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Delivering for Our Communities: Housing Implementation

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Delivering for Our Communities is a series of issue briefs that describe the major federal funding opportunities available due to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This document examines funding opportunities applicable to **housing support** and describes the types of projects that may be funded with the federal grants. Community advocates can dive deeper into these opportunities to develop proposals and pressure policymakers to advance equity and improve economic outcomes.

IIJA Programs on Housing Support

Housing programs were not included in the IIJA. Thus, most currently available housing funding has already been disbursed to state, local, and Tribal governments through ARPA-funded programs.

Funded ARPA Programs on Housing Support

The funding for most ARPA programs has already been appropriated and disbursed to state, local, and Tribal governments. These sub-national governments have until December 2024 to decide what to do with the funds—and the money must be completely spent by December 2026. However, many states and municipalities have either allocated their funding toward general revenue—instead of particular child care projects or programs, as the money was intended—or have not yet made a final decision on how to use all of the funding. **Check with your state/local government to ensure that funds are being used, and that the use supports equity in your community rather than special interests.** You can look up how [state](#), [city](#), [county](#), and [Tribal](#) governments have used ARPA funding so far.

Emergency Rental Assistance – \$21.55 billion allotted

- Supports families in paying rent and utilities costs

Homeowner Assistance Fund – \$9.96 billion allotted

- Supports homeowners in paying mortgages

Assistance for People Experiencing Homelessness – \$5 billion allotted

- Provides supportive services and safe, socially distant housing (i.e., motels and other non-congregate shelters)

Emergency Housing Vouchers – \$5 billion allotted

- Transitions high-need homeless and at-risk families to stable housing

Rural Rental Assistance – \$100 million¹ allotted

- Supports households living in USDA-subsidized rural properties

Tribal Housing Improvement – \$100 million allotted

- Supports Tribal housing needs (defined broadly)
- Cannot displace Housing Improvement Program (HIP) funds

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¹ ARPA also includes an additional \$39 million for rural households who have become homeowners through USDA 502 and 504 programs.