

American Rescue Plan Act

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act

METROS-Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Rochester and Dover

NEU-Non-entitlement units of local government-All other cities and towns in NH

CSLFRF-Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (created by ARPA)

LFRF-Local Fiscal Recovery funds (funds going to local governments)

IFR-Interim Final Rule-US Treasury's rules on eligibility

GOFERR-The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, responsible for administering the money to NEUs

GUIDEHOUSE-The entity contracted by GOFERR to provide resources and support to NEU's

ARPA

- Established by section 603 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to offer aid to eligible county and city/town governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency.
- Administered by the US Treasury.
- Provides money to counties, Metropolitan Cities and NEU's. **Hollis is an NEU.**
- NEU's receive the federal money via the state in two tranches but are considered “**prime recipients**” fully responsible for eligible use and reporting of funds.

WHAT IS A PRIME RECIPIENT?

- Responsible for managing ALL ASPECTS of the federal funds, which include:
- Maintaining COMPLIANCE with guidance from the US Treasury—using funds only on eligible uses and following the Uniform guidance and other federal regulations.
- Provide accurate reporting to the US Treasury and keeping all relevant documentation for all funds.

HOW MUCH WILL HOLLIS RECEIVE?

New Hampshire received payment of \$56,104,386.50 in the first tranche of LFRF funding.
(\$112,208,773 total funds)

Hollis will receive payment of \$419,072.66 in the first tranche of FFRF funding.
(\$838,145 total funds)

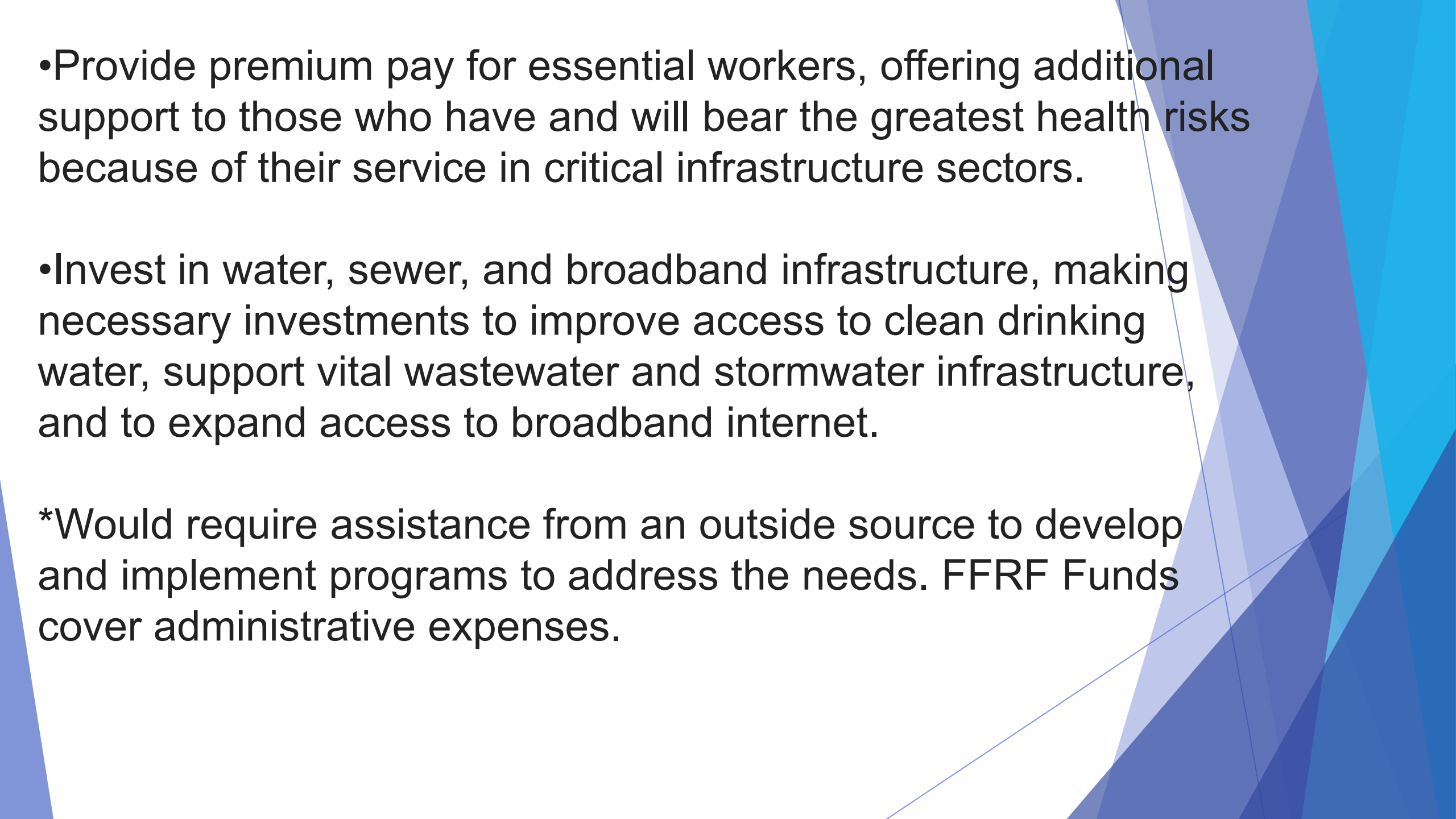
The second tranche is due to arrive summer of 2022

WHEN CAN FUNDS BE USED

- The funds may be used for any allowed purpose starting on March 3, 2021, and must be encumbered by December 31, 2024.
- Funds that were encumbered during this period must be spent by December 31, 2026.
- Funds not spent by the end of 2026 must be returned to the federal government.
- Use of funds for projects outside of these dates is prohibited.

FFRF ELIGIBLE USES

- Support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
- Address negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.*
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.



- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.

- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

- *Would require assistance from an outside source to develop and implement programs to address the needs. FFRF Funds cover administrative expenses.

FFRF INELIGIBLE USES

- Directly or indirectly offset a reduction in net tax revenue. (Additional guidance is forthcoming)
- Depositing the funds into a pension fund.
- Funding debt service.
- Funding legal settlements or judgements
- Depositing funds into a “rainy day” fund or financial reserve.
- General infrastructure outside of water, sewer or broadband investments.

REPORTING

After the initial request for funding, an NEU will be required to report the following:

- NEU Recipient Number (a unique ID code for each NEU assigned by the state to the NEU as part of the request for funding)
- Copy of signed award terms and conditions agreement
- Copy of signed assurances of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Copy of actual budget documents validating the top-line budget total provided to the state as part of the request for funding.

Ongoing Annual Reporting Requirements

NEUs will be required to report to Treasury on the use of funds annually by October 31st each year.

First NEU reports due on October 31, 2021.
First reports will cover *obligations* and *expenditures* from receipt of funds through September 30, 2021.