



# **FOOD SECURITY AND FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

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# ABOUT SEAP

SEAP partners with policy thinkers and doers to amplify their efforts and bridge gaps in policy infrastructure. We act as a connector, convener, and policy entrepreneur across issues and states.

## POLICY AREAS

### Economic Security

- Food Security
- Covid-19
- Tax Equity
- Criminal Justice
- Regional & Community Development

### Climate

- Decarbonization
- Disaster Resiliency
- Climate + Public Health

### Health

- Medicaid Expansion
- Maternal Health
- Climate + Public Health

## OUR APPROACHES

### Research

- Academic Fellows
- In-house Analysts
- Research Organization Grants

### Capacity Building

- Microgrants
- Network Building
- Data Assistance
- South Strong Coalition

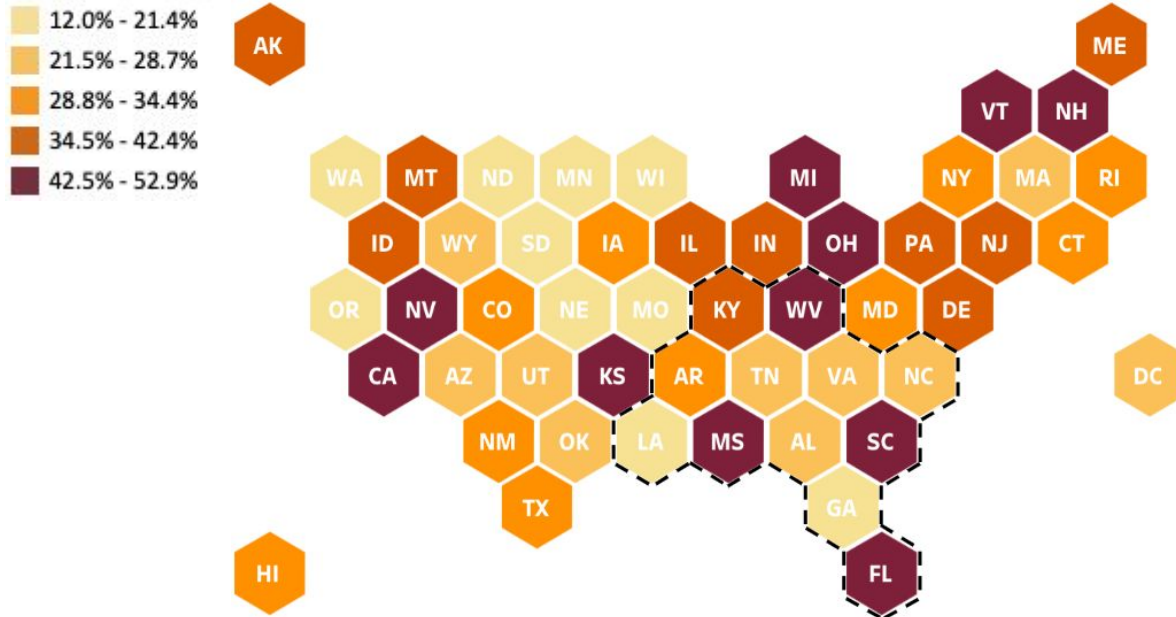
### Civic Voice

- Summits & Workshops
- Policy Academies
- Surveys

35% of Americans who are late on rent/mortgage said they feared losing their home. In MS, WV, and FL, it is about 50%.

