



Wyoming Hospital Association

# News briefs

## Governor Gordon Recommendations for ARPA Funding

Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon released his recommendations for the use of the first round of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding on December 16, which included just under \$500 million in funds for a range of programs and investments across 10 Goal Areas identified by his Strike Team.

Goal 5 has been designated to be used for Healthcare and Human Service Solutions. Below are the recommendations for this goal:

- Health and Human Services Capital Construction Account would fund healthcare and human service facility infrastructure and capital construction needs. \$90,000,000
- Telehealth Investment Account would set aside funding for investment in expanding the availability of telepsychiatry in Wyoming \$3,000,000
- Health & Human Services Innovation Fund will allow for a variety of opportunities for innovation in the health and human services areas. \$50,000,000
- EMS Dispatch Certification proposal asks for a one-time investment of start-up costs for purchase of the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) curriculum, staff training, and recertification to bring all 9-1-1 response centers up to the same standard of care delivery across Wyoming. \$84,000
- WY Resource Center Network and 2-1-1 Capacity Building (resource and referral) \$9,843,231
- Mental Health First Aid - Suicide Prevention Training proposal looks to implement a Mental Health First Aid program across the state to help in addressing these problems. \$386,000
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline and 9-8-8 Implementation will provide funding to expand the Suicide Lifeline to 24/7 operations while supporting the initial transition to the 9-8-8 crisis intervention system. \$7,000,000
- Health Commission and Health Trust Fund proposal will establish a Health Care Commission for Wyoming that will be responsible for ensuring the health care system is constantly being assessed and reviewed and ensuring that recommendations move forward. \$100,000,000
- One-time funding for crisis beds/stabilization services will provide Emergency COVID funds to assist in supporting youth crisis beds. \$1,000,000
- EMS Stabilization Fund proposal looks to provide temporary sustainable funding while the task-force works on seeking more solid funding options. \$15,000,000
- EMS Regionalization Pilot project will allow regions to convene and develop local solutions for regional pilots. The goal is to pilot programs that decrease costs and increase access to emergency services. \$17,000,000
- Nutritional Support for Chronic Health Conditions - Project Well Pilot looks to pilot a program that provides resources for patients experiencing diabetes or heart failure around nutrition and wellness education and access. \$1,875,000
- Nutritional Support for Chronic Health Conditions - Food Insecurity. The proposal looks to provide funding to bring in private stakeholders to take on the task of assisting in bringing eligible people onto the SNAP program \$606,000
- Provide mental health support services to community college students. Students, particularly single parents, unemployed, and those within the equity gap including first generation and minorities, report that they have had a very tough time during the pandemic. The colleges will increase and, in some colleges, implement hourly mental health staff, particularly during “surge” times, and include contracted online mental health counseling services. \$2,000,000
- Resolve the Substance Use Disorder Treatment Backlog will provide One-time funding to create programming at the Department of Correction's Honor Camp to resolve a backlog created by COVID-19. \$1,200,000

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