The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides targeted, yet flexible, funding for the state of Rhode Island, as well as for Rhode Island’s cities and towns, its public and private universities, and its residents. Rhode Island’s state and local policymakers must make critical decisions about how to use these funds, which have varying timing and other restrictions. This summary focuses on those funds that will flow through the state and local governments and does not include all relief aid, including substantial direct assistance to Rhode Islanders in the form of stimulus checks, improved tax credits, and improved healthcare marketplace subsidies.

### Funds Flowing Through the State of Rhode Island

**State Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- **$1.13 billion**
  - Counties: $206 million
  - Smaller Cities & Towns: $58 million

**K-12 Education**

- **$432 million**
  - Local Education Agencies: $374 million
  - RIDE: $42 million
  - Students w/Disabilities (incl. Early Intervention): $9 million
  - Private Schools: $5.1 million
  - Homeless Students: $2.7 million

**State Capital Projects**

- **$113 million**

### Direct Funding

**Local Gov’t Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- **$264 million**
  - Metropolitan Cities: $273 million
  - Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Cranston, Warwick, East Providence

**Local Gov’t Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- **$206 million**

**Smaller Cities & Towns**

- **$58 million**

**Child Care & Head Start**

- **$100 million**

**Housing**

- **$255 million**
  - Emergency Rental Assistance: $152 million
  - Homeowner Assistance: $50 million
  - Homelessness Assistance: $23 million
  - LIHEAP Utility Assistance: $30 million

**Small Businesses**

- **$56 million**

**Transit Infrastructure**

- **$30 million**

**Families/Individuals**

- **$17 million**
  - Vaccines/Testing/Other: $77 million
  - Community Health Centers: $34 million
  - Mental Health/Substance use: $12 million

**Higher Education**

- **$168 million**
  - Public Colleges/Universities: $91 million
  - Private Non-Profit Colleges/Universities: $77 million

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1. This large amount of somewhat flexible funds has been designated to support the public health response to the pandemic, to respond to the adverse economic effects of the pandemic, to offer extra pay for essential workers, to replace state and local revenue lost due to the pandemic, and to improve water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
2. A Metropolitan city is defined as the central city of a metropolitan area or a city with a population of at least 50,000.
3. This pot of funds is designated for counties and would have gone directly to county governments, however given that Rhode Island has no county government structure, these funds go through the state to all 39 cities and town based upon their population share in their counties.
4. These funds go through the state for distribution to the 33 cities and towns not large enough to receive direct funds.
5. The K-12 Education funds go through the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE); most funds go to the schools, with some going to RIDE itself.
6. The funds for private schools are designated for those schools with a significant enrollment of low-income students.
7. Included here is funding for Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment, TANF Pandemic Emergency Assistance, Home and Community-Based Supportive Services, Family Caregivers, Congregate Meals & Home Delivered Meals, SNAP Administration, WIC Cash Value Vouchers, and Emergency Food & Shelter.