

# **American Rescue Plan: Key Provisions**

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan will help crush the virus, save lives, and get our economy back on track. It will get vaccines in arms, money in people's pockets, children in classrooms, and parents back to work.

#### Direct Payments to Working Families & Expanding Child Tax Credit

- Providing working families an additional direct payment of \$1,400 per person.
- Under the bill, single filers with incomes up to \$75,000, head of household filers with incomes up to \$112,500, and joint filers with incomes up to \$150,000 will receive the full payment of \$1,400.
- Payment will completely phase out for single filers making \$80,000, head of household filers making \$120,000, and joint filers making \$160,000.

# **Expanding the Child Tax Credit**

- The bill makes the child tax credit fully refundable for 2021 and increases the annual amount from the current \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child (\$3,600 for a child under age 6).
- The bill directs the Secretary of the Treasury to issue advance payments of the child tax credit, based on the parents' 2019 or 2020 tax returns.
- Under the bill, parents could receive regular periodic monthly advance payment of the tax credit to ensure families have access to assistance throughout the year, rather than just at tax time. The advance payments would begin on July 1, 2021.
- Those receiving the full advance payment of the child tax credit would be single filers earning up to \$75,000, head of household filers earning up to \$112,500, and joint filers earning up to \$150,000. Above these thresholds, the advance payments are phased down.

# **Speed Up COVID-19 Vaccinations and Contain the Virus**

 Providing over \$20 billion to establish a national COVID-19 vaccination program and improve the administration and distribution of vaccinations

- \$7.5 billion for the CDC to prepare, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track COVID-19 vaccines.
- \$7.5 billion for FEMA to establish vaccination sites across the country.
- \$1 billion for the CDC to undertake a vaccine awareness and engagement campaign.

## Scaling Up COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Mitigation

- \$47.8 billion for testing, contact tracing, and mitigation.
- \$1.75 billion for genomic surveillance so that the U.S. can begin to adequately detect and respond to emerging and potentially more dangerous strains of SARS-COV-2 throughout the world.

## Providing the Resources Needed to Allow Schools to Safely Re-Open

- \$130 billion available to states and school districts for immediate and long-term relief so they can work with public health experts to safely re-open schools and make up for lost time in the classroom. This includes:
  - o Repairing ventilation systems, reducing class sizes and implementing social distancing guidelines, purchasing personal protective equipment, and hiring support staff to care for students' health and well-being.
- \$800 million to help meet the needs of homeless young people.
- \$2.6 billion for summer enrichment afterschool support initiatives.
- Allocates \$3 billion for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Provides \$2.75 billion for states to award grants to private K-12 schools.
- \$40 billion for institutions of higher education to help make up for lost revenue due to the pandemic.
- \$7.6 billion to reimburse schools and libraries to purchase equipment such as hotspots, internet service, and computers on behalf of students and patrons.

# **Extending Unemployment Benefits**

- Extends the federal supplemental benefit unemployment benefit through September 6, while keeping the benefit at the current \$300 per week.
- Exempts up to \$10,200 in unemployment benefits received in 2020 from federal income taxes for households making less than \$150,000.

# **Expanding Healthcare Coverage**

- Removes the current cap that makes any family with income above 400% of the poverty level ineligible for any subsidies under the Affordable Care Act.
- Under the bill, no one will have to pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for a silver plan in the ACA marketplaces.
- It also provides that individuals below 150% of the poverty level pay no premiums at all compared to 4% of their income currently.

• COBRA Subsidies: 100% subsidy for individuals who lose their job and choose to use. COBRA to continue their existing employer-sponsored health coverage.

### **Housing Assistance**

- \$22.5 billion for emergency rental and utility assistance to states, territories, counties, and cities to help stabilize renters during the pandemic.
- \$5 billion for emergency vouchers for homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, and victims of human trafficking.
- \$100 million for rural housing.
- \$100 million for housing counseling and \$20 million for fair housing.
- \$10 billion for the Homeowner Assistance Fund.
- \$4.5 billion to HHS for home energy assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- \$500 million in additional funds for HHS for the Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program.

## **Food Security**

- Extends SNAP maximum benefits by 15% (through September 30, 2021).
- \$1.1 billion in additional SNAP administrative funds to states to help meet the demand of increased caseloads and \$25 million to improve the state SNAP online pilots.
- \$800 million for WIC supporting low-income women and infants.
- \$5 billion for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program for low-income families have access to school meals and food assistance during both the school year and summer months.

