

You need to know

- The Iowa Legislature adjourned *Sine Die* on May 19, 2021. *Legislative Link* will be published periodically throughout the interim to keep you updated on federal, state and local matters. To contact the League's Legislative Staff, you can email LegislativeStaff@IowaLeague.org.

New Laws of Interest

- The League's legislative staff is currently finalizing *New Laws of Interest*, an annual summary of impactful legislation to cities. Once completed, you can view the League's annual publication on the [League's website](#) under Member Resources > Publications > New Laws of Interest to Cities.
- The *New Laws of Interest* will be distributed in this publication next month as well as through *League Weekly*. Not receiving *League Weekly*? Sign up by following this [link](#).

Broadband Funding

- Iowa's Legislature passed considerable funding opportunities for investment in broadband which local governments can utilize. The [Office of the Chief Information Officer](#) has information regarding the notice of funding, applications requirements and how to apply. Application window for these funds will open on July 1.
- American Rescue Plan funds are one possible source of funding for investing in broadband. The National League of Cities has published an information page on [ARP funding for connectivity and technology](#).
- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has announced that the USDA will partner with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to coordinate the distribution of federal funds for broadband deployment. [Read more here](#).

Governor's Proclamations

- Governor Reynolds continues to issue proclamations to handle and mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 health pandemic. The most recent proclamation is set to expire on July 25.
- The [current proclamation](#) affects paper bidding procedures, electronic meetings, in-person records requests, regulatory relief and much more.
- Proclamations are temporary, and you should contact your city attorney with questions about specific impacts and implications for your city.



Updates on the American Rescue Plan

- Each city that receives ARP funds will need a valid DUNS number as well as a SAMS registration. Initial guidance, which stated cities would not need a SAM registration has changed. While the SAMS registration is not needed prior to applying, it is recommended that your city get one as soon as possible to avoid bottlenecks and delays.
- **Fill these out:** The [Award Terms and Conditions Agreement](#) and the [Assurance of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) forms will need to be completed. You can download and complete them by following their respective links. The forms must then be submitted to ARPCity@iowa.gov.
- For cities with a population of less than 50k (non-entitlement cities), the State of Iowa will be distributing funding. The process and requirements for this distribution are still being developed. The state has not issued any guidance as to when the funds will be distributed to cities in this category.
- In order to develop a plan to spend the American Rescue Plan dollars, your city should examine revenues and expenditures and then work with community leaders, partners, and constituents to make sure these resources are utilized to their fullest. You can find an FAQ (which was updated on June 23), fact sheets, interim rules, and more on the [League's American Rescue Plan Webpage](#).



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Updated Guidance from U.S. Department of Treasury

- [Interim Final Rule of COVID-19 Relief Funds](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide on COVID-19 Relief Funds](#)
- [Interim Final Rule Fact Sheet](#)
- [Treasury's webpage on COVID-19 Relief Funds](#)

