



Good afternoon,

If I haven't met you yet, I want to quickly introduce myself. My name is Caden Cleveland; I am the new director of Public Affairs and Grants Management at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The last two months have been a whirlwind, but we have a lot going on that I'm really excited to share with you.

This newsletter is designed to standardize monthly communication from the OMES Grants Management Office to you, and includes the latest information, guidance and helpful tips for agency grant teams. This is just one of several adjustments you'll see coming from GMO over the next several months, including continual updates to our new [subrecipient support](#) page on the [Oklahoma.gov/ARPA](#) website.

Additionally, I would like to build this newsletter as a way of telling our story. You'll notice each edition will include an agency spotlight for projects utilizing ARPA funds with the goal of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for the work you're doing. Further, you'll start seeing more press releases from OMES to highlight the progress we are making on ARPA projects together.

Thank you for your partnership as we share the same goal: utilizing ARPA funds in the most efficient and responsible manner to impact Oklahomans.

If you ever have any questions, please contact me or my team for assistance.

Sincerely,

Caden Cleveland
Director of Public Affairs and Grants Management,
Office of Management and Services

Grants Management metrics

- \$82.9 million distributed in August.
- \$380.3 million, or 20.3%, of total funds distributed.
- Ten projects expected to complete over the next 90 days.
- \$43.8 million expected to be spent over the next 90 days.

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Helpful tip

Are you collecting UEI numbers for subrecipients?

Before receiving a disbursement of SLFRF funds, be sure you have an active UEI number on file for subrecipients, secondary subrecipients and contractors.

Review the [UEI Requirements guidance](#) for more information.

Press releases and articles

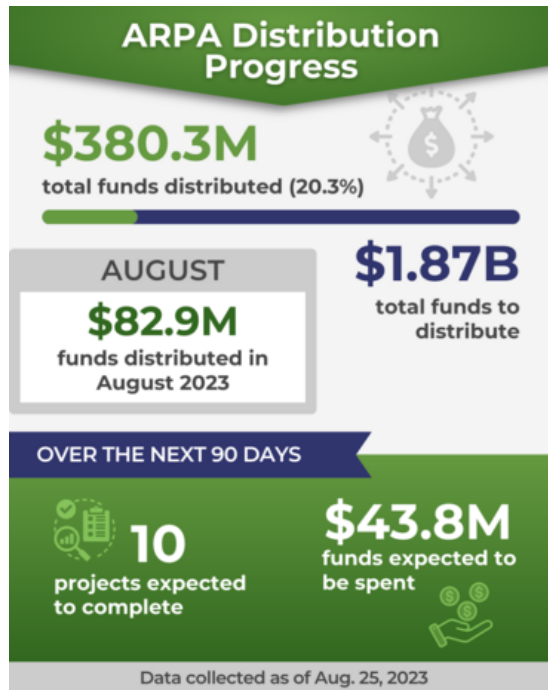
[Oklahoma legislative committee picks projects for the last of the state's ARPA pandemic relief funds](#)

[The Oklahoman: Thousands in Oklahoma don't have internet; projects to expand access](#)

[New Oklahoma Psychiatric Care Center breaks ground](#)

[Griffin Memorial Hospital planned](#)

[Lawton, Comanche receive ARPA grants to repair dams](#)



GMO guidance updates

Review the latest guidance based on questions we've received from you:

- [Guide to Competitive Purchasing with ARPA Funds.](#)
- [Eligible Uses of SLFRF Funds Guidance.](#)
- [UEI Requirements Guidance.](#)
- [Agency Disbursement Requests Guidance.](#)
- [Appendix for ARPA Contracts.](#)

Latest federal guidance:

The final rule for the SLFRF program went into effect on April 1, 2022. In August 2023, Treasury released an interim final rule that addresses the new eligible uses added to the SLFRF program by the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023. Existing eligible uses discussed in the 2022 final rule remain unchanged, and recipients may continue to use SLFRF funds in alignment with the 2022 final rule.

Additional guidance:

- [2023 Interim Final Rule.](#)
- [Overview of the 2023 Interim Final Rule.](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide.](#)

If you have any questions about items in this newsletter, please email ARPAGrantsManagement@omes.ok.gov.

Additionally, if you would like GMO to consider drafting guidance for agencies on any ARPA-related questions, please submit your request through [our online form](#).

Know of any positive ARPA stories? Let us know so we can feature them on the [ARPA website!](#)

Available training

[Grants Management Body of Knowledge \(GMBok\) Training](#)

Sept. 12-13 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CT

[Common Single Audit Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them](#)

Sept. 27 | Noon-1 p.m. CT

If you know of any other training opportunities, please share them with us!

Subrecipient recognition



Shout out to our partners at the Health Care Workforce Training Commission for their work on combatting Oklahoma's nursing shortage. The Legislature has allocated \$80.3 million to this dedicated effort of the Nursing Workforce Expansion program.

Many thanks to the HWTC grants team for their communication and efficiency on these projects.

