

2021 MACo Symposium: All Things ARPA – Guidance and Innovations for County Leaders

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 | Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, MD

Dress for Speakers & Attendees: Business Casual

Description: County leaders will take a deeper dive into guidance and opportunities around federal recovery funds. Attendees will discuss business investments, renter relief, broadband connections, and nonprofit partnerships. We'll assess the latest guidance from Treasury and the innovations from Maryland's counties on the ground.

9:30 am – 10:00 am	Check-in and Coffee
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Welcome and Introduction
10:15 am – 11:00 am	<p>The State's Recovery Plan</p> <p><i>Maryland's Budget Secretary will review the State's plan for using federal ARPA funding to promote safe health practices to sustain an emergency from the pandemic, support the continued economic recovery, bolster public and private enterprises, and extend connectivity across Maryland.</i></p>
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Bridging the Digital Divide: Broadband for All</p> <p><i>As Maryland launches its historic investment to boost broadband infrastructure and connectivity, county governments will be integral partners for ensuring access to reliable and affordable high-speed. Hear about state and federal funding opportunities, opportunities and challenges with implementation, public-private partnerships, and why another round of significant funding may be on the way.</i></p> <p><i>Featured speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council</i>
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Break – Lunch Buffet
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>ARPA Collaboration: Local Governments and the Philanthropic Community</p> <p><i>Four nonprofit leaders will discuss the importance of collaboration between local governments and the charitable/philanthropic community to help, through ARPA funds, affected communities recover from the impacts of the pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>Featured speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Neil Bergsman, Senior Policy Analyst, Maryland Nonprofits</i> • <i>HyeSook Chung, President, Baltimore Civic Fund (tentative)</i> • <i>Maggie Gunther Osborn, President and CEO, Maryland Philanthropy Network</i> • <i>Susan Petroff, Senior Executive Director for Programs & Advocacy, Charles County Charitable Trust</i>
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Facilitated Discussion – County ARPA plans, roadblocks, innovations</p> <p><i>County participants are invited to discuss elements of their own ARPA plans, discuss difficulties in their execution, and share any ideas that may serve as best practices for others, in this informal exchange to close out the day.</i></p>
3:00 pm	Adjournment