



1. How will the County determine if a proposal for ARPA funding is eligible or ineligible?

The US Treasury's [Final Rule](#) outlines which projects are eligible to be funded with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act. The US Treasury also published an [Overview of the Final Rule](#). The National Association of Counties highlighted key takeaways in their [analysis and overview](#) of the Final Rule.

Generally, projects that do not fit into Durham County's RFP categories AND at least one of the expenditure categories listed on pages 42-46 of the [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) are ineligible for ARPA funding at this time. Additional information can be found at the following UNC School of Government website: [CSLFRF Allowable Uses – American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) \(unc.edu\)](#).

2. If a nonprofit organization is located in another county, can the entity apply for grant funding?

Yes. Nonprofit and governmental entities that reside in other counties can apply for funding if the proposed services impact Durham County residents and align with one of the Request for Proposal categories.

3. What is the final day to submit questions related to the application process?

Questions not covered during the orientation session(s) or during the office hour periods must be emailed to arpa@dconnc.gov. The final date to submit questions have been moved to July 28, 2022. Durham County staff will send responses to questions by August 1, 2022.

4. Please share the context information for the evaluation rubric with links to the source documents.

The evaluation rubric details are attached to the FAQ document.

5. If the governing body has not approved the application, will this impact the scoring process?

If the governing body has not approved the application, it will not impact the scoring process. However, please note the timing such approval would occur.



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6. Provide more details on the subcategories included in the Durham County Government ARPA Framework approved by the BOCC on May 2, 2022.

The policy document can be found using the following link: [DCO ARPA Framework, 5/2/2022](#). The plan aligns with US Treasury spending categories.

GOAL 1: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND ENRICHMENT	\$ 26,000,000
Objective 1.1: Education – Provide and support learning and enrichment opportunities that support educational achievement and life success	
Pre-K Child Care Support	\$ 5,000,000
K-12 Learning Enrichment Support to Bolster Educational Achievement (Nonprofit Organizations)	\$ 3,000,000
Objective 1.2: Workforce Development – Strengthen the workforce by supporting the provision of effective education, training and workforce supports, particularly for hard-to-employ groups	
Workforce Development, Job Training	\$ 3,000,000
Business Technical Support Grants and other investments as allowed by NC General Statutes	\$ 2,500,000
Objective 1.3: Family Success – Support and provide programs, services and systems which improve life skills and increase family success and prosperity	
Youth Programming (Non-school activities) (4-H, Libraries, Cultural, Humanities, Community Partners that deliver youth programming)	\$ 2,500,000
Housing Security Support - Non-congregate, homeless shelter repairs, other housing insecurity efforts	\$ 10,000,000
GOAL 2: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL	\$ 12,550,000
Objective 2.1: Healthy Lives – Increase the number of healthy years that residents live	
Behavioral Health Support - Expanded Services	\$ 3,500,000
Public Health Response to Covid	\$ 4,250,000
Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 750,000
Increased cleaning and sanitation efforts to align with CDC recommendations for safe buildings.	\$ 2,950,000
Objective 2.3: Healthy Children and Youth – Support the optimal growth and development of children and youth	
School Nurses, Youth Health Initiatives	\$ 1,100,000
GOAL 3: SAFE COMMUNITY	\$ 3,000,000
Objective 3.3: Prevention Services – Reduce the number of people entering and involved with the criminal justice system	
Crime Intervention	\$ 3,000,000
GOAL 4: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROSPERITY	\$ 14,000,000
Objective 4.2: Community Prosperity – Promote and support the community and economic vitality for all residents of Durham County	
Broadband infrastructure expansion to extend highspeed internet to unincorporated communities. Funding may support vouchers for internet service for residents at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Further, funding will also address digital equity issues that face the community.	\$ 10,000,000
Water/Sewer to Support Unincorporated Areas	\$ 4,000,000
GOAL 5: ACCOUNTABLE, EFFICIENT AND VISIONARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 6,895,275
Objective 5.3: Sound Business Systems – Ensure sound fiscal, operational and technology systems	
Revenue Replacement	\$ 1,606,808
Security for Increased Screening at High Traffic Areas to mitigate COVID-19 spread	\$ 500,000
County Infrastructure - Services & Compliance	\$ 700,000
Future allocation	\$ 4,088,467
TOTAL	\$ 62,445,275

