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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

More than half of U.S. adults are vaccinated and COVID-19 deaths continues to decrease! Plus, billions of dollars are going towards recovery and preparing for any future pandemics. This week on Resilience Report we take a look at what state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments can do with their ARPA cash, not to mention a “fun things” highlight of what to get up to in June.



Extreme Heat & Inequality

Housing and zoning laws [continue to disproportionately impact communities of color](#), and with temperatures rising annually, heat-related illnesses can take a lethal turn. This summer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will lead a campaign to [map the inequalities of heat in urban zones](#) to address the issue.

The ‘Vaccine Sprint’

Both the number of cases and deaths from COVID-19 have decreased in the past 30 days. Currently, [62.8% of U.S. adults](#) have been partially vaccinated, and President Biden is urging more people to do so to reach 70% by July 4th. To achieve a sense of normalcy this summer, [incentives such as](#) lotteries, free donuts and beer, childcare, and more are being offered.

Warning Signals of The Next Pandemic

With more vaccines in arms, a return to normalcy is around the corner. However, to prevent the next pandemic, [identifying disease ‘hotspots’](#) to monitor is one step forward. [This study](#) offers insights on how to communicate with people about how zoonotic diseases emerge.

Official Start of Hurricane Season & Climate Change Resilience

Hurricane season, officially starting June 1st, is anticipated by NOAA to be above average. [“Volunteer fatigue”](#) stemming from COVID-19 has led to concerns of a lack of volunteers to support hurricane response, and officials have urged residents to start preparing. President



Every week, we'll dedicate space for a hot topic that we think is especially important for emergency managers to read. Last month, 50% of the [American Rescue Plan Act's \(ARPA\)](#) \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal (SLTT) governments was scheduled to be distributed. While this funding for coronavirus relief and recovery is a huge windfall for jurisdictions, some may be uncertain just how to use them. Here is a brief overview of the Act and ideas for making the most out of what's available.

- **Goal:** To infuse fiscal resources into SLTT governments meet pandemic response needs and help turn the tide on the pandemic by address its economic fallout rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers.
- **Eligible Use of Funds:** support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts, replace public sector revenue loss, provide premium pay to essential workers, and invest in infrastructure (water, sewer, broadband).
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** These may be different [for Cities](#) and [Counties](#) but luckily there are sites for that. There is even guidance for [States on Section 9817](#) which supplements Medicaid expenditures.
- **Allocation Amounts by State** (or see [County](#) or [City](#) allocations)
 - Arizona: \$4,182,827,491
 - California: \$27,017,016,860
 - Oregon: \$2,648,024,988
 - Washington: \$4,427,709,356

Recommended Funding Use

There are many ways ARPA funding can be used in your jurisdiction. Finding the right fit is important. Here are some suggested uses that CONSTANT can help support.

- **Augment staffing** for COVID-19 response and recovery operations.
- **Conduct COVID-19 After Action Reports (AARs)** to learn from current efforts.
- **Form a cross-sector recovery committee** to ensure stakeholder engagement.
- **Conduct outreach campaigns** that engage traditionally disadvantaged communities.
- **Develop or update disaster plans** that cover mitigation, response, and/or recovery.
- **Create and implement trainings or exercises** to support staff resilience.

CONSTANT staff can help with all of these activities. [Email](#) us to learn more!



National Pet Preparedness Month

Are your pets prepared for an emergency? Well, this month is a great time to update or even get started on an emergency kit for your pet. Use [this checklist](#) to prepare your pets for disasters today.

National Great Outdoors Month

Get outdoors and celebrate being outside! This month explore wildlife and nature whether you decide to go [hiking](#), [bike the trails](#), or even go for a walk at the [beach](#).

National Dairy MOO-nth

Back in 1939, [dairy month](#) originated as a way to promote greater usage of dairy products. This month has never been a better time to stock up on dairy and celebrate with a cheese platter or enjoy some ice cream on a hot summer day.



We're Here to Support You

If you need help with vaccine ops, COVID-19 AARs, return to work planning, or anything in between, shoot us an email at susie@constantassociates.com. We are here to help.

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