



FACT SHEET: THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (H.R. 1319)

The American Rescue Plan (H.R. 1319) is a \$1.9 trillion emergency legislative package to provide the resources needed to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and spur a strong economic recovery.

The American Rescue Plan Act will:

- Increase direct assistance to households in need across America by \$1,400 per person, bringing the total (including the \$600 down payment enacted in December) to \$2,000 for eligible recipients.
- Extend and expand unemployment insurance and give families with children as well as childless workers a boost through enhanced tax credits, including:
 - Extends the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program which extends benefits to some self-employed and some other pandemic-affected individuals who don't qualify for regular state unemployment benefits through August 29, 2021;
 - Extends and expands the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation – boosts the federal supplement to state UI benefits from \$300 to \$400 for the weeks ending after March 14 and before August 29, 2021;
 - Makes the child tax credit fully refundable, and advanceable, for 2021 and increases the amount to \$3,000 per child (\$3,600 per child under age 6); and
 - Helps families access high-quality childcare by expanding the Child and Dependent Tax Credit (CDCTC) to allow many families to claim up to half of their childcare expenses.
- Extend enhanced SNAP benefits, providing funds to alleviate backlogs and respond to pandemic impacts in our food supply chains.

- Provide direct housing and nutrition assistance to families and expand access to safe and reliable childcare and affordable health care.
- Provide nearly \$130 billion to help K-12 schools safely reopen and address lost time in the classroom, including an estimated \$5 billion for schools in Pennsylvania.
- Dedicate nearly \$40 billion for institutions of higher education and requires institutions to dedicate at least half of their funding for emergency financial aid grants to students.
- Provide resources to increase COVID-19 vaccinations across the country to test, treat and protect all Americans. The plan will mount a national vaccination program that includes setting up community vaccination sites nationwide. It will also take complementary measures to combat the virus, including scaling up testing and tracing, addressing shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies, investing in high-quality treatments, and addressing health care disparities.
- Provide support for small businesses including:
 - \$15 billion for COVID-19 Emergency Grants Through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program;
 - \$7.25 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and expands eligibility of 501(c) nonprofits of all sizes and types; and
 - \$25 billion for a new program at the Small Business Administration (SBA) to aid restaurants and bars with 20 or fewer locations, with \$5 billion set aside specifically for smaller establishments with less than \$500,000 in 2019 annual revenue.
- Provide crucial resources to protect the jobs and health of first responders, frontline public health workers, teachers, transit workers, and other essential workers that all Americans depend on, including:
 - \$20 billion for vaccine administration and distribution;
 - \$46 billion for testing, contact tracing, and mitigation and purchasing personal protective equipment; and
 - \$7.6 billion to hire 100,000 full time employees into the public health workforce.
- Procure essential medical supplies and equipment through the Defense Production Act.
- Provide key funding for transit agencies, airports, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) including:
 - \$30 billion for transit to help transit agencies keep jobs for drivers, mechanics and other employees;

- Purchase of PPE, shields, sanitizer, wipes for their workers, and to maintain the transit routes relied upon by Americans;
 - \$8 billion in emergency aid for airports – including approximately \$35 million for Pittsburgh International Airport; and
 - \$50 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund.
- Provide funds to help the VA meet the health and economic needs of our nation's veterans, including funds to waive copays for treatment and to help the VA reduce claims and appeals backlogs caused by COVID.
- Include direct payments, extended pandemic-related unemployment benefits, financial assistance for individuals to retain health coverage through the Affordable Care Act, and funding for enhancements to refundable tax credits – like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit – designed to help low-income Americans and combat child poverty.