

# Spring 2021 By All Means Convening

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## The American Rescue Plan: The Promise of and Challenges to Rebuilding Communities

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# CHILDREN'S FUNDING PROJECT

*We help communities and states expand equitable opportunities for children and youth through strategic public financing.*

**Children's Funding Project is structured to:**

- Increase understanding of the policy tools available for strategic financing.
- Strengthen local capacity by providing training, tools, and coaching.
- Showcase and elevate the successes and lessons learned from communities.
- Build momentum for a more pro-active approach to children's funding.



# FOR TODAY...

Brief overview of comprehensive funding for children and youth in the American Rescue Plan (ARP)



Deeper exploration of new child care, education, and state and local direct relief \$ made available by ARP



Brief discussion of potential strategic investments: cross-sector collaboration and individualizing supports for students

# NEW & UPDATED FOR 2021



**THE CRADLE-TO-CAREER GUIDE TO  
FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR KIDS  
DURING AND BEYOND COVID-19**

March 2021

*Developed by Children's Funding Project as an update to 2020's "Navigating  
New and Flexible Funding Streams for Kids During COVID-19"*

## “Cradle-to-Career Guide to Federal Relief Funding For Kids During and Beyond COVID-19”



# EXAMPLES OF COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## EDUCATION

**\$122.8 billion** – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III)

**\$39.6 billion** – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)

**\$3 billion** – IDEA Parts B & C

**\$2.75 billion** – Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools

**\$852 million** -- Corporation for National and Community Service

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**\$80 million** – Pediatric Mental Health Care Access

**\$20 million** – Youth Suicide Prevention

**\$10 million** – National Child Traumatic Stress Network

## NUTRITION

**\$12 billion total** - Modernize and increase funding level for WIC

Extend SNAP levels through September

Continue the P-EBT program

Increase state administrative funding

Provide additional funding for Puerto Rico and other territories.

## EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

**\$39 billion** – Child Care Development Flexible Funding/Child Care Stabilization Fund

**\$1 billion** – Head Start

**\$150 million** – Home Visiting

## OTHER KEY INVESTMENTS

**\$350 billion**– Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

**\$21.6 billion** – Emergency Rental Assistance

**\$250 million** – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment

**\$7.2 billion** – Emergency Connectivity Fund

# NEW & SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE FUNDING:

*Focus on the \$39 billion*

(In ADDITION to \$13.5 billion from CRRSAA and CARES)

## CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND FLEXIBLE FUNDING

**\$14.99 billion**

Supplemental appropriation for CCDBG-funded subsidy programs without regard to typical income-eligibility requirements or direct-services requirements.

