



American Rescue Plan Act - Food Support Grant (ARPA) Food Shelf and Meal Program Grants

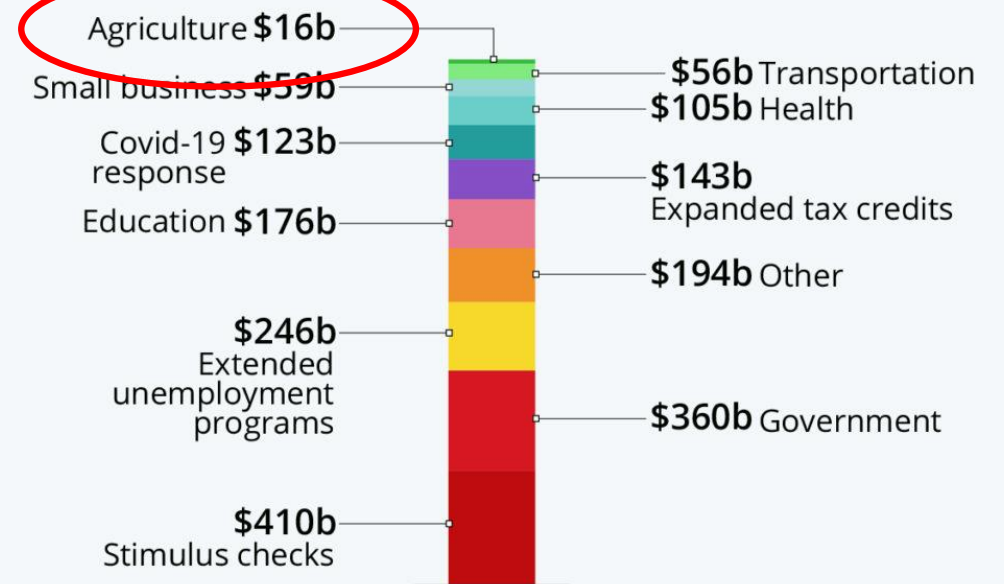
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ARPA - FACTS

- **The American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2)** was enacted in March 2021 by the US Congress and signed into law by President Biden.
- Provides additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, businesses, and the American people
- \$1.9 Trillion package
- Supports nutrition and food support for immediate household food needs, as well as system capacity, to provide a nimble, fluid response to changing needs across emergency food response.

What's In The \$1.9 Trillion Stimulus Package?

Composition of the American Rescue Plan Act
(in billion U.S. dollars)



Source: The Wall Street Journal



ARPA Food Support grants in MN

\$14 Million awarded to **Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS OEO)** for disbursement among Tribal nations, Food Shelves, Food Banks, and Meal Programs in MN.



TRIBAL

- **\$4.2 Million** to Tribal Nations and Tribal non-profit organizations

FOOD SHELVES

- **\$4.0 Million** to food shelves and tribal food shelves

MEAL PROGRAMS

- **\$230,000** to on-site meal programs

FOOD BANKS

- **\$4.3 Million** to food banks (7)

SNAP Outreach

- **\$1 Million** to support SNAP Outreach

ARPA Food Shelf and Meal Program Grants

\$4.23 Million total allocated to support Minnesota's community of TEFAP food shelves, Tribal food programs, and on-site meal programs with the continued impact of COVID-19

ARPA Food Shelf and Meal Program Grants

Eligible entities who may apply for funds include:

- Current Food Shelves and On-Site meal program providers of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), who have ordered TEFAP commodities within the last year.
- Current TEFAP Providers (Food Shelves and On-Site meal programs) who are in good standing with TEFAP and not currently on an improvement plan or in probation status with their regional food bank, HSM, and/or MN DHS OEO
- Each agency is eligible for 1 ARPA Food Shelf Grant and/or 1 ARPA On-Site Meal Program Grant, regardless of how many *programs* they have.
 - For example: Agency A has 3 TEFAP Food Shelf locations in different cities. They are only eligible for 1 ARPA Food Shelf Grant (same rules as MFSP).



ARPA Food Shelf Grants

- **\$12,000 base** awarded to all eligible **food shelves** that apply
- **PLUS** remaining funds will be awarded using the Minnesota Food Shelf Program (MFSP) allocation formula (food shelf's percentage of individuals served)
 - Estimated range between \$0 - \$50,000 additional funds



Hunger Solutions MN will coordinate the application process to disperse funds on behalf of MN DHS OEO



ARPA Meal Program Grants

\$5,000 awarded to all eligible meal programs that apply



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MFSP allocation formula:

$$\frac{1 \text{ visit at food shelf XYZ}}{100 \text{ visits statewide}} = 1\% \text{ of funds to food shelf XYZ}$$

- Funding amounts are based on the percentage of visits each shelf has out of the total statewide food shelf visits in the 6 month time period of July-December 2021.
- For example, If there were 100 total visits statewide, and your food shelf had 1 visit you would receive 1% of the remaining funds PLUS a \$12K base.

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FUNDING AMOUNTS

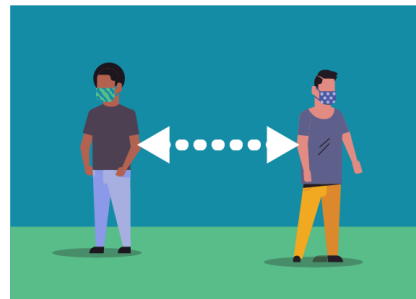
- **\$12K base minimum** will be awarded to all eligible food shelves
- Estimates derived from 2021 MFSP stats data shows the following*:
 - Average award: \$16K each (includes \$12K base)
 - Range: \$12K to \$67K (includes \$12K base)

*These figures are **estimates only** and exact funding amounts will be calculated once the total number of food shelves applying to receive these funds is known.

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ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- ARPA Funds can be used to assist during the continued impact of COVID-19 to **purchase, produce, process, transport, store, and coordinate the distribution of nutritious food** to needy individuals and families through the duration of the eligible funding period.

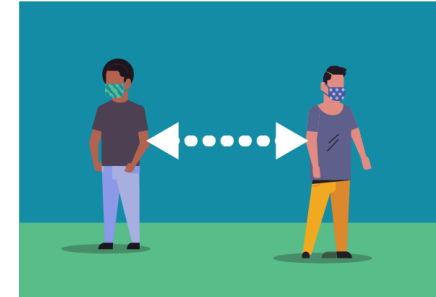


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Examples of Allowable Expenses

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Food purchases
- Transportation costs
- Technology to facilitate no-contact or low-contact food distribution
- Operating costs – Personnel, space/rental, utilities
- Refrigeration and storage needs
- Mobile food distribution costs
- PPE or other COVID-19 hygiene supplies, cleaning and disinfecting to promote effective public health and COVID-mitigation strategies
- Training and technical assistance to support evolving food distribution



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SPEND DOWN

- All awarded funds must be spent down by **June 30, 2023**
- Communications with Hunger Solutions will be ongoing through the grant period to assure spend down.
- The period for documentation is May 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.

REPORTING

- A final report is required by **7/31/2023**
- The report will be sent via email and also posted on the Hunger Solutions webpage



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HOW TO APPLY

Fill out a brief online application to apply and receive funds:

- Apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/220653669575164> - opens 3/14/22
- ****Applications DUE April 1, 2022****
- **Award letters will be sent by 4/22/22**
- 501C3 will be verified
- ACH information verified for direct deposit
- Assurances accepted
- **Funds anticipated to be disbursed May 2022**



Thank You!

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