Durham County Rubric - Source Document Links

Category	Explanation	Links to Source Documents
Eligibility	Alignment with US Treasury Guidelines. Entities receiving funds have to comply with US Treasury Guidelines.	BOCC Budget Worksession, 5/27/21
		Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments U.S. Department of the Treasury
Durham County Compliance	Jurisdictions must follow Uniform Grant Guidelines (UGG) when expending federal dollars. US Treasury gives specific guidance on how to expend the federal funds. Further, entities must follow state statutes and local policies that govern procurement practices. These guidelines will vary by state and local jurisdiction.	Procurement Division Homepage Durham County (dconc.gov)
Strategic Plan Alignment	Project prioritization will be given to projects that support the Board’s strategic and capital plans and other assessments endorsed by the BOCC. Projects should reflect evidence-based and/or data driven analytics to support strategic plan alignment. (Durham County ARPA Guiding Principles, May 2021)	BOCC Budget Worksession, 5/27/21
		Durham County Government Strategic Plan, 2017
Complexity	Projects need to be encumbered by December 31, 2024. All project expenses must be invoiced and paid by December 31, 2026.	US Treasury Interim Final Rule FAQ

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Community Benefitting	<p>US Treasury guidelines stipulate funds provide a public health response and support a community's economic recovery.</p>	<p>Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments U.S. Department of the Treasury</p>
Collaboration	<p>Durham County guiding principles for the use of ARPA funds established the value of leveraging federal, state, and local community resources to optimize the overall allocation. (Durham County ARPA Guiding Principles, May 2021)</p>	<p>BOCC Budget Worksession, 5/27/21</p>
Equity	<p>The County is in process of developing an equity tool to evaluate ARPA funding proposals. While the pandemic has impacted the entire county, disproportionately the epidemic has impacted low-income families, communities of color and historically disadvantaged neighborhoods. An evaluation will also occur to evaluate equitable funding for unincorporated communities. (Durham County ARPA Guiding Principles, May 2021)</p>	<p>BOCC Budget Worksession, 5/27/21</p>
		<p>US Treasury. SLFRP Quick Reference Guide FINAL-508a.pdf</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Evidence of Fiscal Sustainability</p>	<p>Identify strategic one-time projects and/or a sustainability strategy for initiatives that require funding beyond one year. Final recommendations will be evaluated in the context of five-year fiscal plan. (Durham County ARPA Guiding Principles, May 2021)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOCC Budget Worksession, 5/27/21</p>
	<p>" ARPA funds are non-recurring so their use should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures. Care should be taken to avoid creating new programs or add-ons to existing programs that require an ongoing financial commitment.</p> <p>Rating agencies will evaluate a government's use of the ARPA funds in formulating its credit opinion and, importantly, will consider your government's level of reserves and structural budget balance, or efforts to return to structural balance, as part of their credit analysis." (GFOA ARPA Spending Guiding Principles)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GFOA American Rescue Plan Spending Guiding Principles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Environmental Sustainability</p>	<p>Durham County's Strategic Plan includes the goal of protecting natural resources and supporting sustainability efforts. When applicable, projects will be evaluated on the impact to environmental sustainability.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Durham County Government Strategic Plan, 2017</p>

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<p>Performance Evaluation</p>	<p>Evaluation of the program goals, milestones, program activities, products delivered, clients served and/or other outcomes will occur as a part of the overall ARPA funds utilization.</p> <p>"Accountable: The SLFRF requires program and performance reporting to build public awareness, increase accountability, and monitor compliance of eligible uses. Recipients are required to account for every dollar spent and provide detailed information on how funds are used.</p> <p>Transparent: Large recipients will publish a detailed Recovery Plan each year so the public is aware of how funds are being used and outcomes are being achieved; Treasury will provide comprehensive public transparency reports each quarter across all recipients."</p> <p>(U.S. Department of Treasury, Recipient Compliance and Reporting Responsibilities)</p>	<p>Recipient Compliance and Reporting Responsibilities U.S. Department of the Treasury</p>