## CHILD CARE STABILIZATION

**\$23.98 billion**

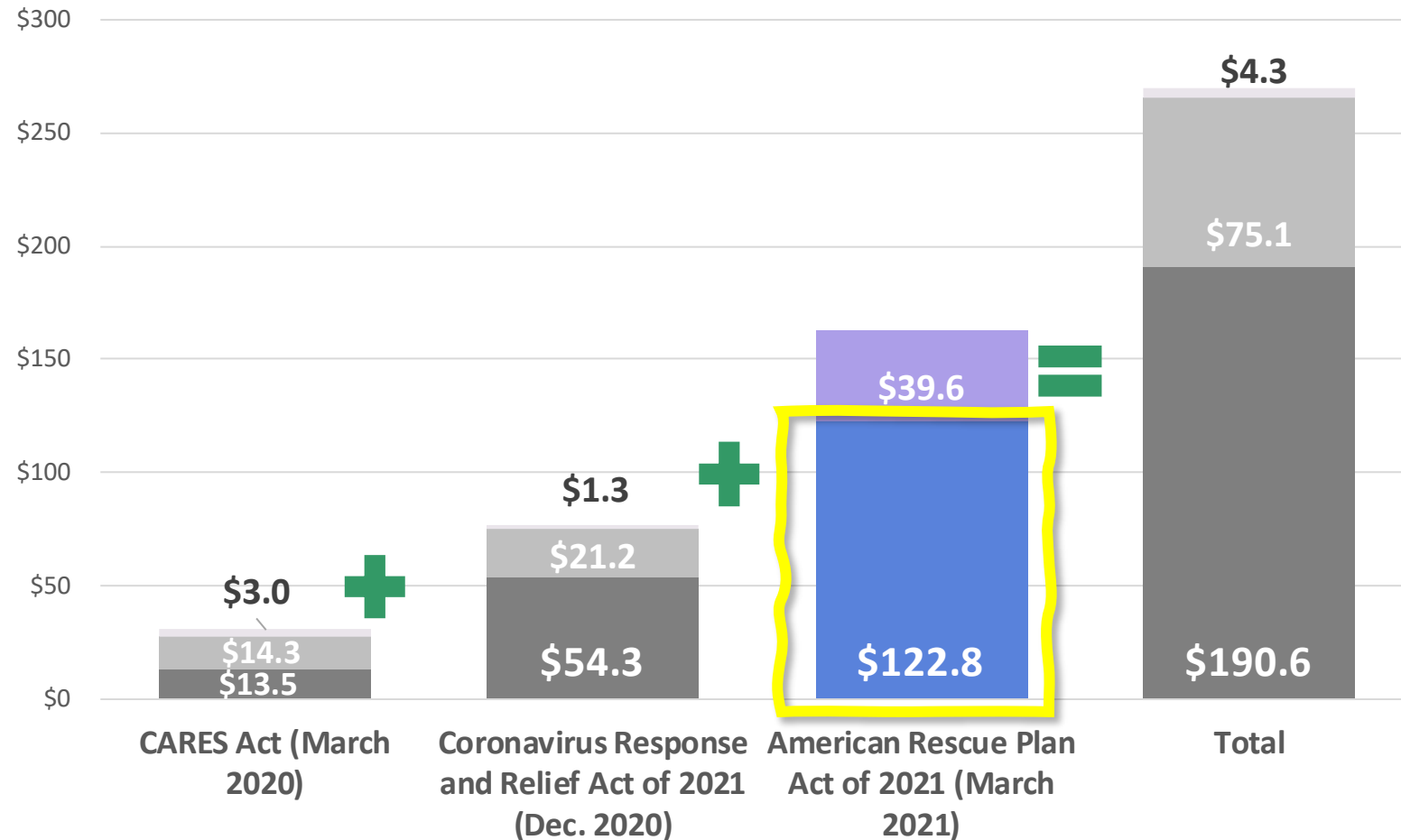
- 90% of stabilization grants must be spent as subgrants to qualified child care providers
- Up to 10% of stabilization funds may be used for administration, supply-building, and technical assistance activities
- States can use the 10% to fund intermediaries to deliver support to providers

### KEY POINTS FROM LATEST FEDERAL GUIDANCE

# EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND: Overview

## EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND OVERTIME (BILLIONS OF \$)

- Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER I, II, III)
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF I, II, III)
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I, II, III)





