The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 includes $1.9 trillion in total funding. Over $34 billion in funding is included to help specific industries that have been hit hardest by the pandemic, like restaurants and airlines, in order to help those employers stay in business and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Spending in the ARP by Industry

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Restaurants

The American Rescue Plan Act appropriates $28.6 billion to establish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, administered by the SBA.

Money from the program may be used for payroll costs, rent and mortgage payments, utilities, maintenance costs, food and beverage expenses, paid sick leave, and other operational costs.

Applications are not open yet, but to monitor the web portal for more information, CLICK HERE.

Eligibility

• Restaurants, bars, lounges, caterers, and other food service companies
• No more than 20 locations
• Not publicly traded entities

Air Travel

Aviation accounts for 5 percent of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) and over 10 million jobs. COVID-19 drove down passenger volumes to just 42 percent of pre-pandemic levels.

The airline Payroll Support Program created by the CARES Act (2020) helped contractors avert mass layoffs and furloughs drop in business.

The ARP sends $3 billion additional dollars in funding to this payroll program.

For more information, CLICK HERE.

Eligibility:

• Airline Workers
• Airport Workers (including concessions)
• Aviation Manufacturing Workers

Entertainment

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program (SVOG) - SVOG provides support to entertainment businesses with grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue (maximum $10 million for a single grant).

The ARP provides $1.25 billion in additional funds for the SVOG Program. Also allows applicants to receive both the SVOG and PPP funding. $2 billion is reserved for smaller venues with up to 50 full-time employees.

For more information and to apply, CLICK HERE.

Eligibility

• Live venue operators or promoters
• Theatrical producers
• Live performing arts organization operators
• Relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria
• Motion picture theater operators
• Talent representatives

Public Transportation

Public transportation agencies estimate that tens of billions of additional costs and revenue losses from COVID-19 will affect their ability to operate.

• The ARP provides $30.4 billion of funding to transit agencies to prevent layoffs and severe cuts to transit services that are critical for essential workers and the public.
  • Most transit relief funding in the ARP comes from formula grants based on operating costs using a bipartisan formula from previous relief efforts.
  • Funding is also included to ensure that ongoing transit construction projects do not experience costly delays or slowdowns.
  • The ARP includes $100 million to preserve intercity bus services.

Scientific Research

The ARP sends $600 million to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund existing research grants. Scientific research was disrupted by COVID-19, and grants were running out. This funding ensures the NSF can supplement existing grantees to finish their research and continue to fund new research.

Rail

Amtrak - The ARP appropriates an additional $166 million to Amtrak to keep current rail service running, to rehire 1,230 workers furloughed as a result of COVID-19, and to restore full long-distance service to remote communities.

The ARP also sets aside $175 billion in funding to offset amounts typically paid by states for covered state-supported routes.
Manufacturing
The CARES Act included $10 million in funding to enable rapid research on the efficacy of mask sterilization techniques, develop the next generation of face masks, and reskill the workforce for advanced manufacturing.

The ARP expands support for manufacturing. Previously ineligible aviation manufacturers are now eligible for payroll support. The ARP sends $150 million in additional funds for COVID-19 related projects to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

FEMA Grant Programs
Firefighters, emergency managers, and governmental/non-governmental aid organizations such as food pantries and shelters have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

The ARP provides $800 million more grant funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) programs. These resources will ensure these critical frontline organizations can continue to provide necessary services.

- Emergency Food and Shelter Program ($400 million)
- Emergency Management Performance Grants ($100 million)
- Assistance to Firefighter Grants ($100 million)
- Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants ($200 million)

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Federal Workforce
The ARP includes provisions to protect the safety of the federal workforce.

- The ARP creates an emergency fund to allow paid leave for federal workers who are ill or who have been exposed to COVID-19.
- The bill also ensures federal employees diagnosed with COVID-19 can receive workers’ compensation benefits.
- The ARP also allows federal workers’ families to receive survivor benefits if their loved one has passed away.

Vaccine, Testing, and Medical Infrastructure
To get shots into arms as quickly as possible, especially in communities of color and rural areas, the ARP provides $7.5 billion in funding to the CDC for vaccine distribution, as well as $5.2 billion for vaccine and supplies procurement.

- The ARP contains $48.3 billion in funding for testing efforts, including contact tracing, providing PPE for health workers, and enabling isolation and quarantine.
- Also sets aside $1.733 billion for enhanced genomic sequencing.
- The ARP activates the Defense Production Act to combat COVID-19 and address shortfalls in our medical supply chain.
  $10 billion in funding will go to expanding domestic production of PPE, vaccines, and other medical supplies.

The ARP provides $7.66 billion to bolster the public health workforce and COVID-19 response.

Sources and Additional Resources
To read the full text of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, CLICK HERE.
For an analysis of the ARP by the National Association of Counties, CLICK HERE.
For a partial list of programs in the ARP, CLICK HERE.
For the Senate Democrats’ title by title summary of the ARP bill’s provisions, CLICK HERE.
For all COVID-19 Relief Programs under the Small Business Administration (SBA), CLICK HERE.