

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FACT SHEET



WHAT IS ARPA AND HOW DOES IT IMPACT OKLAHOMA?

In addition to funding households, small businesses and schools, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides relief funds to state, local, and tribal governments that have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. These funds can be used by governments to respond to the public health and economic emergency, provide premium pay to essential workers, replace revenue lost due to the pandemic, and make necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

\$3.19B IN ARPA FUNDING TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

\$1.87 BILLION AVAILABLE TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA FOR INVESTMENT INTO PROJECTS THAT WILL BENEFIT ALL OKLAHOMANS.

\$1.32 BILLION OKLAHOMA COUNTIES, CITIES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

HOW WILL THESE FUNDS BE UTILIZED?

To ensure funds are allocated in a responsible and transparent manner and in accordance with federal guidelines, the Oklahoma Legislature has worked in collaboration with Executive Branch leaders to form the **Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding**.

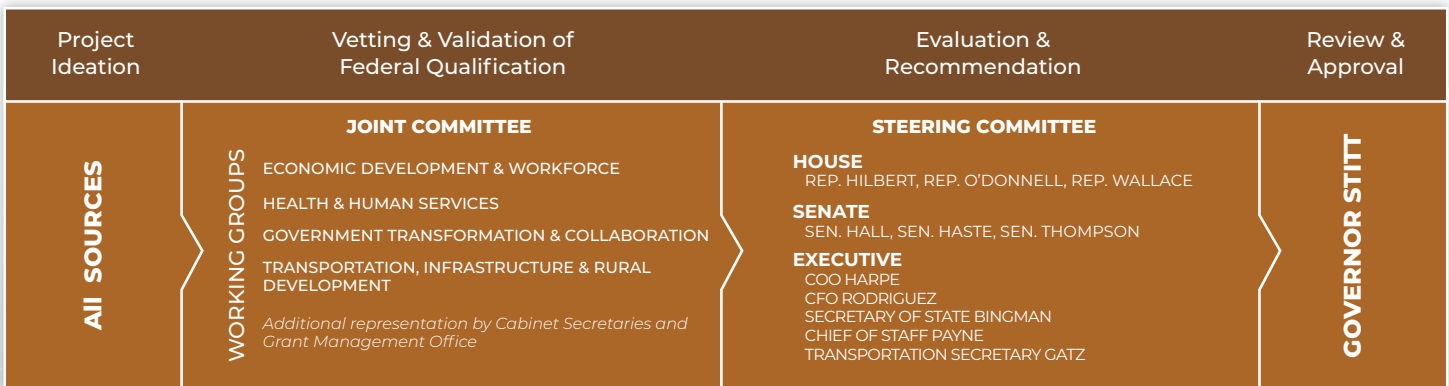
The shared vision of the Joint Committee is to make strategic investments that will benefit future generations while improving services for all Oklahomans today. The committee's primary goals are:

- Build a stronger, more innovative and more diverse Oklahoma economy.
- Enhance capabilities of state services for the wellbeing of all citizens, especially the most vulnerable.
- Invest in physical and digital infrastructure to expand economic growth.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

The Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding will receive and evaluate proposals through a vetting process and engagement with stakeholders, including members of the Executive Branch, state agencies, community organizations, and public submissions.

Projects may be assigned to a Legislative working group to be thoroughly vetted and evaluated. Focus areas include **Economic Development & Workforce, Health & Human Services, Government Transformation & Collaboration, and Transportation, Infrastructure & Rural Development**. Working groups will send their recommendations to the Steering Committee comprising six legislators and five Executive Branch officials. The Steering Committee will formally score and send top-rated priorities to Governor Stitt, who will make the final determination on fund allocation.



WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Funds must be allocated by December 2024, with funds expended by December 2026. Reporting to the U.S. Treasury will occur quarterly, with performance reporting occurring annually. Reports will be made available online.

Additional information can be found on the ARPA website: [Oklahoma.gov/ARPA](https://oklahoma.gov/arpa)