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THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Made available \$117.8 million to Arkansas to invest in home and community-based services to expand access to care for seniors and people with disabilities and raise wages for workers. ¹



Vaccinations



Over 79% of all Arkansas seniors are vaccinated, better protecting them from COVID-19²



Protection for Residents

Made available \$6.6 million to help protect nursing home residents from COVID-19.3



Senior & Caregiver Services

Provided a \$5.9 million investment to support older adults and family caregivers in Arkansas.⁴



Food Security

Secured an \$6.8 million investment to provide nutritious meals to seniors in Arkansas.⁵



Combating Elder Abuse

Allocated landmark funding to better protect the one in ten older Americans who experience a form of elder abuse in a given year.⁶



Help for Grandfamilies

Established a National Technical Assistance Center to help the more than 36,000 grandfamilies raising grandchildren in Arkansas.⁷

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



High-speed Internet

Will help the more than 152,000 Arkansas households with at least one senior that report no internet access to obtain high-speed internet.⁸



Mass Transit

Will improve transit and make it more accessible for the more than 518,000 individuals in Arkansas with disabilities through an investment of at least \$244 million. 10

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