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- Paola Martinez, United Way of  
Metropolitan Dallas

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Clyburn (D-SC)

## **Next Steps**

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# “Build Back Better Act” Updates & Next Steps

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# Final Rule on Using State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Affordable Housing

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# Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Treasury's Final Rule

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# Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program



- American Rescue Plan Act provided **\$350 billion** to state, local, and tribal governments to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic
- [Interim Final Rule](#): Published in May 2021
  - Identified a non-exhaustive list of eligible uses, including for affordable housing and homelessness
  - NLIHC submitted a [public comment](#) and sent a [letter](#) to Treasury calling for additional guidance

# Treasury's Final Rule



- Treasury's [final rule](#) takes effect on April 1, 2022
- **Improvements:**
  - Expands households and communities presumed to be “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted” by the pandemic
  - Expands housing programs for impacted communities
  - Clarifies eligible affordable housing projects



# Expands Eligible Populations



- The final rule establishes an eligibility standard and presumes that some households and communities were impacted or disproportionately impacted
  - **Impacted:** Experienced general, broad-based impacts of the pandemic
  - **Disproportionately impacted:** Faced more severe impacts, often due to pre-existing disparities

# Impacted Households & Communities



## • Eligibility

- Low- or moderate-income: Income at or below 300% of Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) or 65% of the area median income (AMI).
- Experienced unemployment, food, or housing insecurity
- Qualify for certain federal programs
- When providing affordable housing programs, households that qualify for national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and HOME

## • Eligible Activities

- **Emergency housing assistance**, including rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; housing stability services; assistance for people experiencing homelessness
- **Programs or services to support long-term housing security**, including affordable housing development and permanent supportive housing

# Disproportionately Impacted Households & Communities



## • Eligibility

- Low-income: Income at or below 185% of FPG or 40% of AMI
- Reside in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)
- Qualify for certain federal benefits, including Section 8 Vouchers, LIHEAP, and others
- Receive services provided by tribal governments or reside in US territories

## • Eligible Activities

- **Housing vouchers and relocation assistance**
- **Improvements to vacant and abandoned properties**, including rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance, or costs to secure and convert properties to affordable housing

# Expands Housing Programs



- **Now eligible for “impacted” households and communities:** programs or services to support long-term housing security
  - Permanent supportive housing
  - Affordable housing development, rehabilitation, and preservation
- Housing vouchers and relocation assistance remain in the category of uses for “disproportionately impacted”

# Clarifies Eligible Affordable Housing Projects



- Recipients can use SLFRF funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response, including building certain affordable housing
- Projects eligible for funding under the HTF and HOME programs are eligible for SLFRF funds
- Affordable housing not confined to QCTs
- Grants to support affordable housing development and the rehabilitation and repair of public housing are eligible

# Additional Resources



## U.S. Department of the Treasury:

- [Treasury's SLFRF Program webpage](#)
- [SLFRF Final Rule](#)
- [Overview of the Final Rule](#)
- [Tool for Determining LMI Households](#)

## NLIHC Resources:

- [ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)
- [Affordable Housing Investments Using Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)

# ERASE Project & ERA Spending Updates

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# Emergency Rental Assistance and ERASE

## Updates on tracking and resources

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# New Treasury Data & Resources



## 1. November Spending Progress:

<https://bit.ly/3qc1LO1>

## 2. Third Quarter Data:

<https://bit.ly/3qc1LO1>

## 3. ERA1 Reallocation Information:

<https://bit.ly/33gqY0D> &  
<https://bit.ly/3JWF8Vp>

# November Spending Progress



## Overall

- \$15.9 billion from ERA1 and ERA2 has been disbursed to households
- ERA has reached over 3.2 million renter households

## ERA1

- \$13.6 billion has been paid to households (54% of \$25 billion)
- \$1.5 billion was spent in November

