



PSATS TOWN HALL

What the American Rescue Plan Act Means for Your Township

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Overview of American Rescue Plan

■ Congressional approval

- House passed on February 27
- Senate passed on March 6 with amendments
- House passed on final vote on March 10

■ President Biden signed on March 11

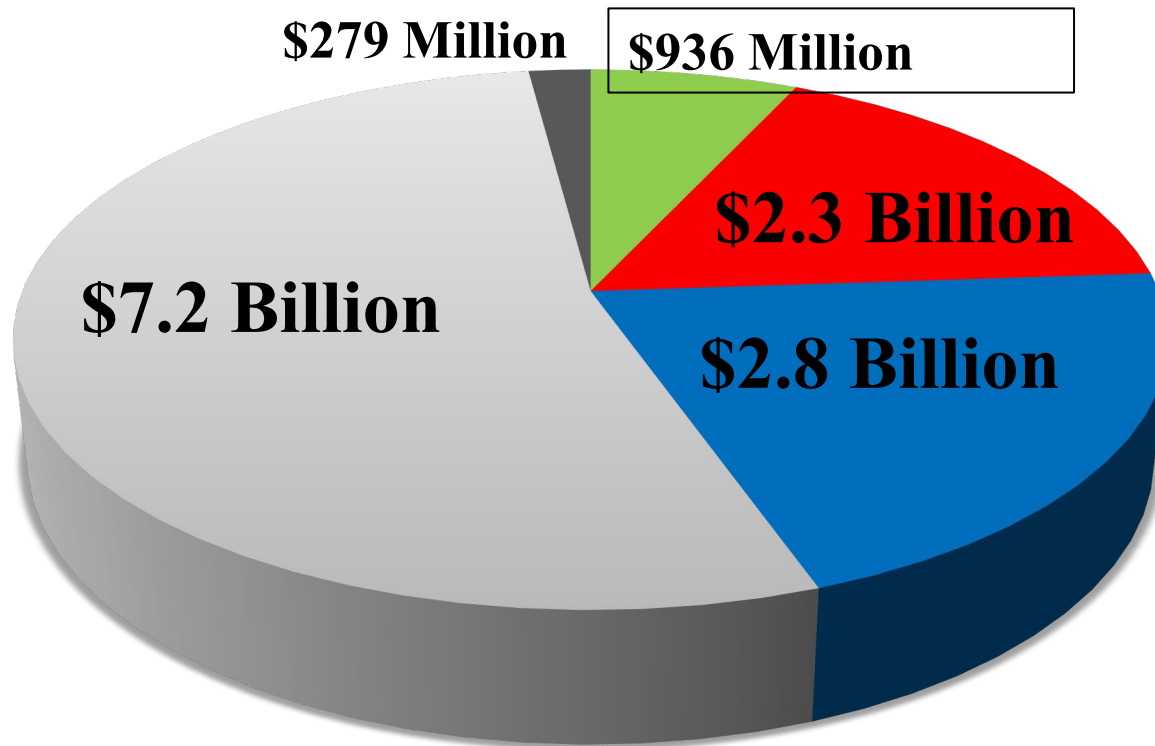


Overview of American Rescue Plan

- **\$350 billion in direct financial relief for state, local, tribal governments**
- **Extends federal supplemental UC benefits**
- **Increases PPP funding**
- **Funding for school reopening**
- **Utility/rental assistance**
- **Much more**



Pennsylvania Allocations



■ Non-Entitlement Communities (7%)

■ Entitlement Communities (17%)

■ Counties (21%)

■ Commonwealth (53%)

■ Commonwealth: capital projects (2%)

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Total Allocations

	2021	2022
Commonwealth	\$3.6 billion	\$3.6 billion
Counties	\$1.4 billion	\$1.4 billion
Municipalities over 50,000	\$1.15 billion	\$1.15 billion
Municipalities under 50,000	\$468 million	\$468 million

Second Class Townships: \$561 Million

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Township Examples

- East Keating Township, Clinton County: \$1,088
- Harrison Township, Potter County: \$96,396
- Porter Township, Huntingdon County: \$189,332
- Mahoning Township, Carbon County: \$419,101
- Bensalem Township, Bucks County: \$8.6 million

To find your township's allocation go to psats.org and click on the COVID-19 page

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Timing of Distributions

- **Feds to States/Locals (more than 50K)**
 - First round – by 5/10/21
 - Second round – within 12 months after initial allocation
- **States to Locals (under 50K)**
 - Within 30 days of payment from Feds, with extensions permitted
- **Limit: You cannot receive more than 75% of 2020 budget**



Permitted Uses

1.) Response to COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic impacts, including:

- Assistance to households, small businesses, and non-profits.
- Aid to impacted industries (i.e., tourism, travel, hospitality).



Permitted Uses

2.) Premium pay for essential workers

- Township employees
- Grants to other public or private employers with eligible workers
- Up to \$13/hour, capped at max of \$25K

Who are eligible workers?

- Those needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure and additional sectors
- Designated by governing body



Permitted Uses

3.) Lost revenue replacement

- Reduction in revenue due to COVID-19 emergency
- 2019 is base year



Permitted Uses

4.) Infrastructure investments:

- Water
- Sewer
- Broadband
- Not roads & bridges



Prohibited Uses

- No funds deposited into pension funds
- No funds used to offset revenue resulting from state tax cut.



What's Next?

■ Unanswered Questions:

- Regulations from Treasury
- Rules from the Commonwealth
- Accounting requirements? (Commonwealth must account to the federal government.)
- And more?



PSATS Resources

- **PSATS Morning News:** make sure that PSATS has your email address!
- COVID-19 Information Page at psats.org
- PSATS Member Discussion Groups
- PSATS Fact Sheets: More coming soon!
- Town Hall Available On-Demand

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