

## **American Rescue Plan Research**

These are questions that all 19,000 municipalities across the county are asking!

At this time, we are awaiting answers from the US Treasury. Under the law, it has 60 days to put out guidance and begin distribution.

In the meantime, the League hosted a webinar with the National League of Cities (NLC) last Friday providing an update on what is known. Here is a link to the recording and power point: <https://www.pml.org/2021/03/26/american-rescue-plan-implementation-update-recording/>

Until we have clear guidance, we do not have information on how other cities are spending the funds.

NLC is holding weekly updates on Fridays at 1:30. Here is a link to register for the April 2 call: [https://www.nlc.org/events/nlc-update-call-3-american-rescue-plan-implementation/?utm\\_campaign=covid19&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_content=arp-call-thankyou-20210326&utm\\_term=button-register&zs=HWDPW&zl=MfEV2](https://www.nlc.org/events/nlc-update-call-3-american-rescue-plan-implementation/?utm_campaign=covid19&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=arp-call-thankyou-20210326&utm_term=button-register&zs=HWDPW&zl=MfEV2)

Additionally, PML has two more presentations planned with NLC: during our District Meeting Program on April 6 and again on May 4 as part of our virtual Capitol Conference. Both training programs can be found at this link: <https://www.pml.org/events/category/league-training-events/list/>

I hope this is helpful information, as we all anticipate what these funds will mean to local governments in PA.

Amy Sturges – PML (Email 3/31/2021)

### **American Rescue Plan Implementation Update Recording – National League of Cities**

[American Rescue Plan Implementation Update Recording - The Pennsylvania Municipal League \(pml.org\)](#)

#### **City of Bethlehem**

- Spoke to Robert and he stated that Bethlehem is waiting for the use restrictions to be clarified by the Treasury Department. Council wants oversight. Discussion points are deferred Capital Projects and preventing borrowing in the past. They are reviewing the document that was released. There are multiple organizations that are pushing for money.
  - Email from Robert Vidoni - City of Bethlehem (Email 3/31/21)
    - [USCM- American Rescue Plan Overview](#)

#### **City of Easton**

- Spoke to Rita and she referred me to Louis Campos (Luis) – City Administrator. I left a message at 610-250-6620.

**City of Reading**

- Email from Linda Kelleher – City of Reading (Email 3/31/21)
  - [American Rescue Plan Funds – Presented by Jeanne Johnston](#)

**Meagan – Susan Wild's Office**

- Waiting for the guidance from the Treasury Department
- Spoke at Lehigh County COG (Council of Government)