FOOD SECURITY AND FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS
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.

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.

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
$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!
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
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.”
HOW MUCH STATE MONEY IS LEFT?

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

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
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-ARPspendingTracker2023/FINAL?publish=yes
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TOOLKIT

- Model Resolution
- 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

Together, Progress is Possible

ARP Toolkit
www.theseap.org/arp-toolkit-2/

Pandemic to Prosperity
https://www.pandemictoprospereity.org/january-19th-2023

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