



# Help is Here: The American Rescue Plan and COVID-19 Relief for Southern Nevada

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# The American Rescue Plan: \$4.115 billion for Nevada's state and local governments

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- In March 2021, Congressional Democrats passed President Biden's **American Rescue Plan**, a historic relief package to rebuild and recover from COVID-19.
- The American Rescue Plan includes \$4.115 billion for Nevada, including:
  - \$439.6 million for Clark County
  - \$130.61 million for Las Vegas
  - \$47.13 million for North Las Vegas
- Funding for local governments will be disbursed in two payments – the first within the next 60 days, and the second payment coming one year later. This funding does not expire until 2024.
- The American Rescue Plan also includes an additional \$835 million for the Clark County School District, with 20 percent of funding reserved to address learning loss.

# The American Rescue Plan: Money in the Pockets of Nevada's Hard-Hit Families

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- **\$1,400 Survival Checks** with expanded eligibility for adult dependents and mixed-status families.
  - Use the IRS Get My Payment Tool to check payment status: <https://irs.gov/getmypayment>
- **Expanded Federal Unemployment Insurance.**
  - \$300/week through September 6, 2021
- **Expanded Child Tax Credit** with monthly payments of \$250-\$300 per child between July and December and a lump-sum payment in 2021 tax returns.

## **IMPORTANT: Have your constituents filed their 2020 tax returns?**

Eligibility for key relief programs in the American Rescue Plan is based on the most recent tax return the IRS has on file. Nevadans who have experienced significant drops in income OR those who have not previously met the income threshold to file (\$12,400 for single filers, \$24,800 for married filers, and \$18,650 for head-of-household filers, with slightly higher limits for those above 65) **MUST** file their 2020 taxes as soon as possible to qualify for relief. Tax assistance for low and middle-income taxpayers can be found on the Nevada Free Taxes Coalition website at <https://www.nvfreetaxes.org/>.

# Upcoming Tax Filing Event: April 10, 2021

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Free tax filing event at the Walnut Recreation Center on **Saturday, April 10** from **10 AM – 3 PM**.

Call 702-455-4259 to schedule an appointment.

Income must not exceed \$57,000 to participate.  
Most tax situations are accepted.



# The American Rescue Plan: Support for Housing & Homelessness Prevention

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- **Emergency Rental Assistance** (\$164 million for Nevada)
- **Homeowner Assistance Fund** to help homeowners who are behind on mortgage and utility payments and avoid foreclosure and eviction. (\$10 billion nationwide)
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers** to help individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. (\$5 billion nationwide)
- **Housing Assistance for Rural and Tribal communities.** (\$850 million nationwide)

These funds will be disbursed from the Treasury Department directly to state and local governments, which will then manage housing assistance programs.

**IMPORTANT:** The CDC eviction moratorium has been extended through June 30, 2021. Qualifying Nevada tenants must present an eviction protection declaration to their landlords to qualify for the moratorium. Sample declaration forms can be found at <https://bit.ly/eviction-nv>.

# The American Rescue Plan: Food and Nutrition Assistance

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- **15 Percent Increase in SNAP Benefits** through September 2021.
  - Across Nevada, approximately 478,000 SNAP participants (of which 62% are children) will benefit from these changes, which mean an extra \$100/month for a family of four.
- **More Fruits and Vegetables for Mothers and Children.** The American Rescue Plan invests nearly \$900 million nationwide in WIC to increase the fruits and vegetables that WIC participants can purchase.
- **Food Aid for the Elderly.** The American Rescue Plan provides additional funding for the commodity supplemental food program, which provides food to low-income elderly Americans.
- **Replacing School Meals.** The Americans Rescue Plan extends the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program, which provides food dollars to families to buy groceries for meals missed when schools are closed.



## The American Rescue Plan: Child Care Assistance

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- The American Rescue Plan includes a major investment in childcare programs to help parents return to work. This investment includes:
- **\$362 million for Nevada childcare providers** to help reduce costs for struggling families.
- **\$3.538 million for Nevada Head Start** to ensure that low-income families can continue to access high-quality childcare.

# The American Rescue Plan: Support for Nevada's Small Businesses

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- **Extended Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Application Window.** With funding from the American Rescue Plan, the PPP loan application window will remain open through May 31. Non-profit and faith-based organizations are eligible for PPP loans.
- **Funding for Restaurants.** The American Rescue Plan includes nearly \$29 billion nationwide to fund a grant program for restaurants, which have been among our hardest-hit small businesses.
- **Funding for Shuttered Venues.** The American Rescue Plan provides funding for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program to open this month to assist entertainment venues that were forced to close due to COVID-19.
- **New Grants for Low-Income Communities.** The American Rescue Plan provides \$15 billion in nationwide funding for Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance Payments, which support small businesses in low-income communities.
- **Community Navigators.** The American Rescue Plan provides \$100 million nationwide for community navigators to help entrepreneurs navigate the loan application process.



# Questions?

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My office is here to help with questions about American Rescue Plan funding and direct assistance for Nevada families and small businesses.

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