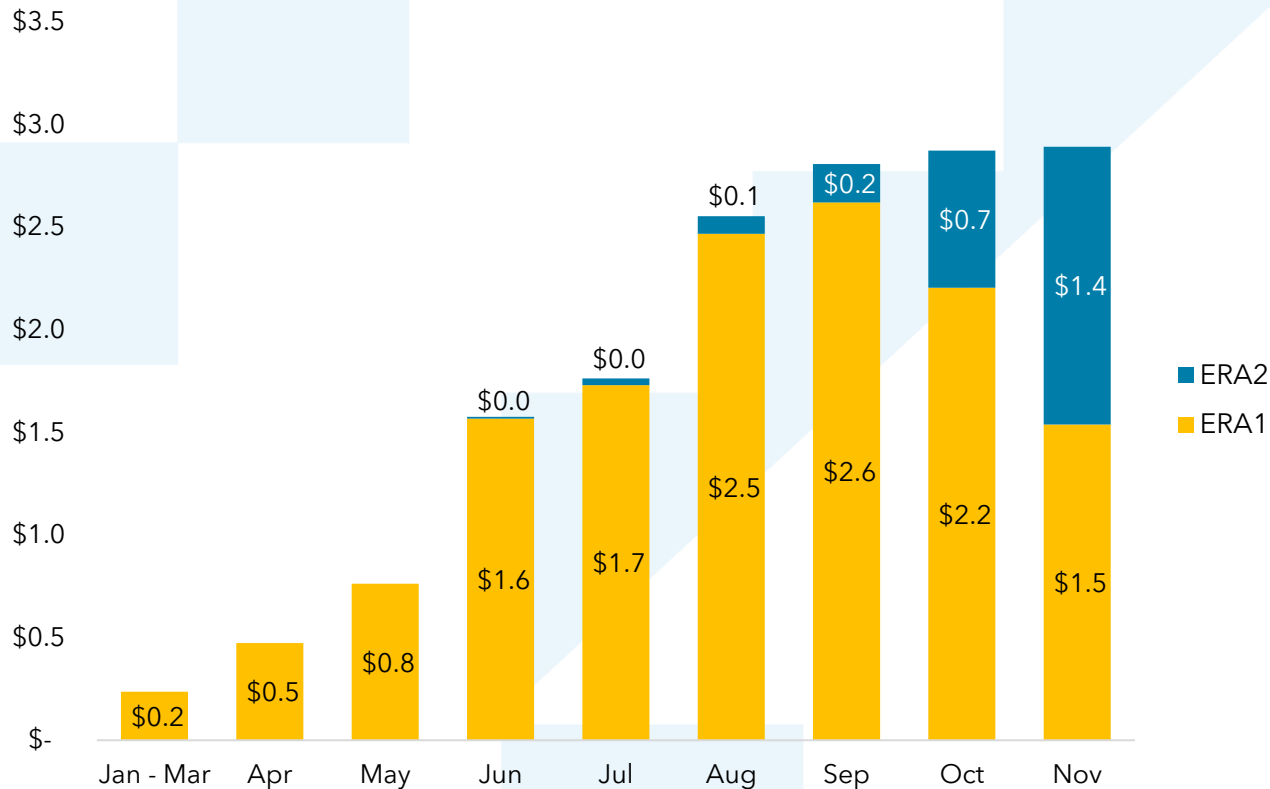
## ERA2

- \$2.3B has been paid to households (11% of \$21.6 billion)
- \$1.35B was spent in November, up from \$668M in October.

# November Spending Progress



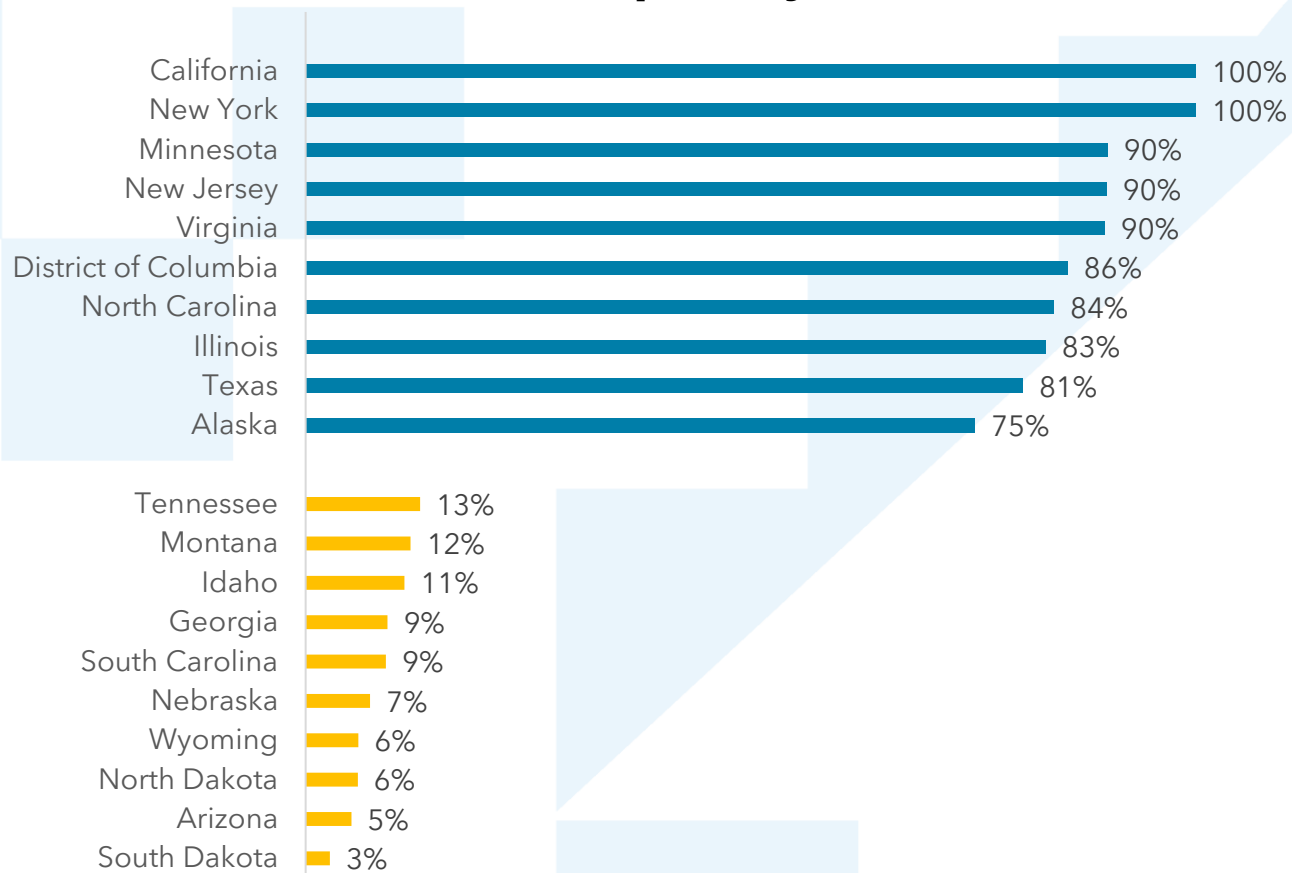
## Amount of ERA1 & ERA2 Spent by Month, in Billions



