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AIC eNewsletter

July 1, 2021

ARPA Information of the Week

Treasury Guidance for ARPA

Please [click here](#) to view the new Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Frequently Asked Questions dated **June 23, 2021**.

Please click below to view the Interim Final Rule that was released by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

<https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2021-10283.pdf>

CLICK HERE to download the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) lost revenue calculator.

Interest Earned on ARPA Funds

We have received several inquiries regarding the earning of interest on money received from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). We have formulated answers based on information received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Please use the link below to review the memorandum,

[Interest Earned on ARPA Funds](#)

For more information or if you have questions for SBOA, please email Counties@sboa.in.gov.

NACo Indiana County Officials ARPA Briefing

NACo hosted the [third session of our ongoing information session series](#) focused on **various eligible uses of the Treasury's Interim Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**. This session focused on how counties can invest Fiscal Recovery Funds **to support water and sewer projects to assist in meeting the critical need for investments and improvements to existing infrastructure**. NACo members will also have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on Treasury's IFR. To register for the session, [click here](#).

Past information sessions on ARP's Fiscal Recovery Fund:

- [Eligible uses of Recovery Funds to support populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and Qualified Census Tracts \(QCTs\)](#)
- [Recovery Fund revenue loss calculation and eligible uses of funds](#)

Please click the link below to view NACo's

Legislative Update: Preliminary Review of Treasury's Fiscal Recovery Fund Guidance. These slides are presented by NACo president Matt Chase.

[Document Link](#)



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NACo ARPA Video Link

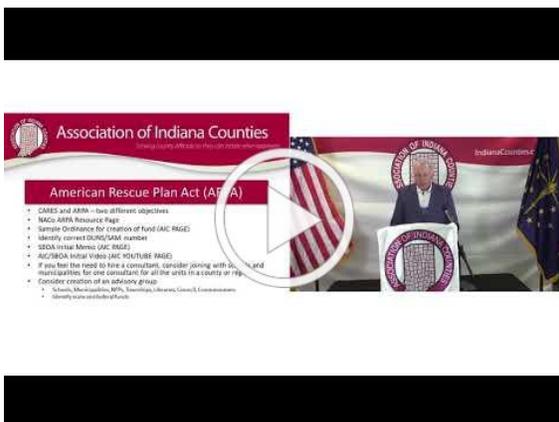
Please click below to view NACo's most recent National Membership call where they discuss the latest news regarding ARPA.

<https://www.naco.org/events/naco-national-membership-call-25>

Video Updates on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)



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IDEM Wastewater Inspector Position - Petersburg, IN

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has an opening for a Wastewater Inspector in our Southwest Indiana Office. Please see the posting listed below. Our office would appreciate you sharing this posting with your membership.

<https://workforindiana.in.gov/job/Petersburg-Wastewater-Inspector-EM2-SWRO-IN-47567/761291800/>



Historic Renovation Grant Program to open July 1

The Historic Renovation Grant Program will open for applications on July 1, according to Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The program is designed to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties to further incentivize downtown economic development across Indiana.

Applicants with an eligible historic commercial structure have the opportunity to apply for project funding between \$5,000 and \$100,000. The request must be no more than 50% of eligible project costs, with the local match being greater than or equal to 50% of the total eligible project costs.

Beginning this year, the program will be a competitive grant program rather than first come, first serve as it was in previous years. Eligible applicants include non-profits, individuals, partnerships, firms, associations, joint ventures, limited liability companies, corporation or non-profit affordable housing organization.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. EST on Sept. 24, 2021. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/hrgp.htm.



Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Round 3 updates

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has updated the webpages for Broadband Funding Opportunities, which can be found [here](#). You will find the draft documents for Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Round 3, based on legislation passed in the 2021 legislative session. The documents include the revised application, instructions, processes and eligibility requirements.

OCRA will collect comments regarding the NLC Round 3 draft applications and process via a survey found [here](#). Additionally, comments may be submitted to NLC@OCRA.in.gov. All comments must be submitted by July 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. ET.

Office hours will be held by OCRA to discuss and answer questions on the NLC Round 3 updates on July 8, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET. Interested providers can sign up using the following registration information:

July 8, 2021 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. ET

Click [here](#) to register

July 8, 2021 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. ET

Click [here](#) to register

Registration & Portal Information

A new registration portal is available on the OCRA Broadband Funding Opportunities webpage for providers interested in receiving information and participating in the Next Level Connections broadband programs. Any provider interested in participating in any of the programs will be required to register through the portal. Registration through the portal does not mandate participation in the programs.

Information on the new subsidy and line extension programs will be forthcoming this summer. The portal will also serve as the host for submitting information, including challenges and line extension bids. Registration in the portal is required by applicants in order to be able to submit the required documents.

Visit in.gov/ocra/nlc for more information and future updates.

Henry County Zoning Administrator Job Posting

Please click below for the new job posting in Henry County.

[Job Posting](#)

Post-COVID Spending Principles for Greater Gains in Hoosier State

Joint Statement by Community Recovery Coalition of Statewide Associations Outlines Strategies for Investing Recovery Funds, Leveraging Resources for Long-Term Gains

The infusion of funding provided through the Congressional American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the Indiana General Assembly's 2022/2023 biennial budget represents an extraordinary, once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of Indiana's communities and residents' lives in transformational ways. We, the undersigned, urge elected officials, policymakers, and civic leaders to consider a strategic and deliberate approach in determining how to best invest and leverage those funds to achieve long-term gains, as outlined below.

