



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR
WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

American Rescue Plan Update

The state of South Carolina is charged with receiving the funds allocated to most municipalities under the American Rescue Plan. Westminster is beholden to the decisions of the State in order to receive the funds the US Congress allocated to it, approximately \$1.3million. The Municipal Association provided the following this week:

The Senate Finance American Rescue Plan Act subcommittee, chaired by Sen. Thomas Alexander (R-Oconee), held its first meeting Tuesday, August 3. The Municipal Association's Executive Director Todd Glover provided testimony on behalf of the 254 nonentitlement units of local government, or NEUs, that have not yet received their allocations from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Concerns expressed by subcommittee members were twofold:

1. NEUs, particularly those with smaller populations, lack the resources and ability to spend their funds properly.
2. Distributions to NEUs should occur once the state explores ways to maximize ARP investments in infrastructure and other uses through a statewide matching program.

Glover testified that local officials, with support from the Association, Councils of Governments and the state, are capable of spending the ARP funds in compliance with the guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department. Further, while the Association supports a statewide matching program to maximize investments in infrastructure and other allowable uses, more delays in drawing down the funds will cost the state's NEUs opportunities to get badly needed projects underway.

For this reason, our legislative team continues to advocate for the funds to be drawn down and distributed now. Continue talking to your [House](#) and [Senate](#) members. Ask them to work together to authorize the Department of Administration to draw down the \$435 million allocated to the state's 254 nonentitlement units of local government as soon as possible.

Tell your legislative members how you plan to spend the money, what projects are on hold and the additional costs your city or town will incur from further delays.

The House of Representatives will convene an ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations allocating the funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Savannah River Site plutonium settlement on Tuesday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m.

OJRSA

The Board met Monday, August 2, 2021. A revised Schedule of Fees was provided in draft form. The Board may consider adopting these revised fees at it's September or October Board meeting. The link to the documents is: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m5nGfpYv_EntlBFsEKnA05iPVoN8UiQ1/view

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm - Westminster City Council Meeting at the Westminster Fire Department

August 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm - OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee Meeting at OJRSA

August 19, 2021 at 4:00 pm - OJRSA Operations & Planning Committee Meeting at OJRSA

September 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm - Westminster City Council Meeting at the Westminster Fire Department

September 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board Meeting at OJRSA

September 23, 2021 at 10:00 am – PMPA Board Meeting at PMPA