



GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICIALS
AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN (ARP) ACT LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS
UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS AMENDMENT 4.2

JUNE 2021

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be made available to local governments in the United States, including municipal, county, and consolidated governments in Georgia.

The United States Department of the Treasury has provided guidance (May 17, 2021) on the appropriate handling and accounting of these funds and it is necessary to make an amendment to the UCOA for local governments in Georgia to maintain compliance with federal guidance and the highest level of transparency in the handling of these funds.

Following consultation with stakeholders and authorization by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and State Auditor for immediate use, the following amendment has been made to the UCOA Fund and Revenue Classification (underline indicates added language):

Government Fund Types

200

Special Revenue Funds

230

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Accounts for all Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by the local government through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (HR1319, 117th Congress; Public Law No. 117-2). This Special Revenue Fund is reserved exclusively for the accounting of these recovery funds, in accordance with guidance from the United States Department of the Treasury.

If a government expends any portion of these ARP proceeds in another fund, the government must report the ARP revenue in this fund first and then transfer the proceeds to the appropriate fund with appropriate documentation. Note that, because of the very specific expenditure, budgeting, and reporting requirements applicable to ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, all receipts, expenditures, and inter-fund transfers of these funds should be accounted for in this fund only.

Eligible transfers of ARP funds to other entities (including state and other local governments) are identified in guidance from the Department of the Treasury (Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 93, pp. 26786-26824), and should be handled through Special Revenue Fund 230.

Special Revenue Fund 230 must be utilized in accordance with Section 603(c) of ARP Act and guidance from the Department of the Treasury and, barring additional action by Congress, will remain in the UCOA through December 31, 2026.



Revenue Classifications

33 Intergovernmental Revenues

33.2000 Federal Government Transfers (Non-Grant)

33.2100 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by the local government through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. This classification is to include any ARP funds received via intergovernmental transfer from State of Georgia or other local government entity, but not to include any non-ARP federal funds received.

Revenue from Classification 33.2100 must be used in accordance with Section 603(c) of ARP Act and guidance from the Department of the Treasury and, barring additional action by Congress, will remain in the UCOA through December 31, 2026.

Special Revenue Fund 230 and Revenue Classification 33.2000/Sub-Classification 33.2100 have been authorized for immediate use. This update will be identified as UCOA Amendment 4.2.

Any questions regarding the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Local Governments in Georgia or annual Report of Local Government Finance should be directed to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Office of Research (DCA.Research@dca.ga.gov). Any questions regarding local government audit and reporting requirements should be directed to the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts' Nonprofit and Local Government Audits Section (locgov@audits.ga.gov).