### Likelihood of eviction or foreclosure, Dec 9-19, 2022

Percent of adults living in households not current on rent or mortgage where eviction or foreclosure in the next two months is “very likely” or “somewhat likely”



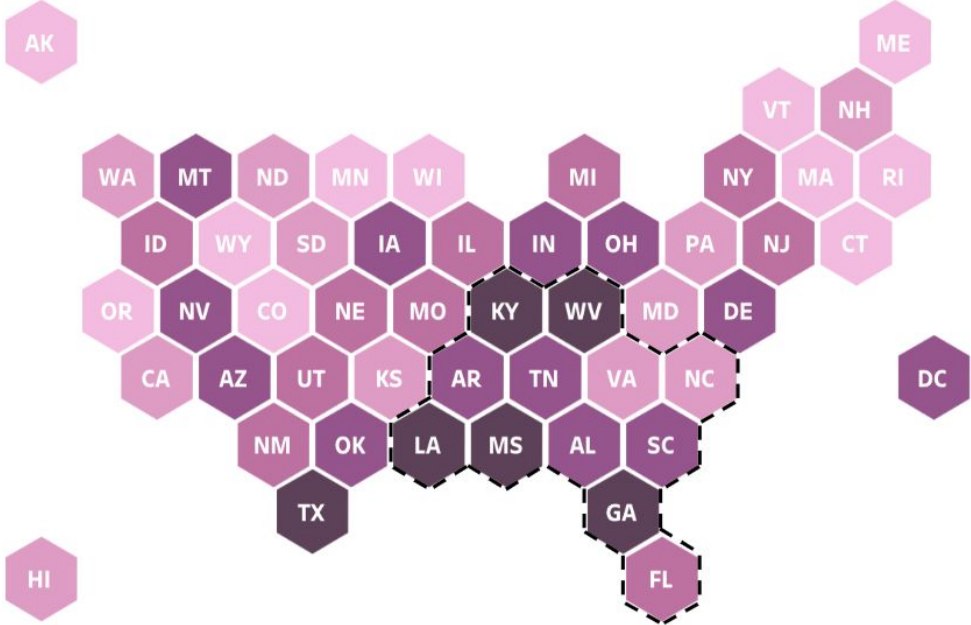
Source: [Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey](#).

# 20% of Mississippians, 16% of Kentuckians, and 15% of Georgians reported their household went hungry in December.

## Food insecurity, Dec 9-19, 2022

Percent of adults who report their household sometimes or often went hungry in last 7 days

- 6.1% - 8.7%
- 8.8% - 10.4%
- 10.5% - 11.7%
- 11.8% - 13.9%
- 14.0% - 19.8%

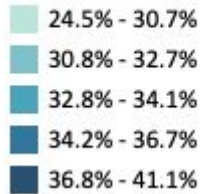


Source: [Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey](#).

# 34% of Americans report symptoms of anxiety or depression, up from 11% in 2019. The South had 4 of 5 states with the highest rates.

