



ABM Stimulus Solutions for Local Governments

A strategic approach to navigating
the stimulus funding process



Maximize funds now. Create opportunities for the future.

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Navigating one of the largest economic stimulus packages in US history during a worldwide pandemic is no easy task. The stimulus process is moving fast—and without proper upfront planning and prioritization, you could miss out on millions of dollars.

ABM is here to help. We work with you throughout the funding lifecycle to prioritize needs, prepare plans and produce impactful results that improve the lives of people and communities.

Expertise that fits the bill

With over fifty years of municipal experience, ABM understands the complexities of funding and prioritizing infrastructure needs while it evolves over time. Our specialists use these insights and current funding strategies to help you make well-informed decisions throughout every step of the stimulus prioritization process. We also help keep your projects on track, on budget, and on time by ensuring all submitted initiatives meet funding requirements and deadlines.

Powerful recovery plans

The road to sustained recovery begins with ABM. Our stimulus solutions focus on the immediate relief and long-term growth that will help your community effectively recover from the effects of

COVID-19. With ABM's help, you can reach infrastructure goals sooner, strengthen your economic development and boost overall competitiveness.

Opportunities for investment

Put your stimulus dollars to work for your community. ABM identifies and prioritizes your most effective infrastructure investments and delivers solutions that drive profitability and sustainable growth. Our team develops strategic spending plans to help strengthen your economy so you can ensure productivity and job creation for generations to come.

[See how ABM Stimulus Solutions can help.](#)

Experts in all things stimulus

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ABM provides in-depth insights into the stimulus process to help you feel more confident about your funding decisions. With a strong background in both stimulus funding and infrastructure, ABM specialists provide all-inclusive solutions, customized to the unique needs of your community without any bias towards anything other than improving your financial position.

Full-service solutions

Learn how our team can help you accomplish more with your stimulus dollars.

Risk assessment

Invest in a sustainable infrastructure. ABM evaluates the effectiveness of your systems to identify current pressure points and future limitations. Using these insights, we develop targeted solutions that help ensure long-term resiliency and reliability.

Eligibility assurance

Get a second look before you apply. Our team triple checks eligibility for all your projects to ensure that they meet the requirements to qualify.

Avoiding the mistakes of the past

When ARRA dollars were released in 2010, many officials did not have the “shovel ready” projects needed to sustain those funding solutions. The ARPA presents the same timing risks, putting pressure on local leaders to expedite infrastructure planning. ABM helps alleviate these burdens by designing and advancing solutions that provide ten to twenty years of financial benefits.



Compliance support

Stay a step ahead of compliance requirements. ABM identifies compliance requirements for each of your projects and advises your team on how to correctly submit reports.



Building a bright future for Bay Area Rapid Transit



ABM helped BART upgrade their 1973 lighting system, resulting in a **75% reduction in energy costs** and over 786,000 kWh saved per year. Our lighting technicians also helped increase light levels by 400%, which led to a significant decrease in crime. With ABM's support, BART qualified for a special rebate through the Association of Bay Area Governments and was awarded four times the normal funding amount.



Opportunities for infrastructure improvements

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The American Rescue Plan Act Fund marks a historical moment for local governments. For the first time, an act has been passed that distributes money to every city, town, village and county in the nation. For many communities, this unprecedented stimulus package is a \$350 billion lifeline—and the most substantial addition to their budgets in decades.

ELIGIBLE USES FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND FUNDS:

- Supporting the public health response
- Addressing the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Serving the hardest-hit communities and families
- Replacing lost public sector revenue
- Providing premium pay for essential workers
- Investing in essential infrastructure
- Promote equitable spending in your neighborhoods





Economic Recovery

Who your funds help

COVID-19 shutdowns—and the resulting economic crisis—have severely affected the health and financial wellbeing of millions of Americans. At the height of the fallout, employment in the public sector fell by around 1.4 million jobs, while payroll positions dropped by over 3.9 million.

By March 2021, the total number of unemployed Americans rose to over 9.5 million, forcing local governments to make impossible choices between laying off educators, firefighters and other frontline workers or failing to provide services that communities rely on.



What your funds do

This additional funding creates new jobs, prevents future layoffs and ensures long-term economic competitiveness. Here are some things ABM can help you accomplish with stimulus funding:

- • • Public health responses
- • • Mitigate negative economic impacts
- • • Replace public-sector revenue lost
- • • Premium pay for “essential” workers
- • • Economic development initiatives
- • • Equitable spending for all Neighborhoods
- • • Small business and nonprofit assistance programs
- • • Public job programs
- • • Payroll and covered expenses for:
 - Public safety
 - Health care
 - Human services
 - First responder

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Accessible Broadband

Who your funds help

COVID-19 closures left households of all sizes struggling to adapt to a new, crowded environment. Kitchens were turned into classrooms, couches became conference rooms, and unreliable broadband became a common enemy.

