

A photograph of the Fresno County Capitol building, featuring a large white dome and classical columns, set against a blue sky with light clouds. The image is partially obscured by a dark teal banner at the top and bottom.

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Fresno County Federal Update

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- Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding
- Build Back Better Agenda
- FY22 & FY23 Appropriations
- A Look Ahead for Fresno County for 2022

- **Advocate for the County's federal goals and objectives**
- **Work with the County to draft annual legislative platform**
- **Liaison between the County and the Congressional Delegation**
- **Conduct bi-weekly federal update calls with Fresno County staff**
- **Share real-time updates on all federal activities of interest to the County**
- **Provide monthly federal update reports**
- **Coordinate with the National Association of Counties**

CARES ACT

- \$2 trillion COVID-19 relief package
- Signed into law in March 2020
- \$150 billion in funding for state and local governments with populations above 500,000
- Fresno County allocation: \$81 million

American Rescue Plan Act

- \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package
- Signed into law in March 2021
- \$350 billion for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: direct allocation to all states, cities, and counties (Treasury Department issued Final Rule to guide program administration and implementation effective April 1st)
- Fresno County allocation: \$194 million

Build Back Better Agenda

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act)

- Traditional infrastructure (transportation, waterways, and broadband)
- Five-year transportation reauthorization bill
- \$550B in new federal funding
- Funding opportunities will move at different speeds

Build Back Better Act (aka Reconciliation)

- Focus on social services and climate provisions

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview

- **Transportation-** \$284 billion
- **Water-** \$55 billion
- **Broadband-** \$65 billion
- **Energy and Power-** \$73 billion
- **Western Water-** \$8.3 billion
- **Resiliency-**\$46 billion

Notices of Funding Opportunity anticipated early 2022 for existing programs and late 2022 for newly-created programs.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations

- A return of earmarks
- House has passed 10 of the 12 appropriations bills
- Senate has marked up 3 of the 12 appropriations bills in Committee
- Federal government is currently being funded by a Continuing Resolution (CR) until February 18th
- Congress is hoping to finalize the FY22 appropriations bill by the end of the current CR

Key Dates for 2022

- **January 3rd**: 2nd session of the 117th Congress began
- **February 12-16**: NACo DC Conference
- **February 18th**: Current CR expires
- **March 1st**: State of the Union/unofficial deadline for BBB
- **March/April**: FY23 Community Project Requests Likely Due
- **September 30th**: End of current federal fiscal year (FY22)
- **November 8th**: Midterm Congressional election

- FY23 President's Budget Proposal
- FY23 Appropriations Programmatic & Community Project Requests
- BIL Funding Opportunities
- FY22 Competitive Grant Opportunities
- Administrative Regulatory Actions



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