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NCLM Fills Gap as U.S. Treasury Scales Down SLFRF Help Desk

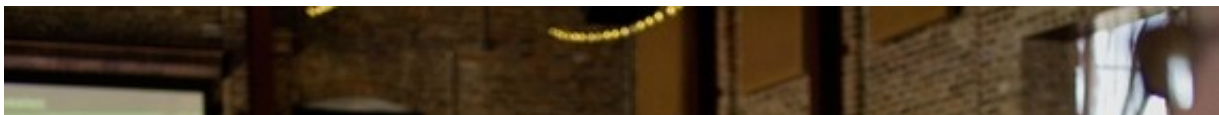
The U.S. Department of Treasury is scaling down substantially its [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) help center, which was providing assistance to local governments who had received federal funding support from that piece of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Treasury [cited budgetary constraints](#) for the decision; with congressional action allowing more flexibility, the services could resume. The National League of Cities has published an [article](#) on the ramifications.

[NCLM has its own technical assistance program](#) for North Carolina cities and towns navigating any and all aspects of ARP, with thanks to the N.C. General Assembly and Gov. Roy Cooper for providing funding for the program.

General inquiries about ARP can always be directed to the League at arp@nclm.org or 919-715-3938. For more information on all things ARP, please visit www.arp.nclm.org.

The American Rescue Plan Expert Tour: Final Stop Ahead

Oct. 26 | Wallace, N.C.





A scene from NCLM's ARP Expert Tour stop recently in Rocky Mount. Photo by Ben Brown.

Have a question concerning the American Rescue Plan (ARP)? Want to sit 1-on-1 with an expert to discuss reporting, spending compliance or strategy? **Then this event is for you.**

Just one final date remains on NCLM's American Rescue Plan Expert Tour. This is a traveling one-stop ARP shop. With representatives from state, local and academic organizations all in the same room, we are ready to provide information, share case studies, and answer any ARP questions you have.

Your questions – no matter how specific or unique to your town – will be addressed.

Registration is required. This event is free, and lunch will be provided.

- **Wednesday, October 26 | Wallace - [Register Here](#)**

[More Information](#)

(You can view a gallery of photos from the tour's recent stop in Rocky Mount [here](#).)

News Coverage Highlights NCLM's ARP Efforts



The League's work to help North Carolina cities and towns navigate the often murky or complicated aspects of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) [received focus this week from The Enterprise newspaper of Martin County](#), with detailed coverage of a recent League visit with Martin County.



coverage of a recent League visit with Martin County mayors and local government staff. The news story summarized the functions of the League with member cities and towns before examining its work specifically with ARP, which brought a \$1.3 billion distribution of federal funds directly to municipalities in the state, an unprecedented figure that requires reporting accuracy and other, in some cases new, administration from recipient communities. The League at the Martin County meeting thanked attendees for their diligence. "The people in this room tonight are what makes up the League," the news story quotes of League Director of Research and Strategic Initiatives Chris Nida. "(Our) state is a network of small towns with people doing great things for their community. I am very appreciative of the work that you all do."

Submit Thoughts on Municipal Goals

Gathering Your Ideas Until Nov. 4

Ever wonder about how the League determines its legislative goals? Want to take part in making those decisions? **This is your chance.** Share your thoughts on what you think the League's 2023-2024 legislative policy goals should be! Ideas may be [submitted in writing via our online form](#).

When brainstorming appropriate goals, consider ideas that will affect municipalities broadly and have statewide impact. Ideas should also be "actionable," meaning there is a reasonable path for action in the state legislative or regulatory process.

[Submit Your Ideas](#)

Police Recruitment Difficulties Examined



Police departments' ongoing difficulties with officer recruitment received another spotlight this week. The University of North Carolina's Media Hub [published an article examining the factors](#), like the shifting perceptions of police officers and stress on the job. "Many police departments across North Carolina are suffering from lack of new recruits and high turnover rates," states the article, which includes voices from various North Carolina police departments. "In June, the Raleigh Police Department had 168 vacancies and had lost 77 officers since 2020. Currently, vacancies are at 150." Descending morale and recruitment rates have officers seeking higher pay, enhanced benefits and budget increases for their departments, the article notes. [NCLM highlighted the issue](#) in its magazine, Southern City, when it covered efforts on part of the Chapel Hill Police Department to innovate recruitment practices.



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