

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 in impacted communities. 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](#).

COMMITTED STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING INVESTMENTS USING ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

STATE	AMOUNT OF FUNDS	COMMITTED USE OF FUNDS
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.
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.
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.
Utah	\$70 million	The Utah State Legislature passed and Governor Spencer Cox signed FY22 budget bill S.B 1001 which include \$70 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Utah Department of Housing and Community Development for housing and homelessness programs.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

PROPOSED STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING INVESTMENTS USING ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

LOCALITY	AMOUNT OF FUNDS	COMMITTED USE OF FUNDS
California	Over \$2.5 billion	Proposed uses include \$1.75 billion for shovel-ready, state-funded affordable rental projects; \$500 million in one-time ARPA funds to provide additional Regional Early Action Planning Program grants to plan housing development that makes progress toward state climate goals; and \$300 million in one-time ARPA funds to sustain HCD legacy projects' affordability requirements.
District of Columbia	\$543 million	Mayor Muriel Bowser's proposal includes funding for the Housing Product Trust Fund (\$156,732 million for FY 21 and \$166,684 million for FY 22); \$20,893 million in FY22 and FY23 for Homeward DC (singles) and \$19,043 million in FY24. The proposal also includes funding for the housing preservation fund, low-barrier shelter for transgender residents, employer assisted housing, Homeward DC (Youth), Community Land Trust Grants, emergency shelter and services, domestic violence housing- acquisition, office of the tenant advocate, and affordable housing acquisition

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Maine	\$121 million	L.D. 1733 would allocate \$50 million (\$10 million in FY21-22 and \$40 million for FY22-23) to build more affordable housing for Maine's workforce and provide \$50 million (\$15 million for FY21-22 and \$35 million for FY22-23) for home energy efficiency and heating and ventilation upgrades for renters and low-income seniors. Additionally, the bill includes \$21 million (\$4 million for FY 21-22 and \$17 million for FY22-23) to establish the Maine Connectivity Authority to achieve universally available broadband.
Massachusetts	\$1 billion	The Baker-Polito Administration proposed \$1 billion for housing in " An Act Relative to Transferring Federal Funds to the Federal COVID-19 Response Fund " including \$300 million to support expanded homeownership activities; \$200 million for Mass Housing's Commonwealth Builder Program; \$200 million for rental housing production and increased housing options for workers and residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities; and \$300 million to finance the statewide production of senior and veteran housing.
North Carolina	\$575 million	Governor Roy Cooper's proposed ARPA budget includes a set aside of \$575 million for housing investment. Funds will be distributed to NC Housing Finance Agency for new housing development and rehabilitation of existing units, for the Workforce Housing Loan Program, and for down payment assistance to first time homebuyers.

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Boston, Massachusetts	\$8 million	Boston Mayor Kim Janey proposed \$4.6 million for the acquisition of occupied buildings, \$400,000 for housing navigation assistance and stabilization services, and \$3.1 million to strengthen homeownership and support individuals facing housing insecurity.
Louisville, Kentucky	\$16 million	Mayor Greg Fischer's proposal for the first round of ARP funding would provide \$10 million for court eviction diversion programs; \$5 million for utility assistance; and \$1 million for security deposit and rental assistance.
Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$28 million	Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey proposes spending \$28 million to increase the availability of affordable housing, increase BIPOC homeownership, and house people experiencing homelessness through innovative and cross departmental programming.

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