

ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Usage

Opportunity: An Innovative Approach to Equitable Recovery in Your Community

ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are extremely flexible, and have fewer restrictions than traditional block grants (CDBGs).

What is possible?

- Build Back Better outcomes in areas such as community and economic development, public health, housing, education, racial inequities and disproportionate harms can be more effective and sustainable through collaborations with local artists.
- Deeper and more equitable public engagement becomes more possible and visible by working with local artists.
- Artists bring not only their ability to make and activate, but also their creative processes to problem-solve, reconnect, reimagine and rebuild in their own places.

ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Funds can support these collaborations in communities with local artists.

What next?

- Listen for and encourage arts-based recovery proposals.
AND
- Connect with local artists, arts groups/organizations and arts councils.

Artists are in every place

From people who weave stories and craft meaning, to those who perform and create art in public places, local artists represent different cultures, experiences and demographics. They can engage residents, organizations and businesses in joyful, inclusive, and strategic solutions to local issues and opportunities.

“ Invite local artists to play a role in healing past trauma, reinvigorating downtown spaces, and community engagement. I promise the dollars invested here will pay returns for decades.

Michael Herbert

Town Administrator, Ashland, MA

From Problem Solving Through Arts and Cultural Strategies, A Creative Placemaking Wayfinding Guide for Local Govt. Managers, Dec. 2020

“ Art enables us to come together – as we all face an uncertain future, consider the power of creative processes in both embracing where we’ve been and propelling us forward.

Marc Ott

Executive Director, International City/County Management Association

From Public Management Magazine, May 2021



Technical assistance (training, customizable models and extended coaching) is available through Art-Train (art-train.org).

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