



National Evaluation of the American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Equity Learning Agenda 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 a portfolio of evaluations 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.

National evaluation goals and activities

The goal of this study is to provide an integrated account of whether, how, and to what extent the implementation of a subset of ARP programs served to achieve their intended outcomes, particularly with respect to advancing equity.

Awarded in September 2022, this ambitious study will carry out the following tasks, culminating in a Capstone Summit and Final Report in 2026:

- Describe and assess the landscape of ARP program implementation and related evaluation
 activities to inform a holistic view of key ARP programs' contributions to advancing equity and
 present this information on a user-friendly, interactive website;
- Generate evidence that reflects the complex, overlapping nature of many ARP investments through a series of in-depth, cross-cutting evaluations;
- Collect and analyze data for specific ARP programs to address high priority evidence gaps in understanding the effectiveness of ARP program implementation; and
- Provide written products and organize annual convenings that support broad engagement in the ongoing efforts to build evidence from ARP program implementation and provide shared learning opportunities.

Who is involved?

The national evaluation is being conducted by American Institutes for Research, with Abt Associates and Decision Information Resources, under the leadership of OES and the Office of Management and Budget Evidence Team.

The evaluation is funded as part of a portfolio of investments managed by the General Services Administration's (GSA) Technology Transformation Services.

For more information

Learn about our existing work at: <u>oes.gsa.gov/american-rescue-plan</u>.

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