
ARPA - Cities in Unorganized Borough

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Additional ARPA Distribution to Cities within Unorganized Borough

Treasury has released guidance on how the State should distribute funds to governmental units within census areas (in the Unorganized Borough).

Basically, these funds will only be available to cities (incorporated governmental units) within the unorganized borough. They will be distributed on a pro-rata basis, based on population.

All the same conditions that apply to your current NEU funds still apply. The city is still the prime recipient, and you still have to follow the terms and conditions and Treasury guidance. When it comes to reporting, you'll do consolidated reporting - track your NEU and county funding the same and report all of it in one report.

We think the calculations that we did before still hold true, mostly. See spreadsheet in button below for your potential allocation. Basically, if you see a number under county/census, and you aren't a borough, then it means there's an additional amount that will flow through the State to you.

Potential Allocations

It's worth noting that at least five communities have declined their ARPA funds, sending it back to the State. This includes Atkasuk, Eagle, Edna Bay, Kupreanof, and Whale Pass. It will mean that \$150,000 of federal relief does not flow to local governments in Alaska. There's an opportunity for them to rescind that action - even no response is better, and means that those funds get reallocated to the rest of cities. For everyone, though, please talk with us before you consider declining funds. We're here to help!

Treasury ARPA Reporting

You'll have seen our update yesterday that Treasury has announced its reporting guidelines, template, and portal.

Treasury's portal guidance document is found [here](#).

Remember, if you are a borough or City of Fairbanks, you have an interim report due on August 31. [Here is the template for that](#). For everyone else, you'll have an annual report due October 31. We have some time to work through this.

Importantly, we think, will be that everyone needs to create an ID.me account, and then designate different levels of responsibility. AML is working with Treasury to see what role we can play in supporting you through this.

Next Thursday, August 19 at 10am we will begin our outreach on this with a discussion about reporting.

- Join Zoom Meeting via
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86930642283?pwd=VUJKL09ITnI5OHVEODg4SGZwSGZiQT09>
- Meeting ID: 869 3064 2283 Passcode: 930280
- Call in via +1 253 215 8782

DCRA Process for Distributing ARPA Funds to Cities

Currently DCRA is preparing to distribute Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to local governments per the U.S. Treasury guidance for smaller cities, typically those with a population less than 50,000, that will receive ARPA funds through the state.

These cities are referred to as non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs) in the guidance found here: [US Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for NEUs](#).

With the passage of the budget, the state requested a 30-day extension anticipating distribution of funds to NEUs beginning in late July. AML anticipates future extensions being requested.

To facilitate timely distribution, DCRA has posting the following documents for NEUs to complete and return as soon as possible to DCRA.ARPA@alaska.gov:

- [NEU Resolution Accepting ARPA Funds](#)
- [Appendix A: Award Terms and Conditions Agreement](#)
- [Appendix B: NEU Financial Institution Information](#)
- [Appendix C: Agreed Terms](#)
- [Appendix D: Assurances of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#)

- [Appendix E: Total NEU Budget Certificate](#)

Each NEU will receive their individual Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recover Fund Agreement from DCRA.

Once you have completed all the documents required by DCRA, you should receive your first distribution of funds. The second distribution should occur 12 months later, next year.

You should receive as well a unique identifier from the State, which you'll include in what you upload to SAM.gov, along with your signed Terms and Conditions, and Title VI Civil Rights Act compliance document.

Need help? Contract with AML for ARPA support

It is with collaboration in mind that while we offer our membership the support they might need to follow the requirements of ARPA CSLFRF implementation, and to ensure compliance. Essentially, we're familiar with ARPA requirements, will be doing this for our members, and want to make sure you have what you need to successfully deploy and account for your ARPA funds.

We have approached this as a pooled shared service. The agreement below indicates that AML will support local and tribal governments by:

- Consulting on eligible expenditures
- Reviewing state and federal guidance to provide answers to questions that may arise
- Reviewing proposed or actual expenditures to assist in bookkeeping or tracking of expenditures
- Developing or reviewing draft reports for approval by the authorized representative
- Coordinating authorization of all actions necessary to comply with the conditions of ARPA
- File required reports on behalf of the entity as provided for by Treasury

Because we're offering this to all of our members, the fee is nominal. It's an eligible expense of ARPA, as technical assistance, so you can use your ARPA funds to pay for our support.

We hope that you will consider this, and that we can support you in your implementation over these next couple years. Here is the Agreement we ask you to review and return.

ARPA Support Agreement

Visit our ARPA website



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