

## What is ARPA?

In 2021, the federal government passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provides direct financial assistance to local governments. Snohomish County is receiving \$160 million in ARPA dollars, and per the federal government's rules, we can use it in the following ways:

- Support COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus
- Replace lost revenue for governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic social and economic challenges that contribute to the unequal impact of the pandemic

## How you can help

Ahead of you are easels identifying the top six pandemic recovery issues facing residents in County Council District 5. **Please vote for the top three recovery issues that Snohomish County should focus on by placing a sticker on an easel naming your priority. You only have three votes, and you can vote multiple times for the same issue if you think it should be a significant area of focus.**

Knowledgeable staff are by each easel; they're there to answer any questions you may have. We also have subject matter experts who can answer your questions about ARPA dollars and how they can be used.

Starting at 6:45 p.m., we'll have a facilitated deep-dive discussion on the top three issues voted on by attendees, so we can learn more about impacts and start to develop solutions. You don't need to stay for this part of the conversation, but we encourage you to stay and provide further thoughts if you have the time and interest!

## County Council District 5 top issues

- Child care, day care, early childhood education
- Increasing affordable housing
- Increasing homeless shelter availability
- Economic opportunity & job training
- Increasing behavioral & mental health services
- Access to broadband and high-quality internet

## More information & other ideas

Have an idea for a recovery project that isn't represented on the easels? Please send us an email at [SnohomishCounty.Recovers@snoco.org](mailto:SnohomishCounty.Recovers@snoco.org) so we can hear your feedback.

If you'd like more information on Snohomish County's recovery efforts, including available pandemic relief resources and updates on existing and upcoming programs, visit our website at [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/recovery](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/recovery) or scan the QR code below.

