

## Alabama State Fiscal Recovery Fund Program Update

August 23, 2023

### ARPA OVERVIEW

### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

# ARPA Section 9901 creates <u>two</u> funds generally applicable to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments:

- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("FRF")
  - Alabama's Total Allocation: \$2,120,279,417.00

- First Tranche: \$1,060,139,708 appropriated by Acts 2021-547, 2021-557, and 2022-1

- Second Tranche: \$1,060,139,708 appropriated by Act 2023-1

- Payments to local municipal governments issued July 22, 2022

- <u>Capital Projects Fund (</u>"CPF")
  - Alabama's CPF Allocation: \$191,887,857.00
  - Appropriated in Act 2022-1



## ARPA OVERVIEW

### Eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF)

- Respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;
- Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- Provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID–19 pandemic (i.e. "lost revenue" or "revenue replacement"); and
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

### ARPA OVERVIEW

### **Prohibited uses of FRF**

- Directly or indirectly offset a reduction in tax revenue
- Deposit into any pension fund
- Generally, may not be used for matching purposes
- May not be used for debt service or deposited into rainy day funds

### Funds must be

- Obligated by December 31, 2024; and
- Expended by December 31, 2026



### **Reporting Requirements for FRF**

Interim Report – Submitted August 31, 2021

#### **Project & Expenditure Report**

- First report due January 31, 2022
- Quarterly reports thereafter through December 2026
- All required project and expenditure reports have been submitted to date

#### **Recovery Plan Performance Report**

- First report due August 31, 2021
- Annually thereafter through December 2026
- <u>All required performance reports have been submitted to date</u>



## ARPA I • ACT 2022-I

**ARPA Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation** 

- \$80 million total for the reimbursement of eligible healthcare expenses incurred by hospitals and nursing homes
   Status: Per March 8, 2022, Memoranda of Agreement, funds fully disbursed
- \$51 million for the improvement of broadband network access Status: Memoranda of Agreement with ADECA executed March 22, 2022 <a href="https://adeca.alabama.gov/broadband/">https://adeca.alabama.gov/broadband/</a>
- \$225 million to improve access to clean water through improvements to drinking water and sewer systems

**Status:** Memoranda of Agreement with ADEM executed March 22, 2022 with application review and awards ongoing at <a href="https://alabamawaterprojects.com/">https://alabamawaterprojects.com/</a>

 \$79.5 million for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Status: Transfer of Funds completed January 28, 2022



## ARPA I • ACT 2022-1

#### ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery <u>Revenue Replacement Fund</u> Appropriation

- \$34 million for the improvement of broadband network access Status: Memoranda of Agreement with ADECA executed March 22, 2022 <a href="https://adeca.alabama.gov/broadband/">https://adeca.alabama.gov/broadband/</a>
- \$5 million to facilitate the expansion and use of telemedicine
  Status: Requests for funding being accepted and in review with Department of Finance
- \$36.7 million to support the delivery of healthcare Status: MOAs complete and programs detailed in following slide
- \$30 million to assist rural hospitals

Status: Funding program opened March 14, 2022, with funds fully disbursed



#### ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery <u>Revenue Replacement Fund</u> Appropriation

- \$36.7 million to support the delivery of healthcare
  - Assisted Living Facilities Grant Program \$5 million for reimbursement of covid-related expenses
  - Veterans Affairs Covid Expense Reimbursement \$5 million
  - Veterans Affairs Mental Health Program \$5 million
  - Department of Rehabilitation Services \$7 million
  - Breast Cancer Mobile Mammography Diagnosis and Treatment Supports \$2.1 million
  - Department of Mental Health Provider Agencies Expense Program \$5 million
  - Department of Mental Health Contracted Inpatient Beds Program \$6 million
  - Association of Free and Charitable Clinics \$1.5 million



### ARPA I • ACT 2022-1

#### ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery <u>Revenue Replacement Fund</u> Appropriation

• \$10 million for volunteer fire fighters

Status: Funding program opened March 7, 2022, with funds fully disbursed

- **\$10 million for emergency response providers Status:** Funding program opened April 27, 2022, with funds fully disbursed
- \$11 million for reimbursement of expenses for state inmates housed in county jails Status: Funding program opened May 16, 2022, with funds fully disbursed



