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More Money More Problems:
ARP Compliance

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The American Rescue Plan Act is the largest ever one-time Funding for Tribal Communities.

More than \$32.8 billion to has been funded for Tribal Communities.

\$20 billion
Coronavirus Relief
Fund

\$1.248 billion for
HUD Tribal & Native
Hawaiian housing
programs

\$1+ billion for Native
families

\$600 million for
critical economic and
infrastructure
investments

\$6+ billion for Native
health systems

\$1.1+ billion for
education programs

\$900 million for
Bureau of Indians
Affairs programs

\$19 million to
combat domestic
violence

\$20 million to
mitigate the impact
of COVID-19 on
Native languages

Treasury Quick Reference Guide Summary

“Resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery”

1. **Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts** to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
2. **Replace lost public sector revenue** to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
3. **Support immediate economic stabilization** for households and businesses
4. **Address systemic public health and economic challenges** that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

Treasury Approved ARPA Funding Use

Support Public Health Response

- Services to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
- Behavioral healthcare services including mental health or substance misuse treatment, crisis intervention, and related services
- Payroll and covered benefits

Address Negative Economic Impacts

- Deliver assistance to workers and families
- Support small businesses
- Speed the recovery of impacted industries
- Rebuild public sector capacity

Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

- Ensure continuity of vital government services
- Revenue loss is calculated
- Recipients may re-calculate revenue loss

Premium Pay for Essential Workers

- Provide premium pay to essential workers
- Prioritize low- and moderate-income workers
- Key sectors include healthcare, grocery and food services, education, childcare, sanitation, and transit
- Must be fully additive to a worker's wage

Water & Sewer Infrastructure

- Includes improvements to infrastructure
- Eligible uses aligned to Environmental Protection Agency project categories

Broadband Infrastructure

- Focus on households and businesses
- Fund projects that deliver reliable service
- Complement broadband investments made through the Capital Projects Fund

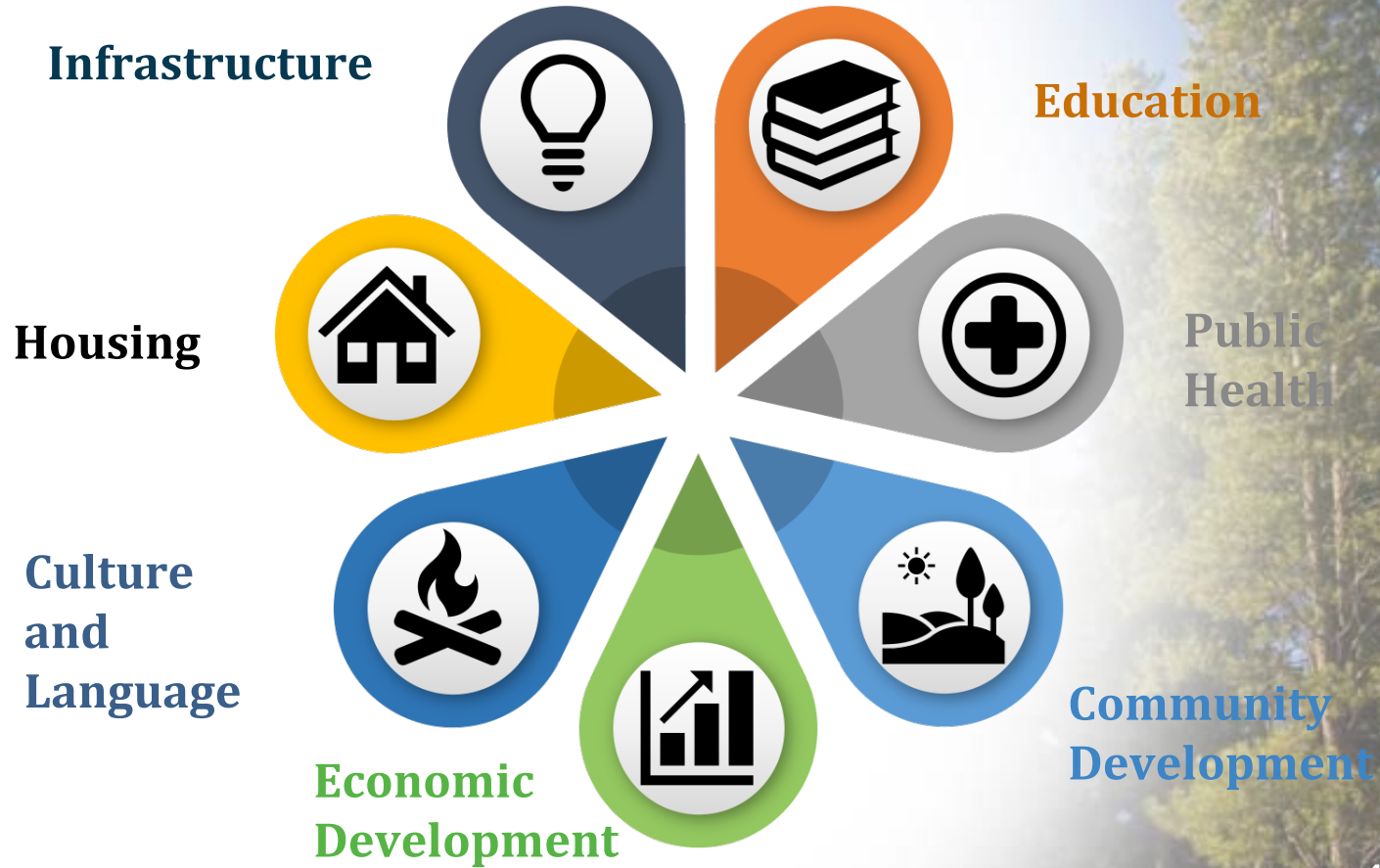
Equity-Focused Services

- Additional flexibility for the hardest-hit communities and families to address health disparities, invest in housing, address educational disparities, and promote healthy childhood environments
- Broadly applicable

Ineligible Uses

- Changes that reduce net tax revenue must not be offset with ARP funds
- Extraordinary payments into a pension fund
- Other restrictions apply

Seven Key ARP Focus Areas



Is your Tribe ARP Funding Prepared?

The American Rescue Plan is the largest ever one-time investment for Native Communities. Is your Tribe prepared to make the best use of the money? Consider this:

- - What are the most common issue areas or problems tribal governments are running into?
- - How are clients or groups you are working with/aware of dealing with compliance issues and recording?
- - What is currently not being communicated to tribes that needs to be? What further needs to be done?
- - How are you seeing tribal governments match-up their needs/objectives with ARP funding?
- - What problems do you see arising three to five years down the line? Any specific issue areas?
- What are the highest priorities of your Tribe for Use of the ARP Funds?
- Has the Tribe initiated any planning in order to assure that there is clarity on the use of the ARP funds?
- What are current compliance areas that Tribal Leaders need to be aware of?
- Does the Tribe currently have the internal capacity to assure compliance and reporting?
- How can you maximize this opportunity to have a lasting impact and provide proper planning?

Thank You!