



## American Rescue Plan Implementing Funds to Impact Communities Now

The **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** was signed into law March 11, 2021 to provide access to critical emergency funding following the COVID-19 pandemic. Millions of Americans lost their jobs at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many continue to struggle to find gainful employment or catch-up on delinquent bills. The ARPA provided funding to state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) governments to restore economies and support communities as they continue to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

### What is the American Rescue Plan Act?

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called ARPA, is a **\$1.9 trillion stimulus bill** that offers economic relief to a variety of sectors and individuals to support the nation's COVID-19 recovery efforts. ARPA funding includes, billions for:

- Stimulus Checks: \$400 Billion
- Unemployment Benefits: \$163 Billion
- Childcare: \$56 Billion
- Schools: \$170 Billion
- Public Health: \$109 Billion
- State and Local Governments: \$350 Billion
- Small Business: \$48 Billion
- Housing Assistance: \$45 Billion
- Food Assistance: \$12 Billion

### What's Available?

SLTT entities were significantly impacted by the pandemic. Due to stretched funding, many were forced to cut services or even essential workers from their workforce - including frontline responders and educators. **ARPA allocated \$350 billion to provide emergency relief to SLTT governments** that slowly continue to recover from the COVID-19 economic crisis. SLTT entities may request this funding on a rolling basis. The U.S. Department of Treasury offered flexible terms on how SLTT can best utilize these funds. A focus has been placed on rebuilding America's workforce and investing in stronger, resilient, and more energy-efficient infrastructure.

**IEM stands ready to help you with what we do best** – design programs to address your state and community specific needs by leveraging this historic funding. Our disaster and crisis management experience coupled with our work with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds as well as other federal grant programs that have been implemented to address public urgencies, will ensure an effective and timely use of these funds.

### Founded – 1985

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### Our Experts

The expansive IEM team includes emergency management, homeland security, disaster recovery, public health, and national security professionals, former executives and senior leaders from FEMA, HUD, DOD, and state and local officials.

### IEM'S EASILY ACCESSIBLE CONTRACT VEHICLES

Through existing contract vehicles and rapid procurement, IEM is prepared to address your needs for any event. [www.iem.com/contracts](http://www.iem.com/contracts)

### California Multiple Award Schedules

Contract Number: 4-20-03-0188C

Contract Period: 11 August 2020 through 25 June 2022

Contract Number: 3-20-70-2296C

Contract Period: 11 August 2020 through 13 September 2022

### HGACBuy Cooperative

Contract Number: HP08-17

Contract Period: 1 August 2017 through 31 July 2021

### North Texas SHARE

Contract Number: NCT-2019-149

Contract Period: 28 January 2020 through 29 January 2022

## The IEM Advantage

Our team of national leaders have the **experience, resources, and relationships** to successfully oversee and help administer projects to support your community's COVID-19 recovery.

IEM can offer a full menu of services to support your needs:

- Program Implementation and Management
- Technical Assistance
- Outreach, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
- Grants Automation Software
- Case Management and Call Centers
- Quality Assistance/ Quality Control
- Fraud Detection and Prevention

### Program Implementation and Management

IEM has **managed billions of dollars in disaster assistance**. We supported states in their implementation of **ARRA grant efforts** and led the fastest CDBG-DR recovery in the program's history. With respect to **CARES Act** funding, IEM helped local communities design grant programs that addressed small business financial gaps and childcare costs for vulnerable communities trying to return to work. We have the experience with designing programs that achieve intended outcomes. Through effective grant logic modeling and experience with grant compliance, we can help your jurisdiction to optimize the impact of this historic funding.

IEM worked with the state of Louisiana's Department of Natural Resources State Energy Office to develop an online map and reporting portal for their ARRA grant programs. This program sought to maximize energy efficiency and renewable energy benefits to all residents in the state.

### Technical Assistance

The IEM Response Team bolsters an agency's response operations—allowing operations to continue efficiently—as well as supports special projects with specific subject matter expertise and advanced technical skills.

### Outreach and Community Engagement

ARPA funding priorities and program implementation will need to be communicated to residents. IEM develops communication procedures and public messaging to engage with communities and provide residents with accurate information on how they can receive assistance from these programs or how their communities will benefit. IEM's team can help your organization navigate the media landscape and identify ways to break through the noise. IEM's experts understand how to craft messages designed to make your voice heard and reach your most vulnerable populations.

### Grant Automation Software

IEM developed grants automation software that can easily adapt to your agency's needs – our IQ suite blends innovative technology with streamlined processing. Using our IQ suite of tools enables you to manage the grant or benefits distribution process from both the strategic and individual grant level, including approvals, document management, and reporting. Various iterations of this software have been reimagined to adjust to project needs:

- **GrantWise™** is IEM's innovative grant management software for state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management and homeland security professionals. GrantWise™ supports the efficient and effective business process and workflow management of grant processing and administration at each step – from initialization to closeout. Sub-recipients have direct access to the platform, allowing for all data to be entered and tracked within one system. Grantees are easily able to manage their projects and submit requests for reimbursements.
- **RentAssistIQ™** software manages and processes emergency rental assistance (ERA) funds.
- **HousingAssistIQ™** software manages and processes homeowner assistance funds (HAF)

### Case Management and Call Centers

IEM is proficient and experienced in managing call center operations for large scale, disaster related projects. We believe that at its heart, effective rental assistance customer service moves eligible applicants rapidly to impact relief, healthy/affordable housing and program completion.

### Quality Assistance/ Quality Control

Using a combination of state-of-the-art tools and technologies, IEM is able to provide unparalleled program management capability that is focused on accountable and real outcomes for individuals who are dealing with these unprecedented times. We use program management tools to monitor and adjust plans based on data analytics, client expectations, and project realities.

### Fraud Detection and Prevention

Our software architects, engineers, database developers, system administrators, and project managers take a proactive, results-oriented approach to software and systems development. IEM has a long, successful record of providing this type of work, as well as technical and analytical reviews covering a broad spectrum of topics conducted by seasoned researchers.