**\$122.8 BILLION**  
*(ESSER III Total)*

**\$800 million for youth homelessness**

**\$122.2 billion for SEAs**

**\$12.2 billion (10% of total allocation) reserved for SEAs**

**\$110 billion (90% of total SEA allocation) disbursed to LEAs**  
*\*within 60 days\**

~\$4 billion that CAN be used by SEAs for other eligible activities

\$609.9 million max for admin costs

**\$1.2 billion (1% of total) that MUST be used for summer**

**\$6.1 billion (5% of total) that MUST be used for evidence-based learning recovery**

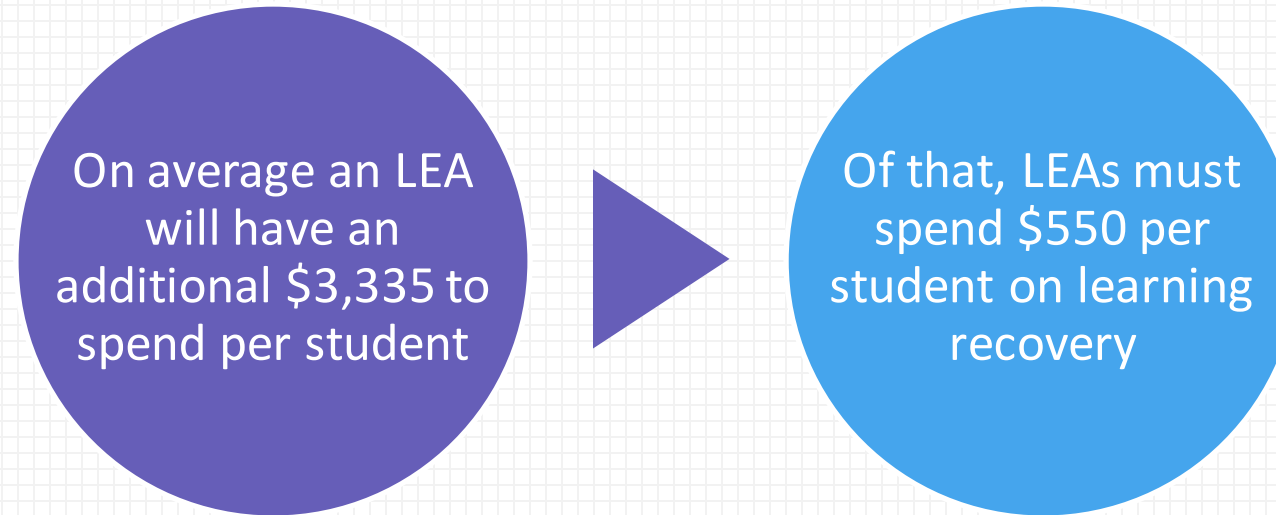
**\$1.2 billion (1% of total) that MUST be used for afterschool**

**\$87.8 billion** that CAN be used by LEAs for other eligible activities

**\$22 billion (20% of LEA allocation) MUST be used by LEAs for evidence-based learning recovery**

- Comprehensive afterschool programs
- Summer learning and enrichment programs
- Extended school day/year programs
- Programs that address the impact of COVID-19 on low-income students, students experiencing homelessness, and students in foster care

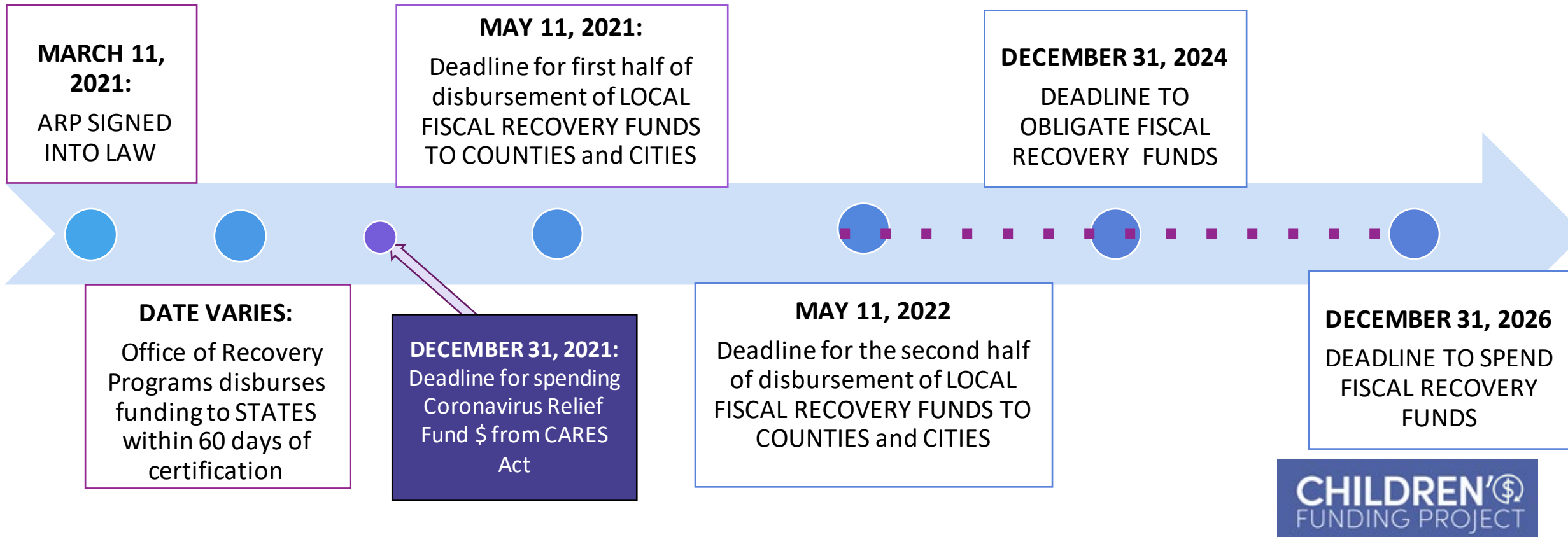
# *For a given student, what does it all mean?*



