



ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

Cook County's American Rescue Plan

Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Community Survey

On March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). ARPA is an ambitious initiative to stimulate the American economy, support residents, and curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Cook County will directly receive over \$1 billion from the federal government through ARPA and is in the process of developing a responsible, comprehensive, and equitable spending plan to strategically use these one-time resources to support both immediate recovery needs and long-term transformative initiatives.

To ensure the best use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) resources, Cook County will:

- Target ARPA funding to support County policy priorities;
- Center decision-making on core values of equity, engagement, and excellence;
- Build on foundation of existing County and regional efforts, including Cook County Policy Roadmap: Five-Year Strategic Plan for Offices Under the President, the Cook County Equity Fund and We Rise Together;
- Avoid duplication of resources; leverage existing efforts and infrastructure;
- Maximize all ARPA funding by cross-mapping initiatives against more restrictive funding streams first;
- Implement best practices from the COVID-19 response.
- Stand-up additional capacity, infrastructure, and expertise early;
- Offer technical assistance to local governments regarding effective administration of ARPA Funds;
- Maintain flexibility to reallocate funding as needs and federal guidance evolve;
- Use one-time funds for one-time uses, or have a path to sustainability.

Cook County is seeking community input to guide its spending plan for its American Rescue Plan Act funding. This survey is an initial step in this community engagement plan. In addition to this online survey, Cook County will conduct a broad community engagement process that includes a dedicated website and public meetings in the near future.

Please submit your input by 11:59pm on Friday, August 31, 2021. To submit your feedback, please email a scanned copy this survey to arpa@cookcountyil.gov or mail this survey to:

Cook County President's Office
ATTN: ARPA Survey
118 N. Clark Street, Room 537
Chicago IL 60602



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Funding Priorities

What are your highest priorities for Cook County to invest in with ARPA funds?

Please check 1 - 3 responses.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (including public transit, roads and bridges, lead pipe replacement, and stormwater management) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health (including continued pandemic response, disease prevention, and health promotion programs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Jobs Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Equity (including broadband expansion, affordable Internet, and low-cost technology) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety (including recidivism reduction, restorative justice, and violence prevention) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare (including mental health, physical health, and wellness) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Assistance (including mortgage, rent, and utility assistance, homelessness services, and legal aid) | |

Other (fill in the blank): _____

Optional Personal Information

Name: _____ City/Town: _____

Email: _____ Organization: _____

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply):

- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ Black/African American
☐ Hispanic/Latino/Latinx
☐ Native American/American Indian
☐ White/Caucasian
☐ Other: _____

Age: _____

Gender (check one):

- ☐ Woman ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Man ☐ Other: _____
☐ Non-binary