On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides $350 billion in assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments through newly established Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Building and fire prevention departments can use this funding for hardware and software investments as well as salaries and department operations. The Code Council Family of Solutions offers services that can be reimbursed through the American Rescue Plan funding.

Use the American Rescue Plan Act’s Funds to purchase critical digital solutions and services:

- Our solutions improve telework capabilities for your public employees
- Our solutions enable the remote function of government
- Our third party plan review solutions facilitate ongoing operations in communities where government services were cut back

The American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds – Eligible Costs*:

- Costs necessary “to respond to the public health emergency” or “its negative economic impacts”
- Premium pay to workers performing “essential work”
- “Provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue . . . due to the COVID–19 public health emergency”

*Official guidance document from Treasury is TBA

Code Council solutions covered by American Rescue Plan federal funding:

- Digital Codes Premium
- Model Program for Online Services
- Third Party Plan Review
- E-permitting with Municity
- E-process and Records Management with Laserfiche
- Remote Virtual Inspections
- Custom Local Building Codes and MapLink for Tracking Zoning Requirements

How to Access Fiscal Recovery Funds:

1. Determine your staffing, operations, and/or hardware/software needs and assess costs.
2. Determine whether funding is available for your department. The initial estimates developed by Congress are preliminary.
   - Consult with your budget/finance department, county clerk, or municipal league.
   - Check out ICC’s Coronavirus Response Center – Advocacy Resources or email Advocacy@iccsafe.org for help.
3. Determine the purchasing/procurement process.
4. Track expenses and, where applicable, apply for reimbursement.

DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR FUNDS!