## **What does learning recovery look like?**

- **Summer learning or summer enrichment**
- **Extended day/year**
- **Highly quality tutoring**
- **Comprehensive afterschool programs**
- **Responds to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and the disproportionate impact of COVID on students from low-income families, English learners, students from major racial and ethnic groups, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.**

# STATE & LOCAL CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS : *Key timing & milestones*



# LATEST GUIDANCE ON CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

*“Treasury encourages recipients to consider funding uses that foster a strong, inclusive, and equitable recovery, especially uses with long-term benefits for health and economic outcomes.”*

- Interim Final Rule, 5/11/2021

LATEST  
FISCAL  
RECOVERY  
FUND  
UPDATES  
FOR LOCAL  
LEADERS:



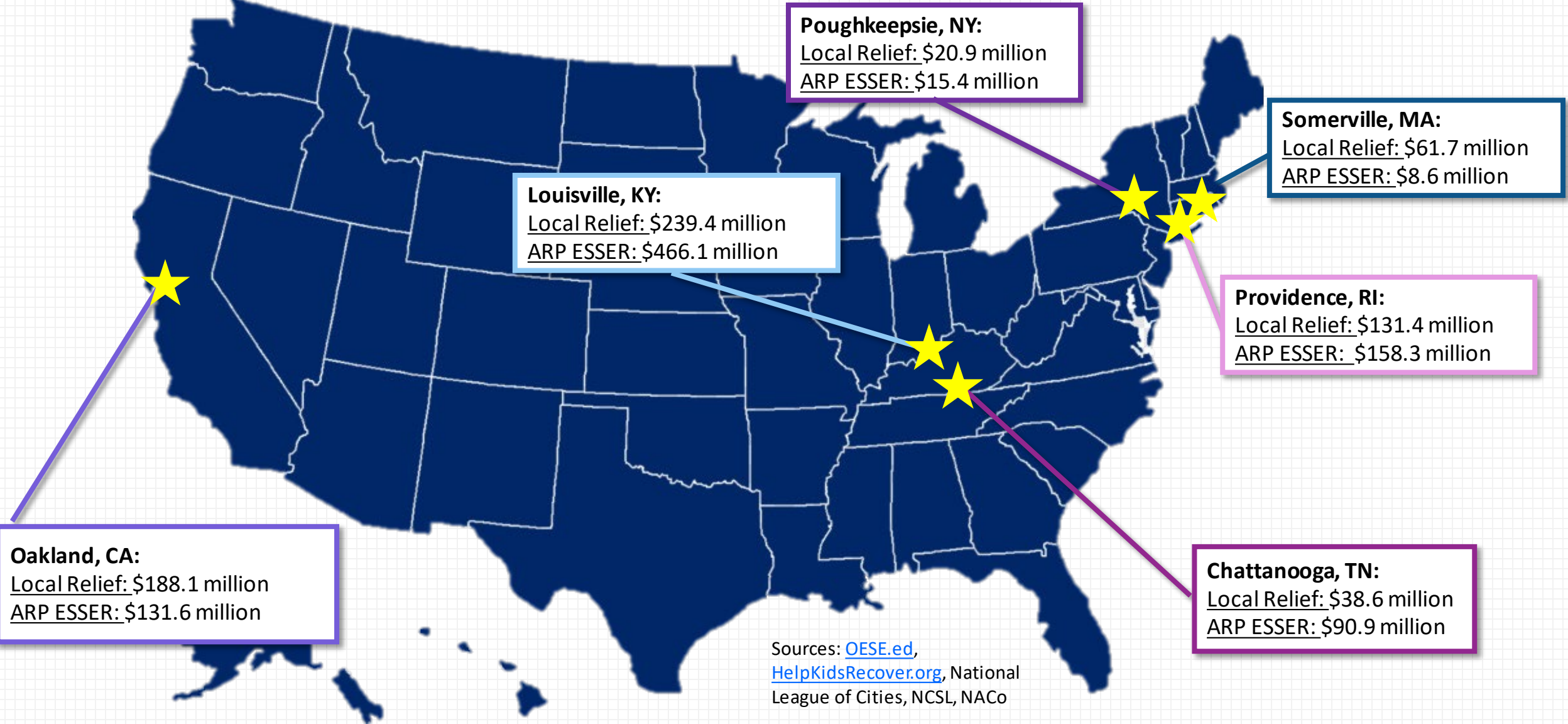
**BROADBAND INVESTMENTS:** “Eligible investments in broadband are those that are designed to provide services meeting adequate speeds and are provided to unserved and underserved households and businesses.”

