

Section B and D Subcommittee ARP Recommendations

Overall guidance: in all cases, the members encourage prioritization of capital improvements due to the OTO nature of ARP funding. In the cases of counties, municipalities, and schools if an entity's COVID-19 regulations are more restrictive than the COVID-19 regulations for Montana the entity is not eligible for the recommended appropriations.

Section 1. Non-Treasury Funds

SNAP (\$11.0 million)

- Appropriate the entire allocation for the additional 15% increase in SNAP benefits
- Allocation for SNAP administration (\$2.2 million) TBD

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (\$0.2 million)

- Appropriate the entire allocation as grants

Child Care (Block Grant & Stabilization Grants) (\$111.0 million)

- Appropriate \$10 million for stabilization grants (available through 9/30/2021)
- Appropriation for Child Care and Development Block Grant amount TBD

WIC (\$1.1 million)

- Appropriate the entire amount available for 4 months from enactment

Supporting Older Americans and their Families (\$1.0 million)

- Distribute entire allocation as grants to senior centers across Montana

Family Violence Prevention (\$0.9 million)

- Appropriate ½ of the allocation to the Department of Justice and the other ½ to DPHHS

Child Abuse Prevention (\$0.4 million)

- Appropriate ½ of the allocation to the Department of Justice and the other ½ to DPHHS

Testing and Contact Tracing (\$143.4 million)

- Appropriate \$12.3 million for the MAES Research Lab
- Appropriate \$36.1 million for the Montana Veterinarian Diagnostic Research Lab
- Appropriate funds to hospitals to reimburse COVID-19 testing in exchange for hospitals declining to bill patients with private-pay insurance for COVID-19 testing procedures

Increase Public Health Workforce and Investments (\$23.0 million)

- Appropriate \$8.0 million for scholarships for those students pursuing public health support career paths
- Appropriate \$15.0 million for wages and benefits to non-government providers of social support services who have been impacted by COVID 19

Vaccines and Ancillary Treatments (\$22.5 million)

- Appropriate entire allocation, but limited to capital expenditures, including IT projects
- As possible, appropriate to support MMIS/MPATH expenditures

-Provide grants to counties as appropriate for relevant capital expenditures

Medicaid (Allocation Unknown)

-Limit expanded pregnant/postpartum coverage to 1 year (as opposed to the optional 5 years)
-Other Medicaid components TBD

LIHEAP/Water Assistance (\$21.0 million)

-As possible, upgrade IT systems, including eligibility systems related to LIHEAP
-Remaining appropriation TBD

Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (\$17.0 million)

-As possible, utilize funding to support provisions in the proposed HEART Act
-Appropriate to the Department of Corrections for mental health services

CHIP (Allocation Unknown)

-Limit expanded pregnant/postpartum coverage to 1 year (as opposed to the optional 5 years)

Family Planning (Allocation Unknown)

-TBD

State Veterans' Homes (\$1.7 million)

-Appropriate full amounts of each allocation to each of the state homes proportionally by bed capacity

Home Visiting Programs (Allocation Unknown)

-TBD

Emergency Assistance to Children and Families (\$2.8 million)

-To be made available to children under foster care, guardianship, or adoption arrangements adversely impacted by COVID 19 on an OTO basis at maximum of \$250 per child

Elder Justice and Support (Allocation Unknown)

-Appropriate ½ of the allocation to the Department of Justice and the other ½ to DPHHS

Workforce Recovery Program (\$20.0 million)

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$20.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Business Assistance Grants (\$50.0 million)

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$50.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Emergency Rental Assistance (\$152.4 million)

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$152.4 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Homeless Assistance (\$11.6 million)

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$11.6 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Homeowner Assistance (\$50.0 million)

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$50.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

State Small Business Credit Initiative (\$65.0 million)

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$65.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD. Appropriate 2.00 FTE for administration. 1.00 FTE removed in FY 2025, the remaining 1.00 FTE removed in FY 2030 or once all appropriations are expended.

Section 2. Treasury Funds

State Fiscal Relief Fund (\$910.1 million)

-Rep. Nave Ideas:

- Transfers to state rainy day fund (BSRF) and fire funds
- Public safety granting program for public, non-profit, and private entities with a limit of up to \$300,000 per award
- Update state GIS data/systems for upgraded 911 system
- Water and sewer capital projects as per DNRC/DEQ Conservation District lists
- SW Montana Veterans' Home covered walkway project
- Small business grants, with priority for child care providers and broadband installation providers
- Public services announcements encouraging a "shop local" message

-Department of Labor and Industry Ideas

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- **Business Assistance Grants (\$50.0 million)**
 - Appropriate entire allocation of \$50.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

-TBD

Capital Projects (\$119.3 million)

-TBD