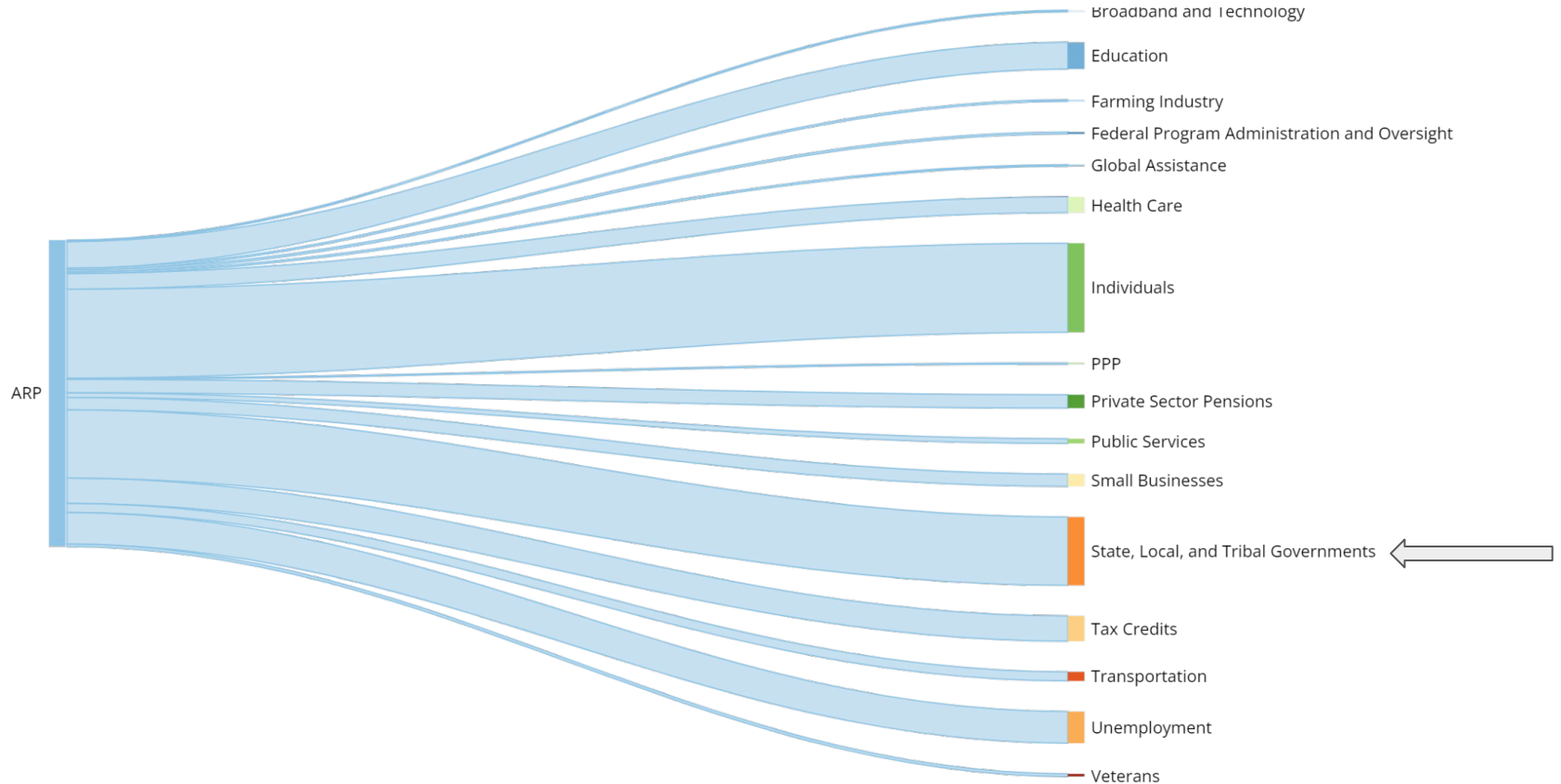
## Symptoms of anxiety or depression, Dec 9-19, 2022

Percent of adults who experienced symptoms of anxiety or depression in the last two weeks



Source: [CDC](#) and [Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey](#). Notes: This indicator is based on self-report of the frequency of anxiety and depression symptoms, derived from responses to the first two questions of the eight-item Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2) and the seven-item Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-2) scale.

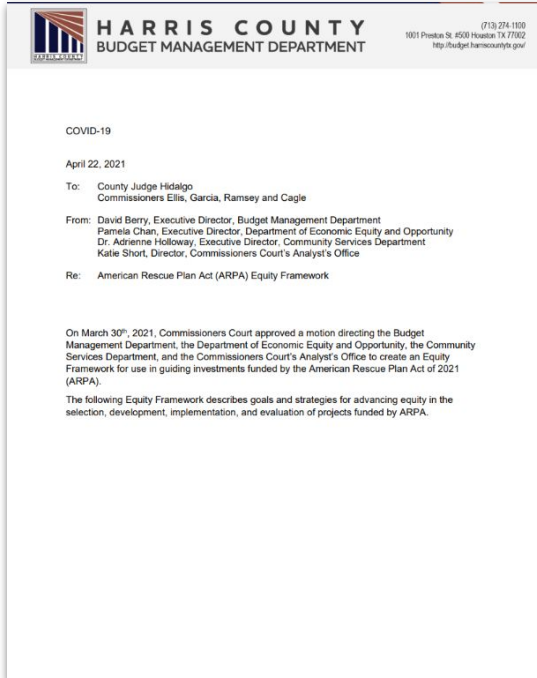
# THE OPPORTUNITY: ARP STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RELIEF FUNDS



# THE BASICS OF SLFRF

- \$350 Billion to state, local, and Tribal governments starting in 2021
- Must obligate all funds by end of 2024
- Must spend all funds by end of 2026
- USES
  - Replace lost public sector revenue
  - Respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic
  - Provide premium pay for essential workers
  - Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Equity and engagement are key features!