Schools, municipal and county agencies, nonprofits, community groups, and other local organizations have faced unprecedented challenges over the past fifteen months, and understandably, most are looking to this funding to address continuing needs, fill identified gaps, and replace lost revenue. With that, there is significant public and institutional demand to allocate these relief and recovery dollars rapidly, in ways that produce immediate, observable results.

[Click here](#) to read the rest of the statement.

Upcoming Institute Classes

Institute for Excellence - Budget & Finance II

Date: June 25, 2021 1:00 PM

Address: Courtyard by Marriott 450 Marketplace Mile Meeting Room A, Plainfield, IN 46168

Format Options: Recorded Version, In-person

Cost: \$60

AIC Institute Credits: 3

Whether you are seasoned or a beginner, this class will be very beneficial to you. There is so much talk about ARPA funds and how they might impact your budget. Join us for answers to some of your questions.

Budget and Finance II class will be offering a wide variety of information that will assist all offices in the courthouse. AIC Executive Director David Bottorff and Lori Rogers of the State Board of Accounts will review and educate you on the ARPA Funds revenue loss calculator. Commissioner Bennett of The Department of Local Government Finance will present on various tax bill-related topics, updating us on recent legislative changes as well as Gateway updates. Paige Sansone and Jason Semler from Baker Tilly will discuss how circuit breaker credits and assessed values, from one year to the next, both impact the budget process. They will also discuss budget shortfalls and options a local unit may consider including all of the different LIT options and the ARPA revenues.

The class is being held in on Friday, June 25 from 1pm - 4pm at the Courtyard Marriott in Plainfield in conjunction with the County Council Annual Conference. Plan to take this course in person or by accessing the recorded webcast at your convenience by [clicking here](#).

For those attending the class in person, registration begins at 12:30 pm with the class starting at 1:00 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott in Plainfield, Indiana in Meeting Room A.

For those viewing the recorded webcast, a link will be emailed a couple of weeks after the class along with a questionnaire that you must score at least 80% to receive credit for the class.

Please note that you do need to log in to register for this class. Need help finding your login info, contact jclements@indianacounties.org or call 317-829-3655.

Click [here](#) to register

Institute for Excellence - Internal Controls

Date: June 15, 2021 1:00 PM

Address: Victoria Station AB 123 W. Louisiana St., Indianapolis, IN 46225

Format Options: Recorded Version, In-person

Cost: \$60

AIC Institute Credits: 3

Internal controls can be a very important and difficult part of any office. As elected officials you need to have policies and procedures in place to assist your staff to know how to handle the different duties within the office? Is your staff aware of the consequences of poor internal controls. Watch this class to learn best practices and fraud prevention with discussion about ghost employment.

Click [here](#) to register

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IDOH COVID-19 Update

Click below for the IDOH weekly COVID-19 update.

[Document Link](#)

COVID Vaccine Handouts:

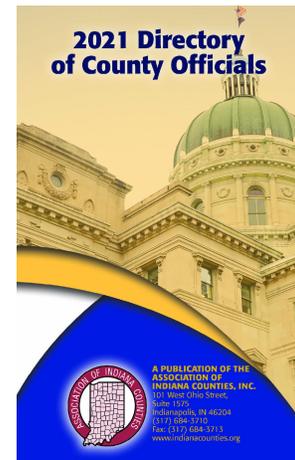
[Youth Pfizer Fact Sheet](#)

[Vaccine Effectiveness](#)

AIC 2021 Printed Document of County Officials

Please click [here](#) to view an order form for the 2021 DOCO.

If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Mallers at emallers@indianacounties.org.





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Fireworks Safety Tips

As the Fourth of July approaches, families and friends will be gathering for pool parties, picnics, cookouts and more.

Along with these celebrations, fireworks are almost synonymous with the Fourth of July holiday. However, we need to take extra precautions when handling fireworks. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, almost 10,000 people are hospitalized from firework injuries each year on average. Nearly 50 percent of those injured are younger than 20 years of age.

Sparklers are the main culprit for these injuries in children. Sparklers can burn as hot as 1,200 to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is almost as hot as lava and up to six times as hot as a pan of cooking oil. Children should always be supervised when using sparklers and hold them as far away from their face, body and any clothing as possible.

Outside of sparklers, 68 percent of firework injuries are caused by misuse. If you're planning on setting off fireworks this year, please look at the below safety tips to ensure a safe and fun holiday.

1. Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown bags. This is often a sign that fireworks were made for professional displays and could be very dangerous.
2. Be careful not to place any part of your body directly over the fireworks when lighting them. Lean away and back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
3. Never try to reignite or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully. This is the leading cause of severe hand burns.
4. After fireworks complete their burning, douse it with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

For even more fun, consider some kid-friendly alternatives like glow sticks, bubbles, noisemakers, and silly string. We wish you a safe and happy Fourth of July weekend!

Enjoy the recipe of the week: [Red, White, and Blue Yogurt Pops](#)

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