

American Rescue Plan Evaluation Portfolio

Evaluations of Equitable Access and Implementation

The <u>American Rescue Plan (ARP) Equity Learning Agenda</u> guides the evaluation and related evidence-building activities of ARP investments on questions of equity over the lifespan of the various programs and beyond. GSA's Office of Evaluation Sciences will undertake <u>a portfolio of evaluations</u> with agency partners to better understand how to improve awareness, access, and allocation of ARP programs and resources, focusing on ARP programs with equity goals.

Evaluation goals and criteria

All evaluations should directly address the impact of the ARP on underserved populations, and/or provide evidence that would inform future policy efforts to improve equitable service to underserved populations.

The following criteria are required components for <u>all OES collaborations</u>: agency support, data availability, rigor, relevance, and evidence-based. In addition, we are aiming to build a portfolio of evaluations that are diverse along the following dimensions: federal agency, program area, agency capacity, and geography and demographics of program recipients.

Who is involved?

The Office of Evaluation Sciences (OES) is a team of interdisciplinary experts that work across the federal government to help agencies build and use evidence. OES is currently collaborating on a portfolio of evaluations of American Rescue Plan (ARP) programs, working closely with the Office of Management and Budget Evidence Team and the ARP Implementation Team.

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