



Illinois
Department of Commerce
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IL ARPA: NEU Webinar

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*Thank you for joining,
we will begin our session soon!*



- Recipients have until **12/31/2026** to expend funds.
- Prior deadline – all funds **obligated** by 12/31/2024.
 - Retain proof of obligation before December 31, 2024 (secured contracts, POs, etc)
- ****If your agency spent 100% funds as of March 31, 2026, you will file a closeout report.**
 - Treasury is gradually initiating the closeout process and will issue detailed instructions to eligible recipients—once invited—on how to complete closeout and provide final reporting information.
 - *Note: DCEO has been made aware of organizations receiving **fraudulent “notice of award”** letters claiming to be from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. These are not legitimate notices from DCEO. If your organization receives a notice, please report it to the [Federal Trade Commission](#) and/or the FBI’s [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).*





As a non-entitlement unit (NEU), your reporting requirement with the U.S. Treasury is on an annual basis. **The next reporting deadline is on April 30, 2026.**

- **Treasury Portal will open on or around April 1st for annual reporting.**
- **Confirming Contact Information and Treasury Portal Access**
 - Verify that your entity can log in to the Treasury portal and update any contact information or access rights ahead of the reporting deadline.
 - If you have administrative changes or know you will have changes, please contact US Treasury technical assistance sooner than April 2026.





All NEUs regardless if you have expended all the funds will need to report in April 2026.

- ***NEUs are required to satisfy the SLFRF reporting requirements and continue to report, regardless of how much they have expended, **until award closeout occurs.*****
- ***Confirming Contact Information and Treasury Portal Access***
 - If you have administrative changes or know you will have changes, please contact US Treasury technical assistance sooner than April 2026 (COVIDReliefITSupport@treasury.gov).





1. Who is eligible?

- a) Recipients that have **fully expended their SLFRF allocation** may be invited to close out their award **before the end of the performance period**.

2. Current Status (as of Winter 2026):

- a) The **U.S. Treasury** has started the close-out process **on a rolling basis**, sending notifications and instructions to eligible recipients.

3. Next steps for recipients:

- a) If your community **has not yet received an invitation**, the option is **not yet available for your NEU**.

In the meantime:

- a) Verify your **point(s) of contact** are **up to date** in the portal.
- b) Review the **SLFRF Award Closeout Preparation Checklist** (see: [Checklist PDF](#))





1. How can I make updates to user roles if the current point of contact has left due to staff turnover?

- a) If you need the account identifier, you will need send an email to the COVID Relief IT Team at COVIDReliefITSupport@treasury.gov.

2. How do I edit or delete a report?

- a) Reopening submitted reports: Reports from prior periods are not eligible to be re-opened for revisions after the reporting deadline has passed.
- b) You can edit the project in the next Annual Report by ;
 1. change the project status to cancel;
 2. create a new project; or
 3. create negative subaward or expenditure line items to reconcile incorrect line items.





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Online Access

All reports must be submitted through the State, Local, and Tribal Support portal via the following link:

- If using Login.gov- <https://portal.treasury.gov/compliance/s/>
- If using ID.me- <https://portal.treasury.gov/cares/s/slt>

Self-help resources and frequently asked questions (FAQs) available on the [Treasury SLFRF Website](#) and the [Reporting Responsibilities](#)

US Treasury Technical Assistance Contact: **COVIDReliefITSupport@treasury.gov**



Reminder!

Bookmark:

<https://dceo.illinois.gov/cureneu.html>

For direct assistance, you can reach our team at ILARPA@crowe.com or CEO.CURE@illinois.gov



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Illinois Non-Entitlement Units (NEU)

The NEU Portal

Minor Civil Division Determination

Process to Request Funds

Eligible Uses of Funds

US Treasury Resources

Technical Assistance

NEU Participant Timeline

Illinois NEU Allocation Amounts & Status

1st Tranche Payment Data

Illinois NEU Allocations from ARPA

American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) for Non-entitlement Units (NEU) of Local Government (Portal now open)

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriates \$19.53 billion to States for distribution to tens of thousands of non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs). ARPA directs the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to each State for distribution to NEUs within the State. Illinois' NEU allocation is \$742 million. In Illinois, eligible NEUs include more than 1,250 cities, towns and villages that each serve a population under 50,000.

These funds provide a critical source of relief for local governments, including smaller governments which have not received direct financial assistance from the federal government since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Authorized representatives from each NEU can log into the portal, request their allotment and download all the required Treasury documentation. Allocations to communities are made on a per-capita basis in two payments. After completing the allocation request on the portal local governments will receive their allocation in two payments: the first will be made within 30 days of portal completion, the second to be made approximately one year later.

Funds can be used to cover revenue losses and the costs of responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or to its negative economic impacts on households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

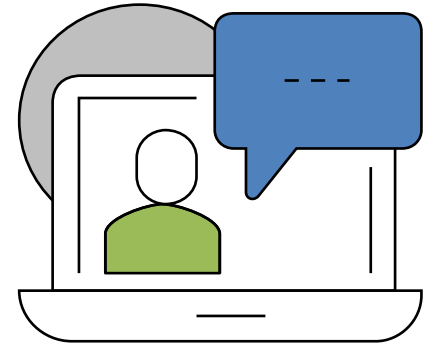
Note: Per Treasury guidance, NEUs that did not claim their allotments within 60 days after the State began accepting and processing requests for funding, forfeited their allotment. As of November 19, 2021, the State distributed any remaining funds to NEUs who elected to receive funds. No further re-allocation of funds will be made during the program timeline.



We want to hear
from you!
Questions?

Use the 'raise hand'
feature, facilitator will
ask you to un-mute.





**For additional questions:
please email us at ILARPA@crowe.com**



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