# HOW ARE COMMUNITIES PRIORITIZING EQUITY?

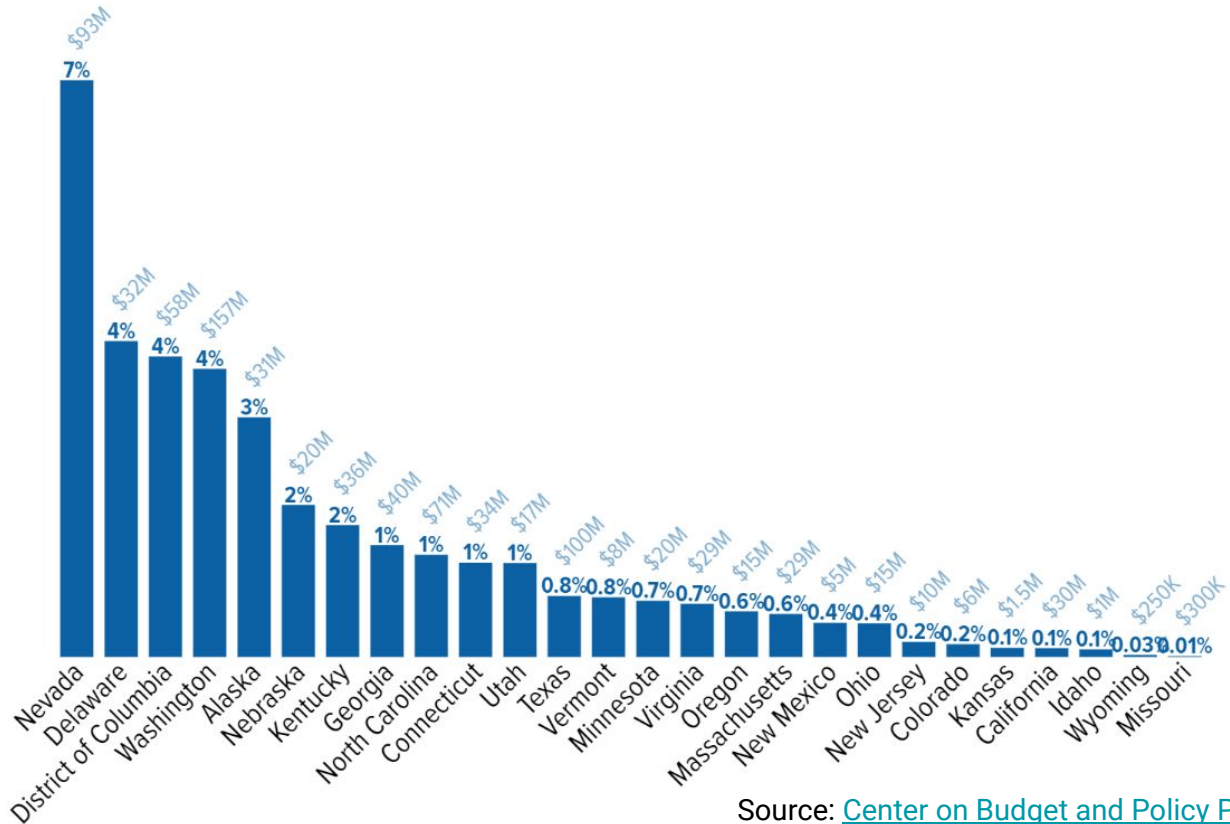


## Harris County, TX ARP equity goals:

- Reversing negative pandemic-related trends and closing gaps
- Building capacity within County government, creating a shared understanding of and commitment to equity, and developing tools and practices to support equity-centered solutions.
- Measuring racial and ethnic disparities and incorporating an equity assessment in each project
- Monitoring investment across the entire program to ensure the overall portfolio is reaching populations and neighborhoods most impacted by the pandemic.



