

# Aging Services & the American Rescue Plan

## A Guide for Providers



In March 2021, Congress approved a record setting \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill. The American Rescue Plan is slated to allocate money for several initiatives, including funds for local municipalities to bolster the economy and support not-for-profits in the local community. On May 10th, additional guidance was provided outlining acceptable uses of these funds and includes provisions allowing municipalities to provide monies to aging services providers.

*The average Pennsylvania municipality is receiving between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 in funding.*

### **How can the money be used?**

The language in the bill, and subsequent rulings, remains very broad. Options include funding for infrastructure, especially high-speed internet and ventilation systems, as well training and support for front line workers and organizations who were impacted by the pandemic.

### **What is the time frame for this program?**

Municipalities will receive their initial funding payments in June 2021, with a subsequent funding payment in June 2022. Municipalities have until December 2024 to identify and initiate acceptable projects to spend the money. All projects must be completed by 2026 and unused municipal funds will return to the state.

### **How will the money be distributed?**

Each municipality has been empowered to spend the funds in whatever way makes the most sense for the local community and supports economic recoveries impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. This places funding decisions squarely in the hands of local elected officials. The best way to request funds is by presenting a comprehensive proposal to the municipality which includes detailed plans outlining how the project meets requirements and reporting guidance in accordance with the Interim Final Rule provided by the Department of the Treasury.

## **LW Consulting, Inc. is ready to assist you in accessing this money!**

Building on our strengths of compliance and risk management, we've added seasoned and knowledgeable municipal experts to our team. Our consultants are ready to work with your organization in developing a thorough, comprehensive plan that would be attractive to municipal officials, improve life for your residents, and enhance your brand within the community.

### **Interested in learning more?**

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