

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Conference Report

Subject Area	Spending
Oversight	\$2,000,000
Economic Development/Workforce	\$1,577,862,000
Education	\$271,079,000
Energy & Environment	\$370,100,000
Health & Human Services	\$1,150,624,000
Housing	\$617,579,000
Judiciary	\$9,500,000
Grand Total	\$3,998,744,000

Economic Development/Workforce - **\$1.578B**

Highlights include:

- **\$500M** to support our front line workers through premium pay.
- **\$500M** to support our businesses through the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.
- **\$135M** for cultural assets and workforce through the Mass. Cultural Council.
- **\$107.5M** for workforce supports, including **\$37.5M** for the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund, **\$25M** to expand Career Technical Institutes, and **\$7.5M** for green job initiatives.
- **\$100M** for vocational school infrastructure improvements to increase access and expand career opportunities.
- **\$75M** for small business relief, including **\$50M** for minority-owned businesses.
- **\$50M** for broadband and internet access supports.
- **\$15M** to enhance the Commonwealth's cybersecurity workforce.

Health & Human Services - **\$1.15B**

Highlights include:

- **\$400M** for behavioral initiatives, including **\$122M** for loan repayment, recruitment and retention initiatives.
- **\$260M** for financial supports for hospitals impacted by the pandemic.
- **\$200.1M** for our local and regional public health systems.
- **\$50M** for our nursing home workforce and quality of care facility improvements.
- **\$50M** for at-risk youth, gun violence prevention and re-entry programming initiatives.
- **\$44.8M** for food security supports.
- **\$30M** for human service provider workforce supports.

Housing - \$617.6M

Highlights include:

- **\$230M** for housing production programs, including **\$115M** for the Commonwealth Builder Program and **\$115M** for workforce rental housing.
- **\$65M** for first-time homebuyer assistance supports.
- **\$150M** for permanent supportive housing, including prioritization for chronically homeless populations and regional veteran housing options.
- **\$150M** for local housing authority maintenance improvements.

Energy & Environment - \$370.1M

Highlights include:

- **\$100M** for environmental infrastructure supports, including the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program.
- **\$100M** for water and sewer infrastructure.
- **\$90M** for offshore wind and marine port development.
- **\$25M** for tree-planting initiatives.
- **\$15M** for state parks and open spaces.
- **\$6.5M** to retrofit affordable housing with clean energy options.
- **\$5M** to increase geothermal energy opportunities.

Education - \$271.1M

Highlights include:

- **\$105M** for education supports, including **\$75M** for higher education maintenance supports, **\$20M** for special education supports, and **\$10M** for teacher diversity initiatives.
- **\$100M** for K-12 HVAC system upgrades.
- **\$25M** for the endowment incentive program.
- **\$24.5M** for the YMCAs, YWCAs, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

Other Highlights

- **\$5M** for CPCS COVID-19 related costs.
- **\$4.5M** for MLAC COVID-19 related costs.
- **\$2M** for ARPA oversight costs, including **\$500K** for the Equity and Accountability Panel.

Notable Policy Highlights

- Federal funds equity and accountability review panel to track in near real-time the amount and percentage of ARPA funds spent in these communities and awarded to diverse businesses.
- Participation goals for diverse businesses when awarding state contracts.
- Ensures continued funding for the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) program through June 2022 to help incentivize the purchase of electric vehicles.
- Provides tax relief for small-business owners who would have otherwise been required to pay personal income taxes on state or federal relief money.