# STATE SLFRF FOOD PROGRAMS



Source: [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), as of 12/22

# EXAMPLES OF LOCAL SLFRF FOOD PROJECTS

- **Jefferson County, AL:** Support to entities that provide meal/food services to low income individuals, homeless populations, and others experiencing food insecurity.
- **Leighton, AL:** Grant to local non-profit, Moving Leighton Forward in Unison, to help residents with bill payments, food, clothing and covid mitigation supplies.
- **Alachua County, FL:** Funds will be distributed between local food banks, small local farmers, and non-profits serving marginalized and underserved communities in support of emergency food assistance.
- **Collier County, FL:** This project addresses food access, affordability, and infrastructure for healthy, fresh food. Funds will bolster emergency food operations, strengthen local food distribution systems, expand nutrition education, and reduce hunger. The primary delivery mechanism will be a sub-grantee agreement with Community Foundation of Collier County to support local food banks. The project will also support trainings and demonstrations of nutrition education and marketing for local food systems. Outcomes will include greater food security and higher nutrition for disadvantaged Collier County residents.
- **Fairfax County, VA:** The Food Access Program awarded grants to 501(3)(c) non-profit organizations and 501(3)(c) Houses of Worship.

# EXPLORE SLFRF FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

Find SLFRF food assistance projects [here](#) on the US Treasury Dashboard.

- Under Expenditure Category, go to “2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs.”

**SLFRF July P&E Summary - Projects By Recipient**  
Data last updated: 6/30/2022

Download July Dataset  
Download April Dataset

Summary Recipient Detail **Projects by Recipient** Recovery Plans Data Dictionary

Reset Filters

Expenditure Category Group: All

**Expenditure Category: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs**

Recipient Reporting Tier: All

Type of Recipient: All

State/Territory: All

Name of Recipient: All

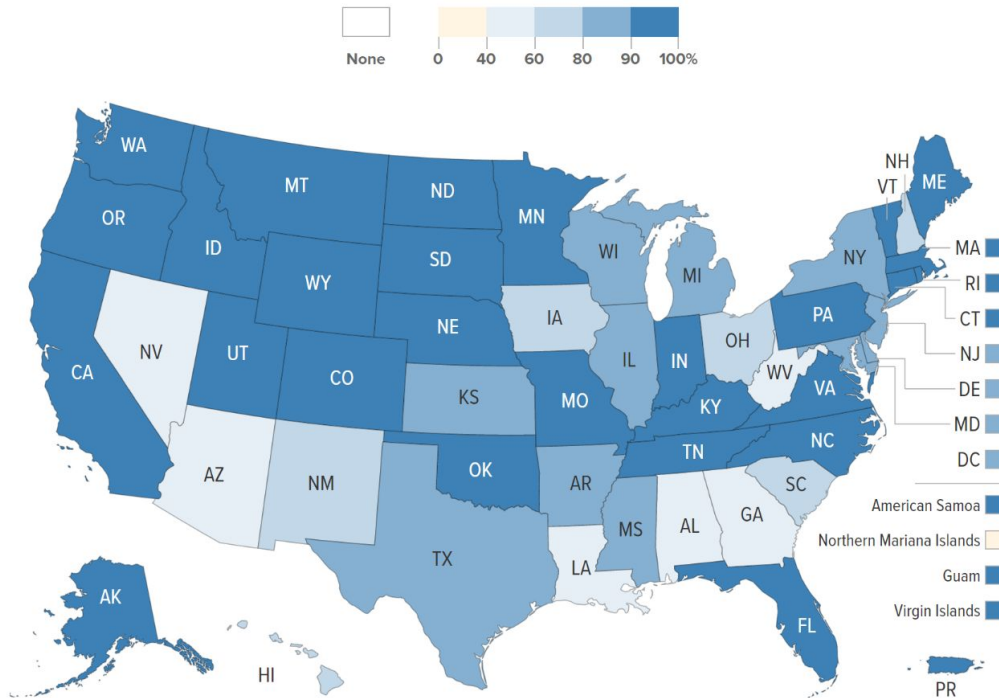
*Tips: Hover over the table and click "More options" to export the full or filtered subsets of the data.*