While some Americans struggled to stay online, others missed out on connecting altogether. Many families lacked the home internet access necessary to attend work or school, leaving them with unpaid bills and empty report cards.

What your funds do

Investing in inclusive, reliable broadband infrastructure helps you close the digital divide in your community and create new opportunities for revenue. Here are some things ABM can help you accomplish with stimulus funding:

- Expanding broadband infrastructure
- Upgrading broadband infrastructure
- Digital connectivity devices
- Multi-purpose community facilities
- Large-scale funding for fiber deployment
- Stronger cybersecurity protection



Water and Sewage Systems

Who your funds help

Throughout the pandemic, more than two million Americans lacked access to running water, indoor plumbing or wastewater services. Shutdowns and bottled water shortages forced households without these resources to quarantine under extremely unsafe conditions.

Revenue losses endured during the pandemic have made it difficult for local governments to make the capital investments needed to address the water crises in their communities.



What your funds do

Improving your water system ensures a higher quality of life for your community while increasing energy efficiency and cost savings. Here are some things ABM can help you accomplish with stimulus funding:

- • • Water treatment, transmission and distribution
- • • Source rehabilitation and decontamination
- • • Water storage
- • • Water system consolidation
- • • Nonpoint source pollution management
- • • Decentralized wastewater treatment systems
- • • Storm water systems
- • • Water conservation, efficiency and reuse measures
- • • Watershed pilot projects
- • • Energy efficiency measures for publicly-owned treatment works

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Public Transportation

Who your funds help

Pandemic shutdowns and health scares have caused a substantial drop in revenue for public transportation agencies. At the start of 2021, transit ridership was 65% below pre-pandemic levels due to ongoing losses of fare and tax revenue.

In addition, transit providers are now faced with higher costs related to training, personal protective equipment (PPE), workforce shortages and growing labor costs.



What your funds do

Reinforcing your transit system ensures safe, reliable forms of transportation for your community while reducing costs and creating more jobs. Here are some things ABM can help you accomplish with stimulus funding:

- • • • Fleet electrification
- • • • Administrative leave for operators or contractor personnel
- • • • Personal protective equipment
- • • • Operating expenses
- • • • Cleaning and sanitization
- • • • Combating the spread of pathogens on transit systems
- • • • Maintaining critical staffing levels
- • • • Debt service payments incurred as a result of COVID-19
- • • • Emergency FAA Employee Leave Fund
- • • • Emergency TSA Employee Leave Fund



Affordable Housing

Who your funds help

COVID-19 has amplified the impacts of housing insecurity and homelessness. Statewide lockdowns, remote work and eviction cases continue to overwhelm communities, housing organizations and development companies.

Construction delays caused by the pandemic have made it difficult to maintain and provide safe, affordable housing. A lack of funding and increase in expenses has restricted critical services for families, seniors with acute health issues and people with disabilities.



What your funds do

Supporting accessible, sustainable housing projects helps alleviate pandemic-related losses, reduce homelessness and ensure long-term economic competitiveness. Here are some things ABM can help you accomplish with stimulus funding:

- • • [Emergency rental assistance](#)
- • • [Homeowner Assistance Fund](#)
- • • [Emergency housing vouchers](#)
- • • [Homelessness assistance and supportive services program](#)
- • • [Housing assistance and supportive services programs for Native Americans](#)
- • • [Emergency assistance for rural housing](#)
- • • [Funds for housing counseling](#)
- • • [Relief measures for section 502 and 504 direct loan borrowers](#)
- • • [Funds for fair housing activities](#)

Maximize your funding for your community

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ABM works with local governments across the country to ensure they get the most out of their stimulus funds—while also helping generate ongoing savings after funds are spent. Using these precious funds as an investment, not an expenditure, enables you to deliver more for your community.

ABM Stimulus Solutions specialists are available to discuss your goals and help you develop strategic, customized solutions. Wherever you are in your process, we can help use your funding to build new possibilities that will last for decades.

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On-time and under budget

Efficiency isn't just an ABM goal, it's something we deliver. Just ask ABM clients in cities across the country.

Learn how ABM can make the most of your stimulus funding and your infrastructure efforts.