



# ARPA fiscal recovery funds advocacy

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# Leveraging ARPA \$\$



- Use resources to mitigate the harm of evictions
  - State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds and Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus funds
    - Eviction diversion programs
    - Security deposit and rental assistance
    - Provide a bridge to longer-term or intensive housing stability supports for household who have greater needs such as a history of homelessness, chronic health conditions or disabilities

# Additional Uses – States' Plans



STATE	AMOUNT OF FUNDS	COMMITTED USE OF FUNDS
Illinois	\$114 million	The Illinois General Assembly passed <a href="#">major omnibus legislation</a> , H.B. 2621, which includes \$75 million in Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Illinois Housing Development Authority to implement the COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program; \$28.1 million for Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for supportive housing services; \$10 million for the <a href="#">Housing Is Recovery Pilot Program</a> ; \$1 million for the IDHS Homeless Youth Program.
Maryland	\$20 million	Governor Larry Hogan signed <a href="#">Supplemental Budget No. 5 for FY22</a> which includes \$20 million for assistance with utility bills for households of modest means.
New Jersey	\$10 million	<a href="#">New Jersey's FY22</a> budget bill includes \$10 million for home lead-based paint remediation.
Pennsylvania	\$50 million	The Pennsylvania legislature allocated <a href="#">\$50 million</a> for the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, which will help ensure that the state's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit construction projects are not further delayed due to rapidly rising construction costs and other unforeseen cost increases. Some projects that received more recent LIHTC funding have been jeopardized due to large cost increases for materials and labor.

# Additional Uses – Local Jurisdiction's Plans



Cincinnati, Ohio	\$12.4 million	The Cincinnati City Council approved roughly <a href="#">\$12.4 million</a> in ARPA funds for housing initiatives, including \$6.4 million for the affordable housing trust fund; \$3 million for Bethany House, which provides services to families experiencing homelessness; \$2.5 million for affordable housing development; and \$500,000 to fund repairs for housing code violations.
Fairfax County, Virginia	\$25 million	The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved <a href="#">\$25 million</a> in ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds to preserve and create affordable housing.
Louisville, Kentucky	\$16 million	Mayor Greg Fischer and the Louisville Metro Council approved spending <a href="#">\$16 million</a> from the first round of ARPA funding on housing, including \$10 million for court eviction diversion programs; \$5 million for utility assistance; and \$1 million for security deposit and rental assistance.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	\$30.4 million	Mayor Tom Barrett announced that Milwaukee would use <a href="#">\$30.4 million</a> of the city's ARPA funding for affordable housing, including \$2 million for "shovel-ready" affordable housing projects, \$5 million for residential energy efficiency upgrades, \$1.2 million to increase voucher staffing at HACM, \$15 million to complete sewer, water, and other elements of the Westlawn Choice Neighborhood Initiative Project, \$1.8 million for right to counsel, and \$3 million for additional code compliance loans.

# Advocacy



- Conduct a needs assessment for use of funds (Nebraska Housing Coalition)
- Use eviction data to make the case for the need for more resources to protect renters (Maine Affordable Housing Coalition)
- Empower residents/tenants to tell their stories, engage in advocacy and policy
- Create a sign on letter with key priorities for funding
- Set up a zoom meeting with admin/officials to make the point that more resources for housing are needed – use data, reports, stories

# Data to Build a Case



State	Program Page Link	Data Source*	Program Dashboard Link	Other Source Info (e.g. Report Link; Name of Contact)	Assistance \$ Approved or Distributed	Total Funding Amount	% ERA1 Allocation Approved or Distributed* *
Iowa	<a href="https://www.iowa.gov">https://www.iowa.gov</a>	News Article		<a href="https://www.southcentralhousing.org">https://www.southcentralhousing.org</a>	\$4,200,000	\$195,110,510	2.40%
Kansas	<a href="https://kshousing.org">https://kshousing.org</a>	Dashboard	<a href="https://kshousing.org">https://kshousing.org</a>		\$21,972,461	\$190,356,847	12.80%
Kentucky	<a href="https://teamkyhhs.org">https://teamkyhhs.org</a>	Treasury			\$25,092,299	\$264,304,181	10.50%
Louisiana	<a href="https://www.lasta.org">https://www.lasta.org</a>	Dashboard	<a href="https://www.lasta.org">https://www.lasta.org</a>		\$20,544,529	\$248,664,568	9.20%
Maine	<a href="https://www.mainehousing.org">https://www.mainehousing.org</a>	Dashboard	<a href="https://mainehousing.org">https://mainehousing.org</a>		\$46,212,178	\$200,000,000	25.70%
Maryland	<a href="https://dhcd.maryland.gov">https://dhcd.maryland.gov</a>	Treasury			\$2,993,497	\$258,076,806	1.30%
Massachusetts	<a href="https://www.mass.gov">https://www.mass.gov</a>	Dashboard	<a href="https://public.tableau.com">https://public.tableau.com</a>		\$78,400,000	\$436,458,910	20.00%



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Overview

Navigating the Dashboard

RAFT

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Rental Assistance Programs

EA - HomeBASE

EA - Family



## Rental Assistance Programs

Data source: Commonwealth of Massachusetts EOHED  
Data date range: 1/1/2020 - 6/30/2021  
Last updated: 7/15/2021

Choose a Reference Date

Start of MA COVID-19 State of Emergency

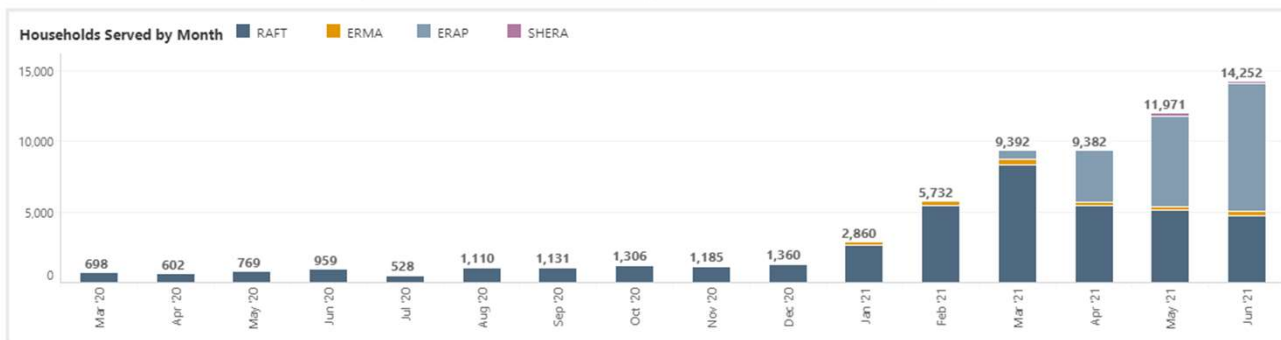
Households Served ☒ Funds Distributed

32,197

Total # of Unique Households Served

\$190.9M

Total Amount of Funds Distributed



1) The "Households Served by Month" view displays the number of unique households served within each month. There may be duplicate households across months if they receive multiple payments.  
2) Funds Distributed is calculated only with direct assistance to households and does not include administration fees.



## Q&A

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