“Congress must pass a stopgap spending bill to avert a government shutdown in just two weeks, but major are impeding bipartisan agreement on a short-term spending fix.”
Stop-gap until December no matter what

The White House request to add $47 billion for Covid-19, monkeypox, the war in Ukraine and natural disasters.

Permitting Reform

FDA User Fees

ARPA Flexibility
FY 2023 Appropriations: Permitting Reform

- NACo encourages federal financial and technical support of energy conservation efforts and county waste recovery programs, with incineration of waste being a domestic energy source and a form of recycling, including, but not limited to:
  - Consistent permitting processes to avoid costly reconstruction or retrofitting of previously approved projects; (EELU)

- NACo supports the development and implementation of comprehensive and consistent national policies and regulations for energy and mineral production on public lands. This includes conservation efficiency, exploration, and research that provide for the siting, permitting, production, utilization, transmission, and delivery of traditional and alternative/renewable energy and mineral resources. Every effort should be made by land management agencies to reduce obstructions that cause significant project delays and costs, including conducting oil, gas and mineral lease sales on all federal lands categorized in their land use plans for such leasing. (Public Lands)

- Broadband Deployment and Adoption: NACo strongly supports legislation and administrative policies that help counties rapidly expand public-private partnerships and to attract affordable, abundant, redundant and reliable high-speed broadband services that meet or exceed federal broadband speed definitions regardless of population or technology used. NACo supports legislation and/or policy that:
  - Streamline federal ROW and permitting processes for structures on lands controlled by any federal agency; (T&T)

- Resolution in Support of Eliminating Regulatory Impediments for Effective Delivery of Federal Aid Projects
  Issue: Elimination of Regulatory Impediments to the Effective Delivery of Federal Aid Projects
  Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the President and Congress to implement measures that would eliminate regulatory impediments on local and state sponsored federal aid projects to achieve our shared goals of strengthening transportation networks, improving public safety and advancing our economic competitiveness. (Transpo)
State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S. 3011)

- Allows counties to allocate up to $10 million on government services
- Allows for counties to allocate up to $10 million (or 30%, whichever is greater) on infrastructure projects
- Enables counties to spend ARP dollars on emergency relief from natural disasters

*passed House as part of H.R. 8294*
November Midterms

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*Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Angus King (I-ME) caucus with the Democrats

Republicans are favored to win the House

Democrats are favored to win the Senate

The Deluxe version of our model simulates the election 40,000 times to see which party wins the House most often. This sample of 100 outcomes gives you an idea of the range of scenarios the model considers possible.
Counties are eligible to directly apply to...

- New *Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant program* under DOT
- Several EPA programs to *reduce air pollution at ports* and provide assistance to *disadvantaged communities to deploy zero-emission technologies* including but not limited to;
  - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
  - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
  - Innovative Clean Energy (Title 17) loan program
  - Temporary qualified energy infrastructure reinvestment loan program
- New competitive grant program to *bolster agricultural commodity-based fuels* including infrastructure for creating, storing, supplying and distributing biofuels

Click here to access the White House’s Inflation Reduction Act Fact Sheet for New York*

*National Association of Counties | www.NACo.org | September 2022*
Inflation Reduction Act

On August 16, the IRA was signed into law to reduce federal deficits and cut carbon emissions through a series of tax credits, new grant programs, and more.

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Updated ARPA Guidance: Affordable Housing

On July 27, Treasury released updated guidance that provides additional flexibility for counties to invest Recovery Funds towards affordable housing.

- Increased flexibility to invest Recovery Funds to fully finance long-term affordable housing loans, including the principal of any such loans
  - Supports additional financing for affordable housing projects, including those that may be eligible for additional assistance under Treasury’s Low Income Housing Credit (LIHTC)

- Funds may be used for additional federal projects/programs, including but not limited to:
  - Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
  - Public Housing Capital Fund
  - Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program and Section 811
  - Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program
  - Project-Based Rental Assistance
  - Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization Program
OVERVIEW OF U.S. TREASURY FINAL RULE FOR ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR COUNTIES

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT:
CORONAVIRUS STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

JUNE 2022
Breakdown of Funding Opportunities in BIL for Counties

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Currently, over $5.1 billion is available through 9 programs for counties to apply to carry out eligible activities ranging from restoring ecosystems to reconnecting communities.

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<td>• $250 million for projects removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity through the <strong>Reconnecting Communities Program</strong></td>
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<td>• $573 million to remediate or close at-grade rail crossings through the <strong>Railroad Crossing Elimination Program</strong></td>
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<td>• $1 billion to extend and explain middle-mile broadband infrastructure through the <strong>Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program</strong></td>
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<td>• $1.9 billion for broadband deployment in rural communities through the <strong>Rural ReConnect Program</strong></td>
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Chips and Science Act (CHIPS+)

On August 9, the Chips and Science Act (CHIPS+) was signed into law to revitalize domestic manufacturing and technology centers.

- $52 billion in semiconductor manufacturing subsides and a 25% percent tax credit to encourage investments in semiconductor manufacturing
- $10 billion for Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs)
  - Consortium of counties, universities, economic development organizations, local industry and rural communities concentrated within a geographic area to carry out workforce and economic development activities.
- Authorizes $billion for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to launch a pilot version of the bipartisan Rebuilding Economies and Creating Opportunities for More People Everywhere to Excel Act (RECOMPETE Act)
  - Distressed communities, including counties, eligible to apply
Counties have utilized ARPA Recovery Funds in a variety of ways to enhance and expand their public health workforces.

**Erie County, N.Y.** created the [Erie County Healthcare Careers Program](#) to provide educational training grants of up to $10,000 for high-demand healthcare occupations.

**Ramsey County, Minn.** invested $1 million of its Recovery Funds in its [Public Health Career Pathways Program](#) to increase its public health workforce and give low-wage earners a pathway to careers as registered nurses or community health workers.

**Maricopa County, Ariz.** created the [Graduate Nurse-Practice Readiness Pilot Project](#) to match nursing students to clinical placements so they are practice-ready upon graduation.

More examples provided on the NACo website here.
Limited Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Waiver

- County employees may be temporarily eligible for federal student loan forgiveness under limited PSLF waiver
- Must apply by October 31
- Visit www.whitehouse.gov/pslf
- Lawmakers and advocates pushing for waiver extension through July, 2023
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