American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Fact Sheet for Municipalities

State, local or tribal governments can use ARPA funding to prepare for how they'll operate in a post-pandemic world. When you strategically invest in IT projects, you can build formidable cyber defenses, improve constituent services, and give employees the workplace flexibility they desire. You finally have access to the budget you need to modernize. Serve your citizens. Use technology to create a more efficient, adaptable city.

1. Get Your Funds

The release of funds is not automatic. **Places with fewer than 50,000 people** are generally classified as "non-entitlement units" (NEUs) and need to **submit a form to the State of California**. Local governments serving over 50,000 people will apply directly to the U.S. Treasury.

> Check which category you fall into and what information you need to apply **here**.

How to secure funding:

1. **Gather** any required information, like financial records, main contact details, your DUNS number, etc.
2. **Fill** in your form
3. **Submit** materials to the State of California or the U.S. Department of the Treasury

2. Set Your Post-Pandemic Strategy

Your constituents are accustomed to easy, flexible, on-demand services. Use ARPA funds on government cloud solutions that digitally transform and secure your environment.

Build a cloud-based technology ecosystem where you can:

- Securely share documents
- Communicate on the go
- Consistently deliver first-class constituent services online and in person
- Meet records retention requirements
- Achieve cybersecurity compliance, such as CJIS and FedRAMP

With a trusted advisor like DiamondIT on your side, you'll:

- Easily embrace digital transformation
- Minimize your cyberthreat exposure
- Keep multi-year initiatives funded by ARPA through 2026

3. Defend Your City

Municipalities and small governments are big targets for cybercriminals prowling for easy paydays. These crimes are aimed at cities, because criminals are aware cities often have aging technology infrastructure. You can reverse the narrative.

5 cybersecurity essentials for municipalities

- *Layers of protection* – from firewalls to backups put in place multiple ways to thwart criminals
- *24/7 monitoring* – actively hunt and destroy threats
- *Incident response plan* – know how you'll respond to and recover from disaster
- *Employee training* – stop clicks on malicious emails
- *Cyber insurance* – attacks are costly – minimize your financial loss with a cyber policy

Set the right priorities
Engage a cybersecurity-focused managed IT provider that has experience working with municipalities. They'll help you determine which essential components to implement first so you secure your network and digitally protect your citizens.

4. Save Money with Microsoft Government Licensing

Switch to the Microsoft government cloud and score a discount on compliant-by-design solutions. You immediately meet key requirements and can access the applications and systems that enable digital transformation. Essential cyber safeguards are wired in too, giving you more tools to defeat cybercriminals.

5. Make IT Sustainable

IT consultants are business-savvy technology experts who deliver worry-free IT to your municipality in 3 simple steps.

1. **The discovery meeting**
   You share your budget and goals.

2. **The assessment**
   IT experts evaluate your technology to see if it aligns with your objectives.

3. **The solutions**
   The analysis becomes a set of recommendations tailor-made for your municipality's unique needs.

Learn how easy it is to modernize your municipal government agency.

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