

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
Morris County Grant Update 9/9/2021



FUNDING OVERVIEW

- Signed into law: March 11, 2021
- ARP funds allocated to Morris County: \$95,535,125
 - Funds split into two tranches, 1st half in 2021, 2nd half in 2022
 - The 1st tranche of approximately \$47 million has been received by the county.
- Full guidance on the reporting requirements has not been released by the US Treasury yet.
- First reports for the period ending July 31, 2021 were submitted to the US Treasury and are posted on the county website:
<https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Government/Open-Government/Financial-Information/American-Rescue-Plan>

POTENTIAL ARPA INVESTMENTS

- Support Public Health Response
- Address Negative Economic Impacts Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Invest in Certain Infrastructure

Funds can be utilized for expenses incurred on March 3, 2021 and afterwards.

Funds must be incurred and obligated by December 31, 2024.

Funds must be expended to cover obligations and all work must be completed by December 31, 2026.

PRIOR COMMITMENTS

- Grant Administration
- Industrial Hygienist Indoor Air Quality Review
- PPE Warehouse/Emergency Shelter Design
- Public Health Investments
- Meeting Room Technology Upgrades for Virtual Interface
- Morristown Festival on the Green 2021 business support
- Mayo Performing Arts Center Education Programs

INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

- “Peer to Peer Support Counseling” Services

 - With a nonprofit partner

- “Veteran and Family Support”

 - With a nonprofit partner

- “Veteran Mixer” Gatherings

 - Organized and hosted in-house

INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK COMMISSION FACILITY PUBLIC HEALTH UPGRADES

- Installation of disinfection systems and touchless bathroom upgrades throughout the Park System
- Major Ventilation Improvements
 - Mennen Sports Arena
 - Fosterfields Visitor Center
 - Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center
 - Frelinghuysen Arboretum HEC
 - Lewis Morris Park Cultural Center
 - Silas Condict Park Casino
 - Schooley's Mountain County Park Lodge
- Septic System Replacements (16), and where available, Sewer Connections (3)

INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AIR QUALITY

The review of a cross section of county buildings by the Industrial Hygienist is complete. The next step is to have a mechanical engineer design the building improvements. An RFP is being assembled at this time. Both design services and project management will be sought by qualified contractors.

- Indoor Air Quality Upgrades
- Touchless Restrooms
- Motion Controlled Door Openers

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

As of September 3rd, Morris County has spent 63% of the \$14.7 million in Emergency Rental Assistance dollars to assist households across Morris County to remain secure, as well as provide landlords with needed financial relief.

It looks likely that Morris County will surpass the benchmark of spending at least 65% or \$9.5 million by September 30th.

As of September 1st, New Jersey was 3rd in the nation in distributing Emergency Rental Assistance funding to tenants and landlords.

Morris County residents in need of Emergency Rental Assistance should apply at <https://njdca.onlinepha.com/>