



## American Rescue Plan Supporting Essential Community Services

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, states, localities, Tribal nations, and U.S. territories continue to face large budget shortfalls and workforce reductions that could endanger critical community services.

- [Already, state and local government employment has fallen in all 50 states compared to the same period in 2019.](#) These are our teachers, firefighters, public health workers, and police officers.
- State and local governments face [unprecedented costs](#) to address this immediate crisis, limit long-term harm caused by the pandemic, and resolve longstanding inequities exacerbated by COVID-19.
- As in other communities, families in Indian Country facing extreme hardships caused by the pandemic [increasingly depend on the critical services](#) provided by their Tribal government. This increased demand comes at a time when Tribal governments are reporting higher operating costs and unprecedented budget shortfalls.

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According to the Congressional Budget Office, [funding for states and local communities provides the biggest bang for the buck when it comes to economic relief.](#)

**The American Rescue Plan will provide emergency funding to ensure that communities have access to critical services:**

- **States and the District of Columbia:** Provides \$195.3 billion and ensures that smaller states receive at least as much aid as they received under the CARES Act
  - \$25.5 billion equally divided – each state receiving at least \$500 million
  - \$169 billion based on the state share of total unemployed workers

- **Local governments:** Provides \$130.2 billion equally divided between cities and counties
  - \$65.1 billion for municipalities
    - \$45.57 billion for municipalities of at least 50,000
    - \$19.53 billion for municipalities with fewer than 50,000
  - \$65.1 billion for counties
- **Territories:** Provides \$4.5 billion
- **Tribal governments:** Provides \$20 billion
- Additionally, the American Rescue Plan creates a new \$10 billion Critical Infrastructure Projects program to help states, territories, and Tribal governments carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to COVID-19