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**South Carolina submits American Rescue Plan Act funding request for local governments**

**Columbia, S.C.** – As directed by Governor Henry McMaster, the South Carolina Department of Administration (Admin) completed and submitted the official request for the state’s share of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund included in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Friday, Aug. 27, 2021. With this request, the state will also receive the \$435 million funding available to Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Based on federal requirements for distribution of the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for NEUs of Local Government, states are required to request the funds on behalf of local governments with populations less than 50,000. (Cities, villages, towns, townships or other types of local government are considered NEUs.) Once the funds are available, there are 254 South Carolina small towns and municipalities that are eligible to utilize the funding based on the defined federal requirements.

“We have a unique opportunity to leverage partnerships and other funding to invest in transformative projects that will reach every part of South Carolina,” said Gov. Henry McMaster. “We look forward to collaborating with cities and towns to identify the most impactful ways to achieve common goals to make our state even better for its people.”

“As with other COVID-relief related funds, the South Carolina Department of Administration will work to ensure the appropriate and timely awarding and distribution of these funds to NEUs based on federal requirements,” said South Carolina Department of Administration Executive Director Marcia Adams.

According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, once it issues an invoice for requested funds, the state can expect to receive the first of two payments within a few business days. To ensure compliance with federal requirements for the state to distribute these funds to NEUs, a process has been established for NEUs to apply for funding.

The request portal will be made available to municipalities the week of **Aug. 30**. From the time an application is submitted, and the requirements verified, an entity can typically expect to receive funding within 10 business days.

The Municipal Association of South Carolina is currently canvassing municipalities to collect the data needed to facilitate the distribution process. Additional information regarding the application process will be released this week.

To learn more about assistance for local governments, click [here](#). The link also provides access to a list of the 254 local governments and their populations.