

## Guidehouse and the American Rescue Plan

With the recent passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, counties in the commonwealth will be receiving additional funding to cover eligible expenses and economic recovery. Localities are often unaware that advisory services related to this funding are available to provide communities with access to subject matter expertise and additional staffing resources. In many cases, these services are covered by federal funds.

Guidehouse is a global management consulting firm headquartered in McLean, Virginia. We have been involved in virtually every large-scale stimulus and recovery program in recent history, including the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program, President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico, and others.

Guidehouse has convened a **COVID-19 Center of Excellence**, centralizing responses to our various federal, state, and local clients' COVID-19 situations so that we can best leverage leading practices and share systems and tools across teams. Leveraging our experience, and our in-depth understanding of this funding, we can help you navigate what can be a cumbersome, document-heavy process. We utilize tested tools and techniques to help your team move as quickly as possible to serve those in need.

Guidehouse is currently supporting state and local government clients across the country to **optimize COVID-19 related federal funding**, including:

- Identifying the needs of your community, including conducting rapid relief assessments as necessary.
- Identifying the best funding sources for activities and programs.
- Developing a federal funding strategy, based on restrictions, availability, and impact.
- Setting up program and compliance management functions to guide the implementation of programs, reduce duplication of benefits risk, and monitor program activities.

We know this is a challenging time and appreciate how incredibly important it is to ensure that this federal money is spent efficiently, purposefully, and expeditiously. Guidehouse stands ready to assist in responding to this crisis.

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