# **Ensuring Affordable Child Care**

- \$39 billion through the Child Care and Development Block Grant for child care providers.
- \$1 billion for Head Start to equip facilities with the resources to safely stay open, buy PPE, technology, and hire more staff and ensure families can continue to access quality early learning opportunities.
- Extending Payroll Tax Credits for Paid Sick Leave and Paid Family and Medical Leave from March 31, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

# **Supporting Small Businesses and Non-Profits**

- \$7.25 billion in additional funding for PPP and expands eligibility of 501(c) nonprofits of all sizes and types, except for 501(c)4 lobbying organizations.
- Creates a \$28.66 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund:
  - \$5 billion is set aside specifically for smaller establishments with less than
    \$500,000 in 2019 annual revenue.

- During the first 21 days, applications from restaurants owned and operated by women, veterans, or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will receive priority.
- \$15 billion for targeted EIDL Advances to help those who applied for relief in 2020 but did not receive the full \$10,000 grant.
- Establishes the Community Navigator Pilot Program to increase the awareness of and participation in COVID-19 relief programs for business owners currently lacking access, with priority for businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, women, and veterans.

### **State and Local Funding**

- \$350 billion for states, localities, the U.S. Territories, and the Tribal Governments, including to help keep critical workers on the job:
  - Expands eligible categories for use of these funds investing in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, as well as premium pay up to \$13 an hour in additional wages for workers performing an essential function in the pandemic.
  - o \$195.3 billion for the states.
  - o \$130.2 billion for local governments.
  - \$10 billion Capital Project Fund to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency.

## **Supporting Veterans and Service Members**

- Ensures veterans will not have any copays or cost-sharing for preventative treatment or services related to COVID-19 going back to April 2020 and authorizes the VA to reimburse those veterans who already submitted payments for their care during this period.
- \$14.5 billion for VA to provide health care services and other related supports, including suicide prevention, Women's health services, telehealth expansion, medical facility improvements.
- \$400 million for up to 12 months of retraining assistance for veterans who are unemployed as a result of the pandemic and do not have access to other veteran education benefits.
- \$272 million for the VA to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the benefits claims and appeals backlog.

#### **FEMA**

- \$300 million for FEMA Firefighter grants.
- \$100 million for FEMA Emergency Managers Performance Grants.

• \$110 million of humanitarian relief providing to support communities and organizations assisting with the humane, safe, and orderly reception of migrant families and individuals during COVID run through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

#### **Public Transit**

- \$30 billion for transit agencies across the country to prevent, prepare and respond to the continued threat of the pandemic.
- \$8 billion to support airports across the country as well as airport concessions and their employees.
- \$15 billion to extend the Payroll Support Program through September 30, 2021 stopping furloughs and layoffs for workers employed by passenger airlines and contractors servicing air carriers at airports.

#### **Other Critical Health Provisions**

- \$7.6 billion in funding to support COVID-19 response at Community Health Centers.
- \$1.4 billion for Older Americans Act funding to support community-based and inhouse services for older adults struggling during the pandemic.
- \$800 million to the National Health Service Corps to support primary care health and diversify our nation's clinician workforce.
- \$240 million to support the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program, which helps support nurses working in critical shortage and underserved areas.
- \$1.5 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant program.
- \$1.5 billion for the Community Mental Health block grant program.
- \$420 million for certified community behavioral health clinics.
- \$100 million for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) mental health services.
- \$7.6 billion in funding to public health departments to hire 100,000 additional fulltime employees into the public health workforce.
- \$500 million to deploy strike teams to help nursing home facilities manage outbreaks of COVID-19 when they occur.
- \$200 million to the Secretary of HHS for the purpose of carrying out infection control support related to COVID-19 in skilled nursing facilities through quality improvement organizations.
- \$8.7 billion for Global Health Funding for both bilateral and multilateral efforts to directly combat the virus and slow the threat of mutations by addressing immediate needs such as vaccine development, delivery, and distribution, and supporting health systems.

# **Estimates for State and Local Funding**

\*\*Please note these are only estimates and final amounts may differ\*\*

#### State of Florida

• \$10.2 billion

## **Palm Beach County**

• \$290 million

#### **Metro Cities in FL-21**

- Boynton Beach-\$14.9 million
- Delray Beach-\$13.2 million
- Wellington-\$7.2 million
- West Palm Beach-\$25.3 million

#### Other Cities in FL-21

- Atlantis-\$890,000
- Briny Breezes-\$240,000
- Golf village-\$110,000
- Greenacres-\$17.2 million
- Gulf Stream-\$410,000
- Hypoluxo-\$1.1 million
- Lake Clarke Shores-\$1.5 million
- Lake Worth-\$16.1 million
- Lantana-\$5.2 million
- Manalapan-\$200,000
- Ocean Ridge-\$820,000
- Palm Beach Shores-\$530,000
- Palm Beach-\$3.7 million
- Palm Springs village-\$10.6 million
- South Palm Beach-\$620,000

## **Palm Beach County School District**

• \$400 million