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## **House GOP releases Governor's closed-door “plan” to spend \$1.75 billion**

Santa Fe- House Republicans today released a memo detailing backroom negotiations between Democrat leadership and Governor Lujan Grisham on how \$1.75 billion dollars in federal relief funds will be spent. [Bipartisan legislators](#) stand firmly in opposition to the Governor unilaterally spending the funds, without the legislature voting on it, and without full and transparent discussions to ensure these funds are used equitably and impartially to help New Mexico recover from the economic shutdown.

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Options for Allocating ARPA State Relief Funds - Available Spending Through Dec. 31, 2024

Agency	Amount	Amount	Purpose	ARPA Spending Category	Expected Outcomes
<b>Vetoed HB 2 ARPA</b>					
	HB2 Vetoed	Mutual Lege-Exec Scenario 6-17-21			
1 Dept. of Finance & Admin	\$ 25,000.0	See line 35	Gov. Discretionary Fund. Assistance to households, nonprofits, business & industry	Impact of COVID	N/A
2 Dept. of Finance & Admin	\$ 20,500.0		Lost Revenue for State Fair, DCA, State Parks	Lost revenue	Improve facilities to increase use and support local economic activity
3 DOIT	\$ 85,000.0		Replace broadband in SB377	Broadband	Increase internet speeds and connectivity to support education & business
4 Economic Development Dept	\$ 100,000.0	\$ 50,000.0	LEDA	Lost GF revenue	Increase employment
5 Higher Education Dept.	\$ 100,000.0	\$ 150,000.0	Lottery Scholarships	Lost GF revenue	Increase educational attainment
6 Tourism	\$ 10,000.0	\$ 25,000.0	Advertising & industry assistance	Impact of COVID	Increase tourism economic activity
7 Transportation Dept.	\$ 200,000.0	\$ 300,000.0	State Roads	Lost GF revenue	improve road conditions - Increase employment
8 Workforce Solutions Dept.	\$ 600,000.0	\$ 600,000.0	UI fund & Repayment of federal loans	Impact of COVID	Avoid tax increases that would act as a drag on recovery
9 Workforce Solutions Dept.	\$ 5,000.0		Evidence-based re-employment case management	Impact of COVID	Increase employment. \$17-\$1 ROI
10 Sub-Total	\$ 1,145,500.0	\$ 1,125,000.0			
<b>Additional Options Scenarios</b>					
	Additional Options Not in HB 2 6-2-21	Mutual Lege-Exec Scenario 6-17-21			
13 Aging & LT Services Dept	\$ 15,000.0		Saavedra Fund/Aging Network	Lost GF revenue	N/A
14 Cumbres & Toltec	\$ 3,000.0		Lost revenue due to COVID closing	Lost revenue	Capital improvements/marketing to increase rural economic activity
15 DCA	\$ 10,000.0		Rural jobs monuments/museum upgrades outside of SF	Lost GF revenue	Capital improvements to increase rural economic activity
16 Tourism	\$ 15,000.0	See line 6	Additional advertising	Impact of COVID	See line 6
17 Dept. of Finance & Admin	\$ 20,000.0		health & early childhood service capacity training in order to bill Medicaid or other federal funds by CYFD, HSD, ECECD	Impact of COVID	Increase use of evidence-based interventions to improve child well-being
18 Dept. of Finance & Admin	\$ 25,000.0	See line 35	Gov. Discretionary Fund. Additional authority for impacts from COVID on non-profits/business	Impact of COVID	N/A
19 Economic Development Dept	\$ 50,000.0		LEDA for R&D technology; Separate funding for rural communities to transition from state employment based facilities and energy impacted communities.	Lost GF revenue	Increase rural economic activity
20 General Services Dept	\$ 15,000.0		For COVID costs; testing. Avoids large premium increase	Impact of COVID	Pay for direct costs of COVID
21 Higher Education Dept.	\$ 50,000.0	See line 5	Additional Lottery Scholarship pre-pay	Lost revenue	See line 5
22 Higher Education Dept.	\$ 50,000.0	\$ 50,000.0	Opportunity Scholarship pre-pay 2-3 years	Impact of COVID/lost GF revenue.	Increase educational attainment
23 Higher Education Dept.	\$ 25,000.0	\$ 25,000.0	Work Study financial aid-high demand fields	Impact of COVID	Increase educational attainment
24 Higher Education Dept.	\$ 50,000.0	\$ 50,000.0	Endowments for expanded faculty positions behavioral health& EC related degrees. Require match.	Impact of COVID	Increase workforce available to implement evidence-based services.
25 Human Services Dept.	\$ 10,000.0		Food Banks	Impact of COVID	Reduce hunger
26 Public School Insurance Auth.	\$ 15,000.0		For COVID costs; testing. Avoids large premium increase	Impact of COVID	Pay for direct costs of COVID
27 State Engineer	\$ 41,500.0		Admodt Water Settlement - Remaining obligation	Water projects	Improve water quality
28 State Engineer	\$ 50,000.0		Damn Rehabilitation	Lost GF revenue	Improve safety of rural communities

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29 State Parks	\$ 10,000.0		Rural jobs infrastructure upgrades	Lost GF revenue	Capital improvements to increase rural economic activity
30 Transportation Dept.	\$ 100,000.0	See line 7	State Roads	Lost GF revenue	See line 7
31 Veterans Dept.	\$ 45,000.0	45,000	Fix/Replace Veterans Home	Lost GF revenue	Improve quality of patient care
32 WSD/YCC	\$ 5,000.0		Youth reemployment training/YCC projects at State Parks	Impact of COVID	Increase employment.
33 Subtotal Additional Options	\$ 604,500.0	\$ 125,000.0			
34	<b>Discretionary</b>				
35 Legislative Discretionary		\$ 250,000.0	50 percent of unspent mutual Lege-Exec	Lost GF revenue	N/A
36 Executive Discretionary		\$ 250,000.0	50 percent of unspent mutual Lege-Exec	Lost GF revenue	N/A
37 Subtotal Discretionary		\$ 500,000.0			
38 Total	\$ 1,750,000.0	\$ 1,750,000.0			

Options for Allocating ARPA Capital Outlay Funds

Agency	Amount	Amount	Purpose	Expected Outcomes
41 Undesignated	N/A	\$ 134,000.0	Capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency (includes broadband)	