

## Common acronyms and definitions

**Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF):** A part of the American Rescue Plan, FRF delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Appropriation:** An authorization granted by the constitution or the legislature to make expenditures or to incur obligations for a specific purpose. An appropriation is usually limited in amount and as to the time when it may be spent, normally calendar or fiscal year.

**Spending:** Government spending or government expenditure refers to the purchase of goods and services by the government. Such purchases can include public investments and expenses, as well as disbursements and transfer payments consisting of income transfers (i.e., pensions, social benefits) and capital transfer (i.e., construction grants).

**Commitment:** Commitments or obligations are orders placed for property and services, contracts and subawards made, and similar transactions during a given period that require payment by the non-Federal entity during the same or a future period.

**The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** A 2021 Federal bill providing additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.