

**Aliza F. Oliveros**

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**From:** HSES Announcements <notice@hsesannouncements.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** Aliza F. Oliveros  
**Subject:** Reminder: New Supplemental Application for FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Funding Increase is due May 18, 2021



*This is an informational email. If you have already completed and submitted your Supplement – American Rescue Plan One-Time application, you can ignore this email.*

President Biden signed Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021, into law on March 11, 2021. The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan includes \$1 billion for Head Start programs. All Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnership grantees are eligible to receive additional funds proportionally based on funded enrollment levels.

The Office of Head Start strongly encourages grantees to prioritize additional weeks of Head Start and Early Head Start programming with this funding, through summer programs or as extensions of the program year. At this time, Head Start programs are serving one-third fewer children than before the pandemic began. With this funding, Head Start programs have an opportunity to reach eligible children and families who did not enroll last year, or who did not engage in a full program year, due to the many uncertainties caused by the pandemic. Grantees are encouraged to prioritize programs for rising kindergartners, children with disabilities, children experiencing food or housing insecurity, children that were not able to receive any in-person services this

year, or other areas determined by community needs.

Other uses of funding include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Reaching more families
- Getting facilities ready for in-person comprehensive services
- Supporting Head Start employees

Additional examples are available [here](#).

These funds are available in a new supplemental amendment called "Supplement - American Rescue Plan One-Time" in your HE, HA, or HN grant in HSES. The total funding amount is pre-populated in the "Other" object class category on the SF-424A of the application. Adjustments to funding amounts are permitted between object class categories on the SF-424A tab; however, the Federal Total cannot be adjusted as it reflects the total amount allocated by the Office of Head Start. Please review the application, edit if needed, and submit the application to the Regional Office.

**Applications are due by Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

The Head Start Act recognizes that lack of resources in a community adversely impacted by a major disaster may prevent Head Start grantees from providing all or a portion of their required non-federal contribution. In order to request a waiver of non-federal match, place the amount of \$0 in Section C of your SF-424A in your application. No separate waiver request is required. For more information, please see Program Instruction ACF-PI-HS-20-03.

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