

# Early Childhood Priorities in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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**The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America's counties**, serving nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to:

- **Advocate county priorities** in federal policymaking
- **Promote exemplary county policies** and practices
- **Nurture leadership skills** and expand knowledge networks
- **Optimize county and taxpayer resources** and cost savings, and
- **Enrich the public's understanding** of county government.



**The National Association of Counties Research Foundation's (NACoRF)** mission is to ascertain, develop and distribute knowledge about county governments and training of public officials, prospective public officials, and other interested parties.

# Counties Matter for Infants and Toddlers

- Invest \$63 billion annually in federal, state and local funding in human services;
- Administer key federal safety net programs serving young children, such as SNAP, TANF and CCDF;
- Serve as Head Start agencies or contribute local dollars to expand Head Start programs;
- Function as clinic sites for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children;
- Fully or partially oversee the child welfare system in 11 states; and
- Invest in core policies and services that align and strengthen PN-3 systems.



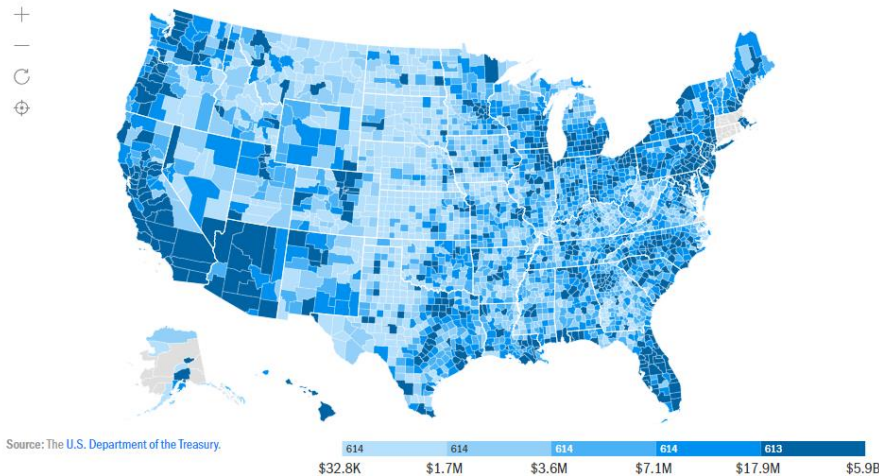


# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

## COUNTY-BY-COUNTY ALLOCATIONS

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- Counties will interact with various funding supports under the ARP
- [Click here](#) for NACo's interactive funding breakdown
- Most critical for counties: **\$65.1 billion** in **direct, flexible** funding via the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)
  - New Jersey Counties receive roughly **\$1.83** billion

# ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

**1**

## **WORKERS & FAMILIES**

- Assistance to unemployed workers and job training
- Food, housing, cash and other assistance to households (proportionate)
- Survivor's benefits for family members of COVID-19 victims

**2**

## **SMALL BUSINESS**

- Loans and grants to mitigate financial hardship
- Loans, grants and in-kind assistance to implement COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics
- Technical assistance

**3**

## **PUBLIC SECTOR**

- Rehire staff
- Replenish state unemployment insurance funds
- Administer economic relief programs

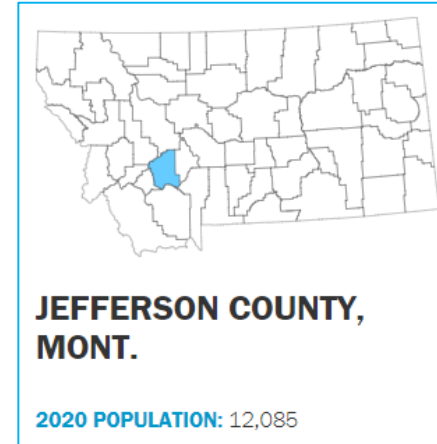
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## **IMPACTED INDUSTRIES**

- Tourism, travel and hospitality
- Other similarly affected sectors

# Strategies for Investing in Child Care (Negative Economic Impacts)

- Giving grants to child care providers to help retain/attract employees and grow or maintain child care capacity
- Providing child care assistance to parents
- Leveraging premium pay and workforce development flexibilities to support the child care workforce



# SERVICES FOR DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

**1**

## **ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES**

- Community health workers and public benefits navigators
- Remediation of lead paint and other lead hazards
- Community violence intervention programs

**2**

## **HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS**

- Services to support individuals experiencing homelessness
- Affordable housing development
- Housing vouchers, residential counseling, navigation assistance

**3**

## **EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES**

- New or expanded early learning services
- Expanded resources for high-poverty school districts
- Educational services like tutoring and afterschool programs

**4**

## **PROMOTING HEALTHY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS**

- New and expanded high quality childcare
- Home visiting programs for families with young children
- Services for child welfare-involved families and foster youth

# Defining Disproportionate Impact

- Counties have discretion in determining which communities are disproportionately impacted by pandemic
- Treasury automatically applies definition to **Qualified Census Tracts**:
  - *Half or more of households earn less than 60 percent of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI) or*
  - *At least 25 percent of households are below the Federal Poverty Line*



# Strategies for Investing in Child Care (Disproportionately Impacted Communities)

- New or expanded high-quality child care
- Connecting residents to public benefits and services
- Providing home visiting services to new parents
- Funding children's mental health services and programs



**OAKLAND COUNTY, MICH.**

**2020 POPULATION:** 1,274,395



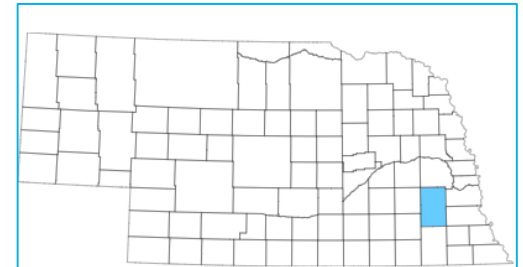
**TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**2020 POPULATION:** 1,290,188



**STANISLAUS COUNTY, CALIF.**

**2020 POPULATION:** 552,878



**LANCASTER COUNTY, NEB.**

**2020 POPULATION:** 322,608

# Additional Opportunities to Support Young Children

- Giving grants to non-profits that serve young children and families
- Providing direct assistance to families and households
- Bringing together experts to inform planning
- Replacing public sector revenue loss



# SEE WHAT COUNTIES ACROSS THE NATION ARE DOING

## COUNTY INVESTMENTS OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN RECOVERY FUNDS

The State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund, part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which NACo helped develop and strongly advocated to pass, allocates \$65.1 billion to directly to every county across the nation. These funds provide direct, flexible aid for every county, parish and borough in America. Counties are on the front lines in delivering this aid to residents and are a driving force connecting communities and strengthening the economy. Below, find analysis and trends of county investment priorities, share how your county is supporting your residents and explore our database of county ARPA Recovery Fund investment plans.

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