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What is SLFRF?

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (**SLFRF**) program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (**ARPA**), delivered \$350 billion to state, territorial, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Recipients may use SLFRF funds to:

- Replace lost public sector revenue (“Revenue Replacement”)
- Respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Provide emergency relief from natural disasters or their negative economic impacts
- Support surface transportation projects, utilizing funds for eligible projects through three pathways
- Support Title I projects that are eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs

Recipients were required to obligate SLFRF funds by December 31, 2024. Funds not obligated by the deadline must be returned to Treasury.

Recipients must spend obligated SLFRF funds by December 31, 2026, except for SLFRF funds used for Surface Transportation projects and Title I projects, which must be spent by September 30, 2026. Recipients may expend funds to cover closeout costs until the final Project and Expenditure Report is due on April 30, 2027. **Funds not expended by the applicable deadlines must be returned to Treasury after the final report due date in 2027.**

Recipients **must submit required reports** regarding the use of SLFRF funds—even if funds have been *fully spent*—until the recipient initiates closeout of the SLFRF program.

You may ask, “Did we already close out? How do I check my reporting status?”

*If your community has submitted a Closeout Report, in the “Closeout Reports” section of the Treasury Portal you will see a blue box entitled “Eligible for Closeout” and the status will be “Closeout Complete.” If instead you see **no document in that section** or you see a document with the status “Ready for Closeout” or “Closeout in Progress,” **your community has not initiated closeout of your SLFRF Award.***

You will also want to check to see when your most recent compliance report was submitted. Click on the **Compliance Reports** tab and look for the *2026 Annual Project and Expenditure (P&E) Report*. If you do not see “Submitted” as the status, you should complete and submit that report as soon as possible; closeout will then become available only once Treasury extends a closeout invitation to you via email.

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Tips on Accessing Your SLFRF Account

For a tutorial on account access, please see [WEBINAR - Account Creation and Logging In](#). An overview of logging in through **Login.gov** (the preferred method) **starts at 10 min 28 sec**.

In short, accessing your account is a **3-Step Process**:

Step 1: Verify or create your Login.gov (or ID.me)

- If you do not have a Login.gov (or ID.me) account, **Treasury recommends registering through [Login.gov](#)**

- Determine **which email** you will use to log in.

Tip: Use your own individual work email (or personal email) for Login.gov. Avoid shared inboxes (e.g., clerk@..., info@...) or “someone else’s” account. Shared credentials commonly lead to lockouts, multi-factor authentication issues, and staff-transition problems.

- Set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) using a method you will reliably control (authenticator app or secure phone number) and keep backup methods updated.
 - Save your Login.gov recovery information in a secure location consistent with your organization’s policies.

Step 2: Sign in to Treasury’s Portal through Login.gov or ID.me

- Treasury Portal (Login.gov): <https://portal.treasury.gov/compliance/s/> | [Login.gov Portal Instructions](#)
- Treasury Portal (ID.me): <https://portal.treasury.gov/cares/s/slt> | [ID.me Portal Instructions](#)

Step 3: Connect to your Government’s Account

- If you are not yet an “account administrator,” you will need to connect to your community’s account. Contact SLFRF@treasury.gov to request your community’s **Account Identifier** and **Zip Code**.

See [Compliance portal account validation](#) for visuals regarding account validation.

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Troubleshooting Account Access Issues

Here are some common access issues and quick fixes:

- **Wrong email:** Please ensure that you are using the same email address as the primary email address associated with your Login.gov/ID.me account to log into the portal.

*Tip: If there are multiple email addresses on your Login.gov/ID.me account, you will need to **change the primary email on your Login.gov/ID.me account** to match the one that you are using for accessing the Treasury Portal.*

- **Technical Problems with Email:** If you are certain that you are using the correct email, and you are using an ID.me account **or** have inherited your email address from someone else (i.e. clerk@town.gov), there might be a technical issue.
 - The fastest way to fix this is to use a new email address that is specific to you as the primary email *using Login.gov*.
 - Identify an email you would like to use to logon.
 - Follow Account Access instructions (Parts 1-3) on the previous page.
- **Platform:** Using Chrome can sometimes solve sign-in difficulties
 - Clear the Cache and Cookies for Chrome (tutorial: <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32050>)
 - Restart Chrome and close all tabs/windows before attempting to login.
 - Do not use autofill or copy/paste emails and passwords when logging in.
 - Logon using the portal where you first registered your account. If your access was originally set up under ID.me, try signing in via the ID.me portal link above, visa versa. Do not use bookmarks:
 - Login.gov: <https://portal.treasury.gov/compliance/>
 - ID.me: <https://portal.treasury.gov/cares/s>
- **General system issues:**
 - Ensure corporate Firewalls are not blocking access to the Treasury site.
 - Reboot your computer if all else fails.

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Contact Us for More Assistance

If your issue persists, please email SLFRF@treasury.gov with:

- Your community’s name and address,
- The email you are using to try to login to the Treasury Portal,
- Whether you are signing into Treasury’s Portal via: **Login.gov** or **ID.me**,
- A brief description of the issue, and
- A screenshot of the error/message (if applicable).

Reporting and Compliance Guides

Please visit our “[Reporting and Compliance](#)” webpage for a variety of resources, including:

- **Instructions for Ongoing Account Management:** [Updating User Roles in Portal](#) -
- **Guidance to complete the Annual Report:** [April 2026 P&E Report User Guide](#)
- **“How to Report” Webinar video*:** [SLFRF Reporting Demonstration \(2025 Annual/Q1\)](#)
- **“How to Report” Slide Deck*:** [Simplified Reporting “How To” Guide](#)

Please note two major changes since last year, when the “How To” Resources were made: this (1) The fields in the recipient specific section of the report relating to revenue loss determinations **are locked for editing past the April 2025 reporting period and (2) The amount reported as obligated in the report covering the **12/31/2024 obligation deadline** is considered a **recipient’s obligation cap, which may not be exceeded**.*

Referenced Links (Full URLs):

- **Updating Points of Contact:** <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Updating-User-Roles-Portal.pdf>
- **Webinar: Account Creation:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MS7EAO2uCs0>
- **Create Login.gov account:** <https://login.gov/create-an-account/>
- **Login.gov Portal Instructions:** <https://login.gov/help/get-started/create-your-account/>
- **ID.me Portal Instructions** <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/TreasuryPortalRegInstructions.pdf>
- **Microsoft PowerPoint - Simplified Reporting “How To” Guide:** <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/ReportingGuide-2025.pdf>
- **Reporting and Compliance page:** <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/reporting-and-compliance>
- **April ‘26 P&E Report User Guide:** <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/April-2026-Project-and-Expenditure-Report-User-Guide.pdf>
- **SLFRF Reporting Demonstration (2025 Annual/Q1 Report) Webinar:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ic4GydgTSJE>