

The Arras Foundation and ARPA

Resources for responsible effective recovery

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Three ways Arras Foundation can support ARPA decision making

1. Serve as an educational resource to leaders

Arras has created a robust ARPA clearinghouse that summarizes usage guidelines for federal money and highlights key considerations

2. Host leadership convenings in your local area

Using the ARPA Clearinghouse, Arras hosts and facilitates community conversations to get the right people in the room to talk about priorities and needs

3. Model effective collaboration for distributing community relief

The Foundation's collaboration with local United Ways serves as an example of an effective financial model for getting money to non-profits in the community

1) Arras ARPA Clearinghouse

DEVELOPING THE CLEARINGHOUSE:

As part of our mission to grow healthier communities together, Arras developed a guide to help community leaders, elected officials, organizations, and advocates understand the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

The Clearinghouse is designed to be a resource for decision makers and community advocates as we recover from the effects of COVID-19. We hope the tool supports **planning, dialogue, and collaboration among all who work to strengthen our communities.**



PROVIDES THE BIG PICTURE VIEW



DEEPENS UNDERSTANDING OF GUIDELINES



IDENTIFIES OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAXIMIZING FUNDS



OUTLINES KEY CONSIDERATIONS

2) Leadership Convenings

THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY CONVENINGS:

- 1 Provides basic education around the bill, especially for low resourced leaders in small towns and cities to help inform decision making
- 2 Connects decision makers at different levels and agencies to discuss priorities and share emerging ideas for how to spend the money
- 3 Allows State level decision makers to hear directly from local leaders about the challenges in their communities coming out of COVID
- 4 Jumpstarts and encourages collaborative ways of working that we will hope will continue beyond COVID recovery

3) Fund Distribution

- LOCAL RELIEF.
- LOCAL RECOVERY.
- LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS.



Catawba Connect is a partnership between the Arras Foundation, the United Ways of Lancaster and Chester County designed to complement the ongoing work of public entities and address emerging needs in response to Covid-19 and future crises.

Opportunity with ARPA:

For counties looking to invest some money in the community social safety net, collaboration with local foundations and non-profits is a great opportunity to get money out to communities effectively and efficiently.

Catawba Connect Relief Lancaster + Chester County

Catawba Connect has supported non-profits that provide community safety nets and who have strong experience working with the populations hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Total Amount Awarded: **\$150K**

Total People Served: **48.4K**

Total Grants Awarded: **24**

FUND DISTRIBUTION IMPACT AREAS:



34.2%
PPE & Cleaning



24.7%
General Public Health



24.7%
Information & Resources



9.6%
Food Assistance



6.8%
Shelter & Utilities

Thank you!

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