

# FUNDING GOV TECH: HOW THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT IS IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides \$350 billion in relief funds for state and local governments. Jurisdictions can use this money to purchase technology to improve their public health response and boost their broadband initiatives. Available funds must be used to cover costs incurred by Dec. 31, 2024, but money is already being allocated to improve access to digital tools, enhance cybersecurity, provide reliable internet connections and much more.

TOTAL ARPA FUNDING: **\$1.9 TRILLION**  
use by Dec. 31, 2024

## STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING BREAKDOWN:

**\$195 BILLION** States    **\$65 BILLION** Counties    **\$46 BILLION** Cities

## FUNDING CAN BE USED FOR:



Reliable access to the internet and web-based solutions



Flexible public health services and digital interactions



Education and resources to learn more about digital tools



Safe and secure networks

## ARPA FUNDING IN ACTION:



**\$522 MILLION**  
California

for last-mile broadband infrastructure projects

**\$500 MILLION**  
Tennessee



to expand broadband access and adoption, including money for a temporary subsidy to qualifying homes and connecting downtown business districts with free public Wi-Fi



**\$5 MILLION**  
Alabama

to facilitate the expansion and use of telemedicine

**\$2.2 MILLION**  
Buffalo, New York



to enhance cybersecurity measures and make the city's digital infrastructure more resilient



**\$4 MILLION**  
Chandler, Arizona

to replace and expand existing fiberoptic cabling

**\$1 MILLION**  
Boston, Massachusetts



to expand the city's "Wicked Free Wi-Fi" initiative

**MORE INFORMATION:** The Center for Digital Government partnered with the Center for Municipal Finance at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy to produce a comprehensive guide on funding government technology. Download "Funding Gov Tech: A Practical Guide to Financing State and Local Government IT" at [govtech.com/fundinggovtech](http://govtech.com/fundinggovtech).

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