# November Spending Progress



## Percent ERA1 Allocation Spent by State

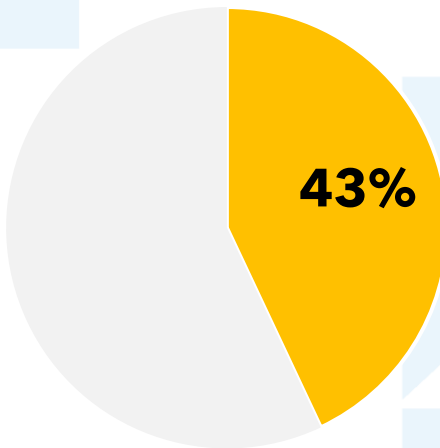


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Data (Jul - Sep)



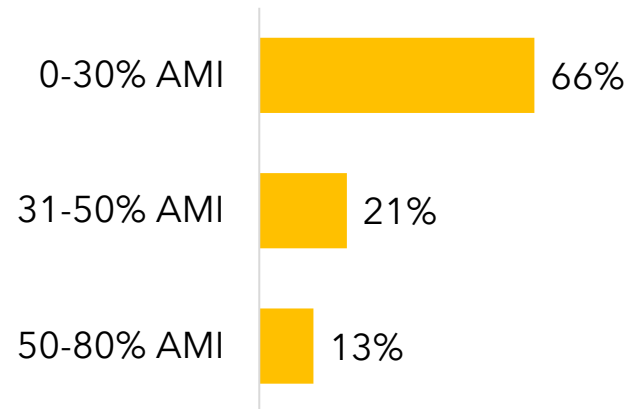
## Applications -

Nearly 3.6 million applications were completed and submitted from Q1 to Q3, but only 43% of those households were served.



## Households Served by Income -

1.9 million households were served in Q3, 66% of which were extremely low-income households.



# ERA1 Reallocation



## Voluntarily Reallocated Funds

- **\$875.5 million** was voluntarily reallocated.
- Most voluntarily reallocated funds came from state grantees.
- The states of Wisconsin, Indiana, Louisiana, and Tennessee all reallocated more than \$100 million of their ERA1 allocations.

## Recaptured Funds

- **\$239.9 million** was recaptured from grantees who did not meet the expenditure ratio.
- Treasury did not release information on which grantees these funds were recaptured from.

# ERA1 Reallocation



## Grantees Receiving Reallocated funds

125 programs received reallocated funds, including 5 states, 91 localities, and 29 Tribes.

State	Reallocated Amount
California	\$62,566,321
New Jersey	\$42,706,022
New York	\$27,219,044
District of Columbia	\$17,784,484
Oregon	\$1,166,696

Localities	Reallocated Amount
Indianapolis/Marion County, IN	\$91,454,708
Milwaukee, WI	\$61,000,000
Omaha, NE	\$50,000,000
Milwaukee County, WI	\$50,000,000
Maricopa County, AZ	\$39,000,000

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# Questions?

For questions regarding ERA spending or reallocation, email **[research@nlihc.org](mailto:research@nlihc.org)**.

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# Resources

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