



Using ARP Funds for Broadband Development

Dear iFiber Stakeholders,

Illinois Fiber Resources Group NFP (iFiber) recognizes that you are probably just starting to think about how to spend federal ARP funds now available for counties and municipalities to request. Since it's in our area of expertise, we want to underscore one point:

Broadband infrastructure is an eligible use of these funds

Figure 2. ARP funding to address the digital divide

ARP provision	Funding and expiration	Primary Recipients	Physical Network Build-Out	Device Support	Broadband Connectivity Subscription Support	Digital Literacy Training
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	\$122.775 billion through Sept 30, 2023	Local educational agencies		x	x	
Institute of Museum and Library Services	\$200 million until expended	State library administrative agencies	x	x	x	x
Economic Adjustment Assistance	\$3 billion through Sept 30, 2022	Department of Commerce, states, and communities	x			
Homeowner Assistance Fund	\$9.961 billion through Sept 30, 2025	States, territories, and Tribal governments			x	
Emergency Connectivity Fund	\$7.171 billion through Sept 30, 2030	Schools and libraries	x	x	x	
Coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund	\$219.8 billion through 2024	States, territories, and Tribal governments	x	x	x	x
Coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund	\$13.2 billion through 2024	Metropolitan cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties	x	x	x	x
Coronavirus capital projects fund	\$10 billion until expended	States, territories, and Tribal governments	x	x		
Local assistance and tribal consistency fund	\$2 billion through Sept 30, 2023	Revenue sharing counties and Tribal governments	x	x	x	x

Brookings Institute analysis of ARP-related broadband funding | Credit: Brookings Institute

iFiber can help local units of government plan competitive networks and deploy open-access broadband infrastructure that encourages competition in the local marketplace. Further, we can introduce you to our Internet Service Provider partners to support last mile investments (that is, fiber to homes or businesses). Our Outreach Team is available to answer any questions you may have. To begin the process, please contact us at info@ifiber.org. ***Whatever your preference, we will work with you to make the best use of current and anticipated broadband funding opportunities.***

As Americans work together to strengthen public infrastructure for the current and next generations, we thank you for being an investor in and supporter of open access fiber networks, including iFiber.

Sincerely,

Matthew Parks

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