Recipient Name	Recipient Type	State/Territory	Reporting Tier	Project Name	Expenditure Category Group	Expenditure Category
Adams County, Colorado	Local Government	Colorado	Tier 1. States, U.S. territories, metropolitan cities and counties with a population that exceeds 250,000 residents	Senior Hub Food Assistance	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.1-Household Assistance: Food P
Alachua County, Florida	Local Government	Florida	Tier 1. States, U.S. territories, metropolitan cities and counties with a population that exceeds 250,000 residents	Alachua County Food Security – Strike Out Hunger, Household Assistance Food Prog	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.1-Household Assistance: Food P

# HOW MUCH STATE MONEY IS LEFT?

## Most States Have Decided How to Spend Their Fiscal Recovery Funds

Share of total state Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated (excludes funds granted to local governments)



- Total Funds = **\$198 Billion**
- Remaining Funds (as of 12/22) = **\$25 Billion**

Source: [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)

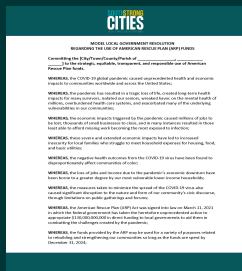
Note: The American Rescue Plan gave states \$197.8 billion in Fiscal Recovery Funds to combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

# HOW MUCH LOCAL MONEY IS LEFT? VISIT SEAP'S LOCAL FUNDS SPENDING TRACKER



<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/southern.economic.advancement.project.seap/viz/SEAP-ARSpendingTracker2023/FINAL?publish=yes>

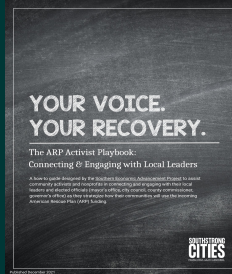
# THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TOOLKIT



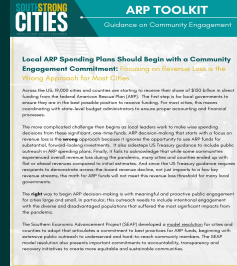
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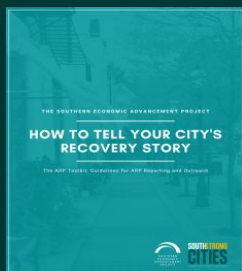
Good Examples



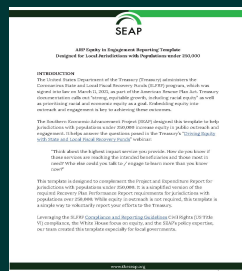
Activist Guide



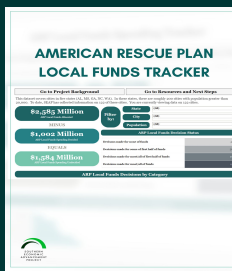
Community Engagement Guide



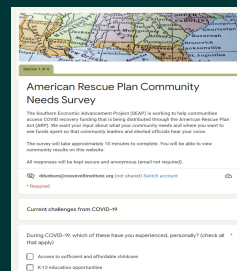
Telling Your City's Recovery Story



U.S. Treasury Reporting Template



Local Funds Tracker



Community Needs Survey

# THANK YOU

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*Together, Progress is Possible*

**ARP Toolkit**

[www.theseap.org/arp-toolkit-2/](http://www.theseap.org/arp-toolkit-2/)

**Pandemic to Prosperity**

<https://www.pandemictoprosperty.org/january-19th-2023>

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