Maryland	\$1.49	Montgomery County, MD is allocating \$1 million to support the county's COVID-19 Rent Relief Program and \$490,000 to expand its Rapid Rehousing program.
New York City, New York	\$735 million	New York City is allocating \$735 million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for housing and homelessness, including \$382.7 million to increase access to rental assistance vouchers; \$125.3 million for three initiatives to help end homelessness and support unhoused individuals; \$62.4 million to fund legal aid for tenants facing eviction; and \$163 million to increase senior centers and Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) in communities with large aging populations that are underserved. The city is also allocating \$932,213 to enhance NYC Housing Connect and \$718,000 for the Landlord Ambassador Program, a technical assistance program for small multifamily building owners.
Olmsted County, Minnesota	\$16.1 million	Olmstead County will invest \$16.1 million to address housing needs exacerbated by the pandemic. Of these funds, \$10 million is for a five-year investment project to create and preserve more than 1,100 affordable housing units; \$5 million to create affordable homeownership opportunities; \$1 million to purchase a property for transitional housing; and \$100,000 to repair the county's warming center.

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Phoenix, Arizona	\$17.5 million	Phoenix is allocating \$10 million to provide emergency rent, mortgage, and utility assistance and to provide landlord incentives as part of the Emergency Housing Vouchers program; \$3 million to create a heat respite/cooling center for individuals experiencing homelessness; and \$4.5 million to support veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
Pima County, Arizona	\$2 million	Pima County is allocating \$2 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the county's new Office of Emergency Eviction Legal Defense Services .
Portland, Oregon	\$34.2 million	Portland will invest over \$34 million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing and homelessness. These investments include \$4.7 million to provide legal aid for tenants facing eviction; \$16 million for the Streets to Stability: Safe Rest Villages project; \$5.1 million to continue physical distancing and voluntary COVID-19 isolation motel shelters, street outreach, and homeless service provider support; \$4.3 million to fund direct household assistance and services for people experiencing homelessness; \$2.6 million for utility assistance; and \$1.5 million to provide rental assistance for renters living in Portland Housing Bureau-regulated affordable housing.
Richmond, Virginia	\$26.8 million	The Richmond City Council approved Mayor Levar Stoney's ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund spending plan, which allocated \$20 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$6.8 million for the redevelopment of the Creighton Court public housing community.
Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Minnesota	\$74 million	The City of Saint Paul will invest \$37.5 million in federal Fiscal Recovery Funds into a 30% Area Median income (AMI) Housing Fund initiative to increase the supply of deeply affordable housing. Saint Paul's investment aligns with Ramsey County's commitment of \$37 million for a combined investment of \$74 million for deeply affordable housing throughout Saint Paul and Ramsey County.
Salinas, California	\$12.6 million	The Salinas City Council voted 4-3 to approve \$12.6 million in ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds for affordable housing and homelessness. Due to local advocacy efforts, the council adjusted the first ARPA proposal to include more funds for housing. The funds include \$7 million for the affordable housing production funds, \$3 million for the Salinas Homeless Motel Program, \$600,000 for the Downtown Streets Team, \$1 million for the Chinatown Navigation Center, and \$1 million for the SHARE Center.
San Diego, California	\$100 million	The San Diego Board of Supervisors approved \$85 million for homeless services (including \$70 million for housing, shelter and new facilities; \$10 million for housing vouchers and rent subsidies; and \$5 million for LGBTQ housing and services). The board also approved \$15 million in ARPA funding for legal services and counseling for tenants facing eviction and small landlords with fewer than five units who need help navigating rental assistance programs.
San Joaquin County, California	\$10.2 million	San Joaquin County approved \$225,000 to expand the county's Landlord Incentive Program to incentivize landlords to accept veterans experiencing homelessness and \$10 million as a set aside for a required match of funding for a Project Homekey project.

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Seattle, Washington	\$37 million	The Seattle City Council approved the Seattle Rescue Plan Act , which allocates a total of \$49.2 million for housing and homelessness resources, with \$37 million from ARPA fiscal recovery funds and \$12 million from HOME funds. These funds will provide resources for emergency housing, shelter, and services; investments in permanent housing strategies, including rapid rehousing and permanent housing capital; and funds for additional shelter, including safe lots and tiny homes.
St. Louis, Missouri	\$49 million	Mayor Tishaura Jones approved on August 16 \$135 million in ARPA funding, including \$49 million in direct economic relief for housing and utility assistance, homeless services, and other critical services. The funding includes \$8 million for emergency shelter; 1.25 million for intentional encampments; \$3 million for rapid rehousing; \$1.5 million for bridge housing; \$1.5 million for permanent supportive housing; \$1.25 million for wrap-around services; \$1 million for call hotline and centralized intake; \$1.5 million for public benefits navigators; \$400,000 for legal aid and \$450,000 for mediation; \$2 million for tiny homes; \$250,000 for community outreach; \$20 million for the citywide housing development fund; \$15 million for the Healthy Home Repair Program; and \$2.5 million for mortgage assistance.

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