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# Town of Coventry American Rescue Plan Act Funds

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# American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

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- \$130.2 billion fund appropriated for local governments
- Local governments in RI to receive \$536.9 million
- Town to Coventry to receive \$8.6 million in total
  - \$1.8 million (town's full municipal allocation) to be paid in the first week of July
  - \$3.4 million (one-half of town's county allocation) has been appropriated and will be paid 30 days after state receives funding from U.S. Treasury
  - Remaining \$3.4 million of town's county allocation remains subject to appropriation
- Funds must be expended by December 31, 2024
- Coventry Public Schools will receive APRA funding of \$5.4 million, in addition to \$2.4 million allocated under prior federal COVID legislation



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# Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Permissible Uses

- To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency *or its negative economic impacts*, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- Premium pay to essential municipal workers, or grants to employers that employ essential workers
- To pay for government services to the extent of the reduction of municipal revenues
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- *Funds may not be used for extraordinary payments to a pension fund*
- *Unlike prohibition applicable to the state, local recovery funds can be used to offset a reduction in taxes*



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# Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Uses to Explore

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- Revenue loss
  - Federal guidance based on average annual revenue growth over 3 years or 4.1%
- Water, sewer, broadband
- Public health expenses connected with COVID
- Small business assistance
- Assistance such as housing, food, other aid to impacted individuals

*Remember these are one-time funds*



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# Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Additional Resources

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- Dorothy Pascale, Pandemic Recovery Office, RI Office of Management and Budget: [dorothy.pascale@audits.ri.gov](mailto:dorothy.pascale@audits.ri.gov).
- Brian Daniels, Executive Director, RI League of Cities and Towns: [bdaniels@rileague.org](mailto:bdaniels@rileague.org).
- Michael DiBiase, President and CEO, RI Public Expenditure Council: [m\\_dibiase@ripec.com](mailto:m_dibiase@ripec.com).