**GRANTS TO INTERMEDIARIES:** Localities can transfer fiscal recovery funds to private non-profit organizations (incl. intermediaries) as subrecipients

**PREMIUM PAY:** Child care workers, school staff, and other social services employees are eligible for premium pay as essential workers

**ADDRESSING DISPARITIES:** Localities are encouraged to use funds to address educational disparities through new ECE programs, home visiting, out of school time programming, and enhanced assistance for child welfare-involved families and children in foster care.

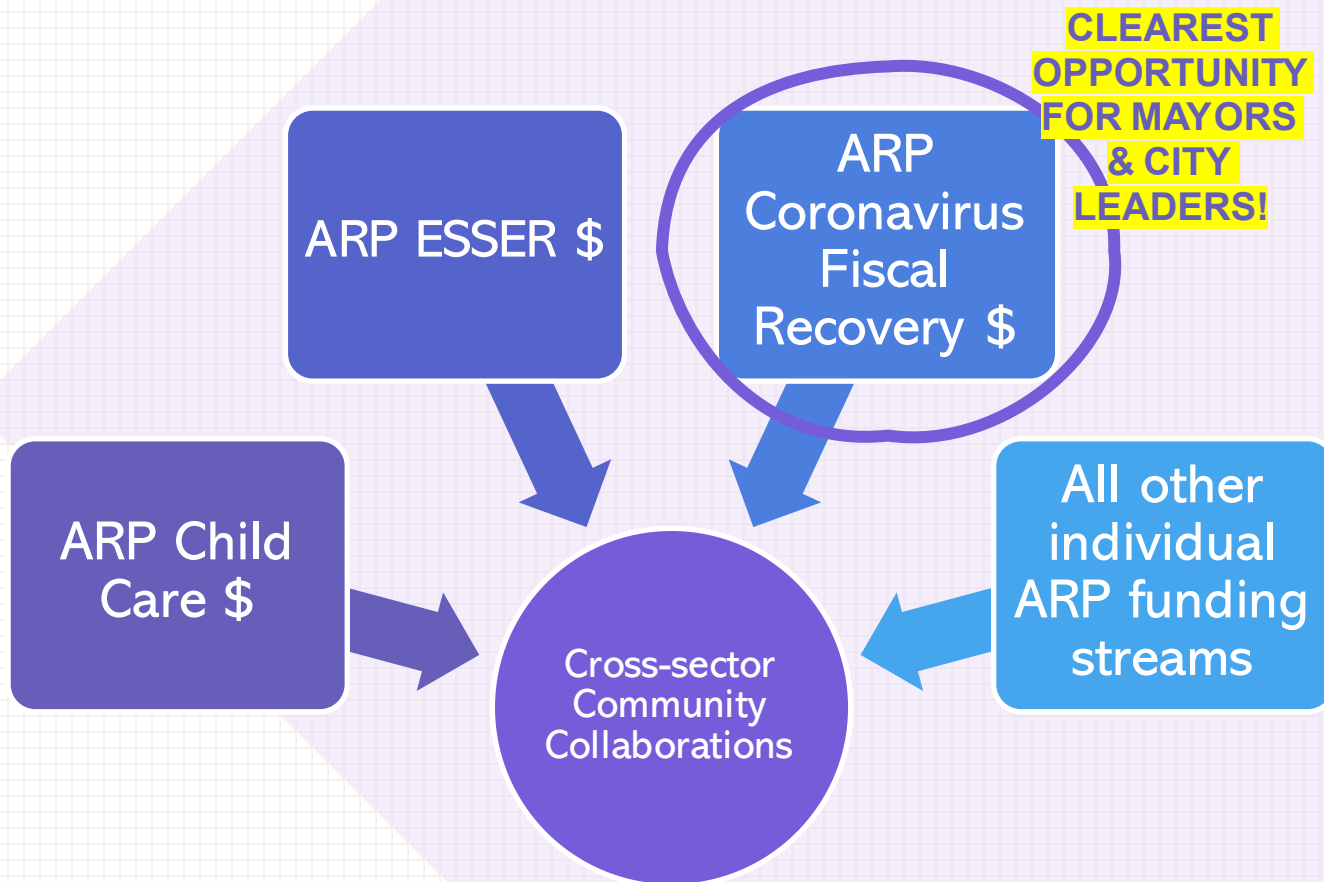
# PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: Examples of ARP funding to *BAM* communities



Sources: [OESE.ed](https://www.oese.ed.gov), [HelpKidsRecover.org](https://www.helpkidsrecover.org), National League of Cities, NCSL, NACo

# THE RECOVERY MINDSET: ARP \$ and cross-sector collaboration

New ARP funding comes with unprecedented flexibility. Communities across the country have a golden opportunity to leverage these funds for long-term, comprehensive system improvement.



## Potential Examples of ARP Funding in Action:

- Strengthen the community's ability to robustly serve children and youth from cradle to career (e.g. funding the backbone organization)
- Fund the intermediaries coordinating services across the cradle-to-career system (e.g. child care coordinating bodies, entities addressing food insecurity, organizations managing youth job programs)
- Treat the new dollars as seed money for innovative pilot programs, like:
  - Local universal basic income initiatives
  - Success planning and a system of navigators for students

*\*it is key to also fund pilot program evaluation to prove efficacy and the need for continued investment in the future!*

# CONCLUSION

## Key Flexible Funding Opportunities for Communities in ARP:

- CCDF Flexible Funding and Child Care Stabilization
