A Fiscal Recovery Funds Primer for Non-Governmental Organizations

Key information about ARPA’s Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) can help non-governmental organizations, such as nonprofits, understand the allowable uses of these funds, who may decide how they are used, and when those decisions might be made.

WHAT ARE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS?

CSLFRF is one of many ARPA funding streams, one that is intended to aid the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts. Eligible uses span four broad categories listed below. More detail on these uses are here and here.

- COVID Response and Adaptation
  - Premium pay to essential workers
  - Recovering lost government revenue
- Infrastructure investments

In the case of states, counties, and the largest municipalities, the funds flow directly from the U.S. Treasury to the governments. NEUs are local governments typically with 50,000 residents or fewer.

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A total of $8,850,048,947 in FRF has been appropriated to North Carolina governmental entities. NCPRO has a detailed breakdown of funding and specifics by recipient type. Treasury released guidance on the reporting and tracking requirements for these funds. These reports are the primary public record of projects funded, expenditures, and contract/subawards.

Think of FRF going to State government as related but distinct from FRF going to local governments. Like all decisions on State appropriations, the Governor’s proposal for these funds requires Legislative action.

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In addition to mandated reporting, non-governmental organizations can become aware of local funding opportunities by engaging in proactive and thoughtful planning with their local governments.

Contact them to learn more about these decisions and their planning. They are also responsible for tracking and reporting on these funds to Treasury. Can nonprofits and other NGOs use these funds? Certain uses beneficial to low-income and marginalized groups become eligible when funds are used as revenue loss recovery or within Qualified Census Tracts. More details are here and here.

Tracking funding decisions, uses

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