

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update

GA 2021 Special Session II – ARPA funds appropriated to DEQ

- \$75,000,000 – septic, straight pipe, and sewer collection system repair, replacement, and upgrades
- \$125,000,000 – combined sewer overflow (CSO) grants to specific localities – Alexandria, Lynchburg, and Richmond
- \$100,000,000 – ENRC Program nutrient removal projects, and infrastructure improvements in Town of Pound and City of Petersburg

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Department of Treasury's Interim Final Rule

1. Requirement that States must give priority to projects that:
 - ensure compliance with applicable health and safety requirements,
 - address the most serious risks to human health, and
 - assist systems most in need on a per household basis according to State affordability criteria.
2. A recipient must return any funds not obligated by December 31, 2024, and any funds not expended to cover such obligations by December 31, 2026

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DEQ's draft Implementation Plan

- \$75M – SSS ARPA funds
 - Establish eligibility and ranking criteria
 - Solicit applications for SSS ARPA fund grants
- \$125M – CSO ARPA funds
 - Establish tracking system for locality 100% match certification
 - Solicit applications from 3 localities for CSO ARPA fund grants
- \$100M – ENRC+PP ARPA funds
 - Establish eligibility and ranking criteria
 - Solicit applications from ENRC Program localities and Petersburg and Pound

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Next steps

- Implementation Plan under review
- Finish developing attachments and provide for review
- Finalize full Implementation Plan in coming months
- Begin accepting applications – calendar year 2022

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