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III)
- Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

## Proactive Ideas for Local Leaders Leveraging ARP Funds

- Fund cross-sector collaborations that benefit children, youth and families
- Use funds as down payments on innovative pilot programs and prove need for continued investment through evaluation and communication.

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# APPENDIX: ARP's flexible funding streams for local leaders by initial recipient

	Initial Recipient	Subrecipients and/or Local Decisionmakers
<b>Child Care Development Block Grant (Supplemental Appropriation)</b>	STATE Lead CCDF Agency	Depends on the state's child care subsidy administration structure. Funds may flow from state to county to child care providers/families OR flow directly to providers or families from the state. In general, these dollars are governed by state CCDF planning. Contact your lead CCDF agency for information on how these funds will flow.
<b>Child Care Stabilization</b>	STATE Lead CCDF Agency	Depends on the state's strategy for disbursing stabilization dollars, 90% of which must go directly to qualified child care providers. There is likely to be great variation in how stabilization dollars are administered. Contact your lead CCDF agency for specifics on state plans.
<b>ESSER III</b>	STATE Education Agency	90% of funds flow from state to local school districts. Oversight of state ESSER III plan with additional school district-level planning authority.
<b>Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds</b>	COUNTY or CITY receiving direct payments (Local Dept of Treasury or similar department is ideal contact for information on Local Fiscal Recovery Funds)	Local government decisionmakers, including: Mayors/City Councils, County Commissioner/County Commissions, etc. Great flexibility in how dollars can be used.



