

American Rescue Plan Public sector readiness checklist

As state and local governments, schools and Tribes face the unprecedented opportunity to address critical community needs with the more than \$350 billion in direct relief funding assistance from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), many public sector officials are questioning where, when and how to start. Baker Tilly can help.



Use our readiness checklist to help prepare your entity to receive ARP funds:

- ✔ Understand your current accounting structure and internal controls to be ready to receive, segregate and track the funds
- ✔ Review all of the eligible uses for your direct funding allocation before making any decisions
- ✔ Investigate alternative funding available from other federal agencies for specific needs and projects
- ✔ Identify key community constituents who will/should benefit from the funds
- ✔ Develop and communicate a plan for stakeholder involvement in the strategic funding deployment process, considering diversity and inclusion among participants
- ✔ Formulate a strategic funding plan that establishes community priorities and aligns with eligible uses of both the direct allocations and potential funding from other federal agencies
- ✔ Create an investment plan for the funding
- ✔ Examine the funding compliance requirements, including potential single audit requirement

As your Value Architect™, Baker Tilly can help you navigate the ARP funds in the coming weeks and months. Our public sector specialists are always just an email or a Zoom call away.

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