



ARPA FUNDING UPDATE

There is much anticipation surrounding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Questions understandably abound, like: When it will be distributed to non-entitlement units (referred to as NEUs¹) and what the final amount of funding will be. There are a lot of balls up in the air, and the Association of Towns wanted to let our members know where things currently stand.

- It is our understanding that New York State received NEU ARPA funds at the end of May. Under the statute, NYS has 30 days to distribute the funding, but can request a 30-day extension from the United States Treasury. **We anticipate that the state will ask for an extension on distributing ARPA funds to NEUs**, and therefore strongly suggest that our members do not plan on receiving funds until the end of July / early August.
- Official funding allocations are not yet available for NEUs. Additionally, the state is working out a system on distributing money between towns and villages. Treasury guidance suggests distributing funds based on population, so if 30 percent of the town's population resides in the village, the village would receive 30 percent of the funding estimated for the entire town. You can find a breakdown of town and village populations from the Treasury [here](#).
- The state is working on a list of information NEUs will need to provide in order to request ARPA funding, as well as a system or web portal for making these requests. AOT will let our members know exactly what is required when the information becomes available; however, in the meantime, be sure to have a DUNS number and a SAM.GOV account. **Please note that while originally, NEUs were told they did not need a SAM account, that has changed, and you will now be required to have one.** You can find out more about DUNS and SAM.gov accounts [here](#).

Guidance on how to use ARPA funding is available on our website [here](#), and members can sign on to the members-only section of our website to view AOT webinars on ARPA. AOT will be offering additional webinars and printed guidance as more information comes out. We understand many communities are in need of these funds, and AOT has been working closely with the state to facilitate a smooth and efficient process as possible.

¹ NEUs are, generally, towns with a population under 50,000.