### ARPA I • ACT 2022-I

#### **ARPA Coronavirus** <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> Appropriation

• \$191.8 million for the improvement of broadband network access

**Status:** Memoranda of Agreement with ADECA executed March 22, 2022 <u>https://adeca.alabama.gov/broadband/</u>



#### **ARPA Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation**

#### **Responding to the Public Health Emergency**

- \$100 million for the reimbursement of eligible healthcare expenses incurred by Hospitals Status: Memoranda of Agreement executed June 6, 2023, and program being administered by Alabama Health Research and Education Foundation
- \$100 million for the reimbursement of eligible healthcare expenses incurred by Nursing Homes Status: Memoranda of Agreement executed May 30, 2023, and program being administered by Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation
- \$7 million to facilitate the expansion and use of telemedicine
  Status: Requests for funding accepted and in review with Department of Finance
- \$2 million for Telemedicine Booth Unit Program
  Status: Memoranda of Agreement executed August 15, 2023



ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Appropriation

#### **Responding to the Public Health Emergency**

- \$80 million for the reimbursement of eligible healthcare expenses incurred by public sector health insurance programs, SEIB (\$40 million) and PEEHIP (\$40 million) Status: Memoranda of Agreement executed May 25, 2023
- \$20 million for development and deployment of the Alabama Clinical Trial Access Program Status: Memoranda of Agreement executed June 8, 2023, and program being administered by Southern Research Institute



#### **ARPA Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation**

#### **Responding to the Public Health Emergency**

- \$23 million for mental health programming and supports
  - Status: Memoranda of Agreement under review with Department of Mental Health

DMH hospitals' expenses DMH covid-related provider agency services Contracted in-patient beds

\$5 million \$7 million \$11 million

- \$7 million for the needs of veterans
  - **Status:** Memoranda of Agreement under review with Department of Veterans Affairs

DVA hospitals' expenses	\$5 million
DVA mental health services grants	\$2 million



#### **ARPA** Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation

#### **Allowable Infrastructure Projects**

- \$245 million for Broadband Status: Memoranda of Agreement with ADECA executed August 10, 2023
- \$15 million for hardening the State's network, cybersecurity improvements, and securityrelated regulatory compliance

**Status:** Memoranda of Agreement with Alabama Office of Information Technology executed June 16, 2023



#### **ARPA** Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation

#### **Allowable Infrastructure Projects**

 \$395 million to improve access to clean water through improvements to drinking water and sewer systems

**Status:** Memoranda of Agreement with ADEM executed May 25, 2023, with application review and awards ongoing at <a href="https://alabamawaterprojects.com/">https://alabamawaterprojects.com/</a>

\$5 million for additional funding for Black Belt engineered septic systems
 Status: Memoranda of Agreement under review with Alabama Department of Public Health



#### ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Appropriation

**Responding to Negative Economic Impacts - \$55 million for community assistance programs** 

- Programming to support covid-related issues affecting children and address learning loss and social-emotional slide
  - Expansion of Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mentee Program \$300,000
  - Statewide Boys and Girls Clubs Programming \$2 million
  - YMCA Alliance of Alabama \$2 million
  - Alabama ARC Autism diagnosis expansion \$2.5 million
- Programming to address domestic violence and child abuse
  - Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence \$4 million
  - Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers \$4 million



#### ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Appropriation

<u>Responding to Negative Economic Impacts</u> - \$55 million for community assistance programs

- Programming to support Alabama's senior citizens
  - YMCA Alliance of Alabama \$1 million
  - Area Agencies on Aging \$6 million
- Food Bank Alliance of Alabama \$8 million
- Habitat for Humanity \$15 million to fund 115 new homes and repair 200 homes



#### **ARPA Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation**

#### **Responding to Negative Economic Impacts** - \$55 million for community assistance programs

- Programming to support Alabama's foster children \$5.7 million
  Status: Memorandum of Agreement under review by Department of Human Resources
- Grants for After-school programs \$4.5 million

**Status:** Program development in process by Department of Finance. Announcement and application portal planned for early Fall 2023



#### **ARPA Coronavirus State <u>Fiscal Recovery Fund</u> Appropriation**

#### **Response and Mitigation**

 \$5 million for hearing costs incurred by the Department of Labor for covid-related unemployment compensation claims Status: MOA in review with Department of Labor



### **Alabama State Fiscal Recovery Fund Website**

FRF.Alabama.gov

Links to Alabama program applications and information, U.S Treasury Guidance, news, and reporting of Alabama ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund payments