

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: CRITICAL FUNDING FOR KEY PRIORITIES

## Appropriations Committee Analysis of Reconciliation Package



This month, nine of the 12 authorizing committees that received reconciliation instructions under the fiscal year 2021 concurrent resolution on the budget (S. Con. Res. 5) formally adopted legislative recommendations to execute President Biden's American Rescue Plan.

Those recommendations include a wide range of direct spending provisions that are of interest to members of the Appropriations Committee. A summary of those proposals, organized by the issue areas covered by each of the relevant Appropriations subcommittees, is below:

### AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

**Chairman Sanford Bishop, Jr.**

#### **Food and Nutrition Service**, Department of Agriculture

\$1 billion – For additional nutrition assistance to Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands, which do not participate in the SNAP program.

(House Committee on Agriculture)

#### **Foreign Agricultural Service**, Department of Agriculture

\$800 million – For the Food for Peace Program purchasing and transporting U.S. commodities to address the most severe food crises around the world

(House Committee on Agriculture)

#### **Office of the Secretary**, Department of Agriculture

\$500 million – For grants to rural areas for increasing capacity for vaccine distribution, increasing medical surge capacity, and related purposes.

(House Committee on Agriculture)

#### **Rural Rental Assistance Program**, Department of Agriculture

\$100 million – For residents of USDA multi-family housing who are not receiving USDA rental assistance but who are experiencing income losses.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

#### **Rural Housing**, Department of Agriculture

\$39 million – To enable certain borrowers the opportunity to refinance their loan to provide better terms to ease financial burden during the coronavirus pandemic.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

**Food and Nutrition Service**, Department of Agriculture

\$37 million – To ensure the Commodity Supplemental Food Program can provide full food allotments to the low-income seniors served by the program.

(House Committee on Agriculture)

**Food and Nutrition Service**, Department of Agriculture

\$25 million – To enhance work on the SNAP online purchasing program, which allows SNAP recipients to cover the cost of their food purchase online.

(House Committee on Agriculture)

**Office of Inspector General**, Department of Agriculture

\$2.5 million – For oversight of USDA's use of COVID supplemental appropriations.

(House Committee on Agriculture)

## COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

**Chairman Matt Cartwright**

**Economic Development Assistance Programs**, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

\$3 billion – For economic development in response to economic injury caused by coronavirus, of which 2 percent is for administrative costs, and 15 percent is for economic development assistance to communities that have suffered economic injury as a result of job losses in the travel, tourism, or outdoor recreation sectors.

(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

**Office of Inspector General**, Department of Commerce

\$3 million – For oversight of activities supported with funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

## DEFENSE

**Chair Betty McCollum**

**Defense Production Act**

\$10 billion – To the Department of Health and Human Services or other agencies responding to the pandemic to purchase, produce, and distribute medical supplies and equipment.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

## FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Chairman Mike Quigley

### **Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund**

\$219.8 billion – Funds for States, territories, and Tribal governments to mitigate the fiscal effects of the pandemic.

(House Committee on Oversight and Reform)

### **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**

\$130.2 billion – Funds for metropolitan cities, counties, and other units of local government to mitigate the fiscal effects of the pandemic.

(House Committee on Oversight and Reform)

### **Restaurant Revitalization Fund**, Small Business Administration

\$25 billion – Grant for restaurants that have suffered financial losses due to the pandemic.

(House Committee on Small Business)

### **Emergency Rental Assistance**, Department of the Treasury

\$19.1 billion – Emergency rental and utility assistance to be distributed to states to stabilize renters and help rental property owners continue to cover costs during the pandemic.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

### **Air Transportation Payroll Support Program**, Department of the Treasury

\$15 billion – Payroll support for airline workers.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

### **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance**, Small Business Administration

\$15 billion – Supplemental EIDL advance (grant) funding for the smallest, hardest hit businesses.

(House Committee on Small Business)

### **State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)**, Department of the Treasury

\$10 billion – Supports up to \$100 billion in small business financing through state, territorial, and tribal government programs.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

### **Homeowners Assistance Fund**, Department of the Treasury

\$9.961 billion – Funding for states, territories, and tribes to provide direct assistance (mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, utilities, and other housing-related costs) to homeowners struggling to afford housing.

(House Committee on Financial Services)

**Emergency Connectivity Fund, Federal Communication Commission**

\$7.6 billion – Funds to schools and libraries to purchase connected devices that students can use at home for distance learning.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Small Business Administration**

\$7.25 billion – PPP loans for nonprofits and online news media.

(House Committee on Small Business)

**Shuttered Venue Operators, Small Business Administration**

\$1.25 billion – Grants for shuttered venues, supplementing the \$15 billion included in the omnibus.

(House Committee on Small Business)

**Salaries and Expenses, Small Business Administration**

\$840 million – Administrative costs to carry out SBA COVID relief programs.

(House Committee on Small Business)

**Emergency Federal Employee Leave Fund**

\$570 million – Funds to supplement emergency paid leave for civilian Federal employees and postal workers that are forced to quarantine or ill with COVID, caring for a child whose school or place of care has been closed or is conducting virtual learning, caring for a family member incapable of self-care whose care provider is unavailable due to COVID, or obtaining or recovering from COVID immunization.