# APPENDIX: Key Timeline for COVID-19 Recovery Child Care Funds (CARES Act through ARP)

**March 27, 2020**  
CARES Act CCDBG - \$3.5 billion

**March 11, 2021**  
ARP CCDBG \$15 billion and  
ARP Stabilization - \$24 billion

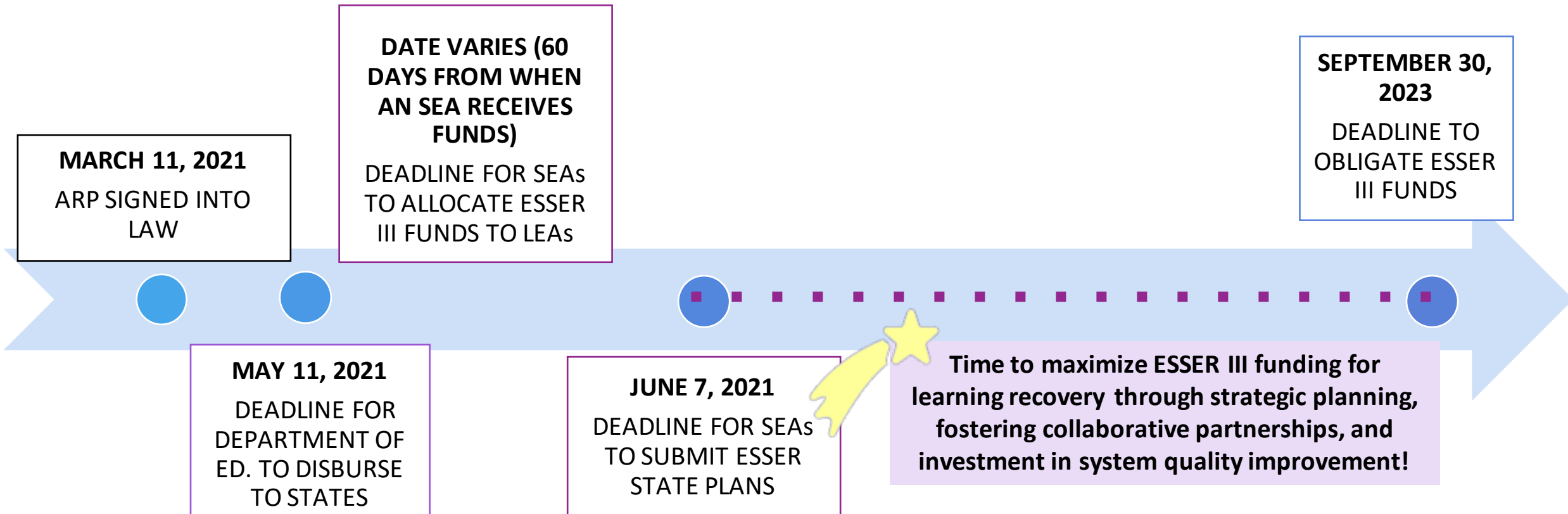
**September 30, 2023**  
Obligation deadline for ARP CCDBG

**December 27, 2020**  
CRRSAA CCDBG - \$10 billion

**September 30, 2022**  
Obligation deadline for  
CARES, CRRSAA and ARP  
Stabilization

**September 30, 2024**  
Spending deadline for ARP CCDBG

# APPENDIX: Key Timeline for ARP ESSER III Funds



# APPENDIX: Key Timeline for State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

