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The clock is ticking for over 300 communities; deadline to claim allocated ARPA funding is tomorrow at midnight

MADISON— There are approximately 1,800 Wisconsin municipalities with populations under 50,000 eligible to receive Local Government Recovery Funds (LGRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The filing deadline is Friday, June 18, 2021, and over 300 have yet to claim, and for them, the clock is ticking.

It is important for local governments to file. Funding for their communities can be used to address negative economic impacts of COVID-19, uplift essential workers, and invest in infrastructure programs.

"Our staff has been working hard to reach out and directly contact those communities who have still not filed to receive the funding that has already been allocated to them. This is important, because communities must file to receive these valuable community rebuilding funds. That is the only way we can send them their share of funds. I want to stress that right now they don't need a spending plan in place, so that should not stand in their way. Decisions on how to best spend it in their respective communities can be made later. "We want the strongest possible Badger Bounceback," noted Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca.

Communities can find their estimated allocations from ARPA for 2021 and 2022 [here](#) under the heading Payment allocations. Monies will be distributed in two payments. The first will be provided at the end of June 2021 to those who file by the deadline, and the second will be sent in 2022. Local governments are authorized to use their relief funds in the following ways:

- To support public health expenditures
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure

Clerks or local authorities of villages, towns, and cities with populations under 50,000 people can file for the Coronavirus relief funding by accessing and e-filing their SL-330 form through their MyDORGov accounts.

To reach out to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) for any ARPA related questions, email DORLocalRecoveryFunds@wisconsin.gov or call (608) 266-2772.

Find out more and apply

- Allowable uses of the ARPA funds are listed in full on [the U.S. Department of Treasury's web page](#)
- DOR's [ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) web page has more information and a link to the application

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