(House Committee on Oversight and Reform)

**Disaster Loans Program, Small Business Administration**

\$460 million – Loan subsidy and administrative costs to carry out the disaster loans program.

(House Committee on Small Business)

**Community Navigator Pilot Program, Small Business Administration**

\$175 million – Pilot program to improve access to federal programs and resources through targeted outreach to small businesses in underserved communities.

(House Committee on Small Business)

**Government Accountability Office**

\$77 million – Funds for oversight of the Coronavirus response and funding provided in this and previous coronavirus relief bills.

(House Committee on Oversight and Reform)

**Consumer Product Safety Commission**

\$50 million – Enhanced Port Surveillance of imported consumer products

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

### **Pandemic Response Accountability Committee**

\$40 million – Funds for oversight of the Coronavirus response and funding provided in this and previous coronavirus relief bills.

(House Committee on Oversight and Reform)

### **Office of Inspector General, Small Business Administration**

\$25 million – Administrative expenses for oversight of SBA programs.

(House Committee on Small Business)

### **Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration**

\$8 million – Funds to administer oversight of IRS payment programs.

(House Committee on Ways and Means)

### **Internal Revenue Service**

\$1.861 million – Funds to administer the advance payments, modernize and integrate systems, and establish a new system to administer monthly child tax credits.

(House Committee on Ways and Means)

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Chairwoman Lucille Roybal-Allard**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security**

\$50 billion – Funds will replenish the Disaster Relief Fund, which will primarily support COVID assistance to states, including the establishment and operation of vaccinations centers and 100% reimbursement for PPE, disinfectant supplies, funeral assistance, food assistance and other emergency measures being taken by states, tribes and communities.

(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

## **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

**Chair Chellie Pingree**

### **Indian Health Services and Facilities, Indian Health Service**

\$6.1 billion – To reimburse for lost third party collects, health care services, Urban Indian health programs, telehealth and electronic health record infrastructure, vaccinations, coronavirus testing, public health workforce, mental and behavioral health services, facilities and equipment.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

### **Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior (transfer from Department of Education)**

\$850 million – To address Bureau of Indian Education administrative and oversight costs, Bureau-funded schools, and Tribal colleges and Universities.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

### **National Endowment for the Arts**

\$135 million – To sustain arts organizations operations during the Covid-19 pandemic through State and direct grants.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

\$135 million – To sustain humanities organizations operations during the Covid-19 pandemic through State and direct grants.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

### **Environmental Programs and Management, Environmental Protection Agency.**

\$50 million – To reduce health outcome disparities from pollution and from the coronavirus pandemic in environmental justice communities.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

### **State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Environmental Protection Agency**

\$50 million – To improve the nation's air pollution monitoring network, in partnership with state air pollution control agencies.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

## **LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **Chair Rosa DeLauro**

### **Elementary and Secondary Education Relief Fund, Department of Education**

\$130 billion – Formula funding to States and school districts to help schools respond to coronavirus, including a new reservation of funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning, extended day, or extended school year programs, to respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs, and to address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the most vulnerable student populations. Includes provisions to ensure States adequately protect funding for students in low-income communities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

### **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Department of Education**

\$40 billion – To support higher education:

- \$36 billion for public and private, non-profit institutions of higher education, including those that serve students enrolled exclusively in distance education, to be distributed by a formula taking into account head count and full-time equivalent enrollment.
- \$3 billion for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and certain other institutions. Set-aside for institutions of higher education in the Outlying Areas and a set-aside for Tribal Colleges and Universities through the Bureau of Indian Education.

- \$19.25 million for National Technical Institute for the Deaf in direct support for this university, created by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act, including support for students.
- \$35 million for Howard University in direct support for this federally-chartered HBCU, including support for students.
- \$19.25 million for Gallaudet University in direct support for this federally-chartered university, including support for students.
- \$111 million total for Student Aid Administration, Program Administration, and the Office of the Inspector General.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**COVID Testing, Contact Tracing, and Mitigation**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$46 billion – To support testing, contact tracing, and mitigation activities to effectively monitor and suppress COVID-19.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Child Care and Head Start**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$40 billion – To support child care programs and early childhood education:

- \$39 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants, including \$24 billion in Child Care Stabilization Funding; and
- \$1 billion for Head Start.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**Public Health Workforce**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$8 billion – To establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce at State, local, territorial, and Tribal public health departments.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Community Health Centers**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$7.6 billion – For Health Centers to expand the capacity to provide testing, triage, and care for COVID-19 and other health care services at approximately 1,000 existing health centers across the country.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**CDC Vaccine Activities**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$7.5 billion – For activities to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track COVID-19 vaccines.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Vaccine/Therapeutics Supply Chain**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$5.2 billion – For research, development, manufacturing, and procurement of vaccines and therapeutics, as well as ancillary supplies necessary for the administration of vaccines and therapeutics.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**LIHEAP and Water Bill Assistance**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$5 billion – To provide assistance for home energy and water costs and arrears:

- \$4.5 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; and
- \$500 million for the Low Income Water and Wastewater Assistance Program.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Mental and Behavioral Health Services**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$4 billion – To provide increases mental health and substance abuse services and support, including:

- \$1.75 billion for the Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant;
- \$1.75 billion for the Mental Health Services Block Grant;
- \$500 million for mental and behavioral health training and awareness for health care professionals, substance use disorder services, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Project AWARE, and youth suicide prevention, as well as mental and behavioral health services through the Indian Health Service.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**CDC Genomic Sequencing**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$1.75 billion – To strengthen and expand genomic sequencing, analytics, and disease surveillance.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**CDC Vaccine Awareness/Outreach**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$1 billion – To provide further information and education to strengthen vaccine confidence and improve vaccination rates throughout the U.S.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Health Workforce**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$1 billion – For health workforce programs, including the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps, to support loan repayment for nurses and other health care providers.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Office of Refugee Resettlement**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$850 million – For the unaccompanied alien children program for additional housing and services necessary to support the program through the COVID-19 crisis.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Prevention and Services**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$800 million – For key Federal programs to protect survivors, including:

- \$450 million for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program; and
- \$350 million for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act programs, including \$250 million for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and \$100 million for State Grants.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**CDC Global Health**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$750 million – To combat SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 globally, including global disease detection and emergency response, global health security, and global immunization.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)



**CDC Data Modernization/Epidemic Forecasting Center**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$500 million – To support public health data surveillance and analytics infrastructure modernization initiatives and to modernize the U.S. disease warning system.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Family Planning**, Department of Health and Human Services

\$50 million – For grants to support Title X family planning services.

(House Committee on Energy and Commerce)

**Worker Protection**, Department of Labor

\$150 million – For worker protection activities, including at least \$75 million for Occupational Safety and Health Administration enforcement, of which \$10 million is provided for Susan Harwood Training Grants.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**Corporation for National and Community Service**

\$1 billion – To support new and existing AmeriCorps programs that address learning loss, tackle the growing hunger crisis, and support economic recovery, including funding for increased living allowances for members and assistance to grantees.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**Institute of Museum and Library Services**

\$200 million – To carry out the Library Services and Technology Act.

(House Committee on Education and Labor)

**Railroad Retirement Board**

\$28 million – To support the processing of unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, including \$500,000 for the Office of the Inspector General.

(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**Chairman Tim Ryan**

**Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

\$77 million – To fully address required oversight for programmatic and financial audits and reviews, and COVID related responsibilities in the current pandemic.

(Committee on Oversight and Reform)

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz

### **Medical Care and Related Needs**, Department of Veterans Affairs

\$15.482 billion – To provide resources to support the health care needs of veterans, including by allowing VA to waive copayments for treatment during the pandemic.

(House Committee on Veterans Affairs)

### **State Veterans Homes**, Department of Veterans Affairs

\$750 million – To drive additional resources to State Veterans Homes to enhance their ability to serve elderly residents.

(House Committee on Veterans Affairs)

### **Veterans Benefits Administration**, Department of Veterans Affairs

\$386 million – To support 12 months of rapid re-training assistance for veterans who are unemployed due to COVID-19 and do not have other veterans education benefits.

(House Committee on Veterans Affairs)

### **Veterans Benefits Administration and Board of Veterans Appeals**, Department of Veterans Affairs

\$272 million – To mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on the benefits claims and appeals backlog.

(House Committee on Veterans Affairs)

### **Information Technology Systems**, Department of Veterans Affairs

\$100 million – To support investments required to modernize supply chain systems at VA.

(House Committee on Veterans Affairs)

### **Office of Inspector General**, Department of Veterans Affairs

\$10 million

(House Committee on Veterans Affairs)

## TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Chairman David E. Price

### **Federal Transit Administration Grants**, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation

\$30 billion – To support the workforce and operating expenses of transit agencies nationwide.

(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

**Grants-in-Aid for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration**, Department of Transportation  
\$8 billion – To support the operating cost of airports and their concessionaires.  
(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

**HOME Investment Partnerships Program**, Department of Housing and Urban Development  
\$5 billion – To support rental assistance, affordable housing development, supportive services, and a shelter system to assist those who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.  
(House Committee on Financial Services)

**Tenant-based Rental Assistance**, Department of Housing and Urban Development  
\$5 billion – To support tens of thousands of emergency housing vouchers for those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or a survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault; and for emergency rental assistance for current voucher holders.  
(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

**Assistance to Amtrak**, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation  
\$1.5 billion – To support Amtrak's workforce and operations, including assistance to States and commuter rail agencies on the Northeast Corridor and National Network, and to restore long-distance passenger rail service levels.  
(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

**Native American Programs**, Department of Housing and Urban Development  
\$750 million – To support affordable housing, community development, emergency assistance, and public services for Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.  
(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)

**NeighborWorks**, Department of Housing and Urban Development  
\$100 million – To provide housing counseling services, including eviction prevention and foreclosure mitigation counseling.  
(House Committee on Financial Services)

**Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation**, Department of Transportation  
\$1.5 million – To support the continued operation and maintenance of the Seaway International Bridge located between the U.S. and Canada.  
(House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)