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- **The White House Briefing Room referred to the American Rescue Plan as “President Biden’s”.** “President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan is ambitious, but achievable, and will rescue the American economy and start beating the virus. Congress should act expeditiously to help working families, communities, and small businesses persevere through the pandemic.” (Briefing Room, “President Biden Announces American Rescue Plan,” [The White House](#), 1/20/2021)

**Brad Pfaff signaled support for the American Rescue Plan:**

- Brad Pfaff retweeted a tweet from Ron Kind highlighting the American Rescue Plan.



(Ron Kind, [Twitter](#), 11/3/2021)

- In a Facebook post from the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, Pfaff is on video praising many tenets of the American Rescue Plan legislation. PFAFF: “Getting things done, cash in the pocket. \$1400 dollars checks that were sent out to hard-working people in order to assist them during this very difficult past year. Child tax credit, what that means to residents here in Western Wisconsin, what it means to residents around this state and around this country. It is so very important, providing necessary food assistance. All of that has made a real difference in people’s lives.” (Democratic Party of Wisconsin, [Facebook](#), 4/29/2021) ([NRCC YouTube](#))
  - In that same Facebook post, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin highlighted part of what Pfaff was raving about as having to do with ARP. “As State Senator Brad

Pfaff (Pfaff for State Senate) says, ‘getting things done, cash in the pocket’ is making a real difference in people’s lives! The American Rescue Plan is sending \$1,400 economic stimulus checks, per person, to 89% of all adults in Wisconsin to make sure we can pay the bills & put food on the table during this pandemic.” (Democratic Party of Wisconsin, [Facebook](#), 4/29/2021)

- **The White House’s Fact Sheet on ARP includes bullet points on increasing SNAP and child tax credit.** “The American Rescue Plan will change the course of the pandemic and deliver immediate relief for American workers. The plan will build a bridge to an equitable economic recovery and immediately reduce child poverty. In fact, a Columbia University study found that passing the plan will lift more than 5 million children out of poverty this year, cutting the poverty rate by 50%. The bill is one of the most progressive pieces of legislation in history, with more than two thirds of its tax cuts and direct payments going to families making less than \$90,000 per year. It will... **Increase the value of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.** The American Rescue Plan will increase SNAP benefits by 15 percent through September 2021. The bill also funds partnerships with restaurants to feed American families and keep workers in the restaurant industry on the job. And, it provides U.S. territories like Puerto Rico additional nutrition assistance funding, in addition to funding to make sure women, infants and children get the food they need to help address food insecurity. **Increase the Child Tax Credit** from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child (\$3,600 for a child under age 6) and make 17-year-olds qualifying children for the year. This means a typical family of four with two young children will receive an additional \$3,200 in assistance to help cover costs associated with raising children. The families of more than 66 million kids will benefit.” (“American Rescue Plan Fact Sheet,” [The White House](#), Accessed 8/30/2022)

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(@SenBradPfaff, [Twitter](#), 5/18/2021)

**The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package:**

- **The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package.** “President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents.” (Barbara Sprunt, “Here’s What’s In The American Rescue Plan,” [NPR](#), 3/11/21)
  - **The American Rescue Plan was a Democrat plan that no Republicans voted for.** “This week has been a significant week for the American people, as the House passed the final version of the American Rescue Plan and President Joe Biden signed it into law. House Democrats secured major assistance to the middle class with this legislation, including: \$1,400 in direct payments to most families, \$300 enhanced unemployment benefits through Labor Day, boosting SNAP benefits by 15%, and increasing the child tax credit to up to \$3,600 per child, which will lift half of American children out of poverty. In addition, the American Rescue Plan will establish a national vaccination strategy, ensure schools have the resources to resume in-person learning safely, strengthen the Affordable Care Act, and support small businesses. It is a shame that zero Republicans voted to send this critical relief to families, despite poll after poll reflecting broad, bipartisan support for this bill. Nevertheless, under President Biden’s leadership, Democrats have delivered For The People and now that the American Rescue Plan has been signed into law, direct assistance will be given to Americans immediately around our country.” (Steny Hoyer Majority Leader, “Democrats Deliver Needed Relief to Americans with the American Rescue Plan,” [Press Release](#), 3/12/21)

**Hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of funds from the American Rescue Plan were spent on projects that have “little to do with combating the pandemic,” such as ski slopes, golf courses and a “high-end hotel”:**

- **Hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of federal coronavirus relief money was spent on projects that have “little to do with combating the pandemic.”** “Thanks to a sudden \$140 million cash infusion, officials in Broward County, Florida, recently broke ground on a high-end hotel that will have views of the Atlantic Ocean and an 11,000-square-foot spa. In New York, Dutchess County pledged \$12 million for renovations of a minor league baseball stadium to meet requirements the New York Yankees set for their farm teams. And in Massachusetts, lawmakers delivered \$5 million to pay off debts of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, a nonprofit established to honor the late senator that has struggled financially. The three distinctly different outlays have one thing in common: Each is among the scores of projects that state and local governments across the United States are funding with federal coronavirus relief money despite having little to do with combating the pandemic, a review by The Associated Press has found.” (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)
  - **“An Associated Press review finds state and local governments have spent nearly \$1 billion worth of federal coronavirus aid on projects that have little to do with combating the pandemic.”** (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)

- **The federal coronavirus relief funds came from the American Rescue Plan.** “The expenditures amount to a fraction of the \$350 billion made available through last year’s American Rescue Plan to help state and local governments weather the crisis.” (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)
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- **More than \$6 million was allocated to replace irrigation systems at two golf courses in Colorado Springs.**

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- **Palm Beach Gardens, Florida “is building a new golf course” with the money they received from the American Rescue Plan.** “Palm Beach Gardens, Florida – in Palm Beach County, home to 160 golf courses – is building a new golf course. These are among the thousands of ways cities and counties have started spending the first tranche of covid relief money from the American Rescue Plan Act passed by Congress in March. That economic rescue package provides \$130 billion to cities and counties – with few restrictions on how the money can be spent. For many, it was their first economic relief directly received from the federal government.” (Phil Galewitz, “From Sewers to Golf Courses, Cities See Green With New Federal Covid Relief Dollars,” [KHN](#), 10/8/21)
- **An Iowa county acquired a privately owned ski resort.** “The Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors announced Tuesday it has acquired the Mt. Crescent Ski area, previously privately owned by Korby and Samantha Fleischer. The Fleischers will continue to manage the facility as a ski resort through the 2022 ski season. Pottawattamie County will take full control in the summer of 2022.” (“Pottawattamie County buys Mt. Crescent Ski area for \$3.5 million,” [KETV](#), 1/4/22)
  - **Two million dollars from the American Rescue Plan were used to acquire the ski resort.** “The Iowa West Foundation helped make the transfer possible with \$1.5 million and the other \$2 million is coming from the American Rescue Plan Action, COVID-19 federal relief funds.” (“Pottawattamie County buys Mt. Crescent Ski area for \$3.5 million,” [KETV](#), 1/4/22)
- **Officials in Florida used \$140 million in American Rescue Plan funding to help construct a “high-end hotel” that will have ocean views and an 11,000-square-foot spa.** “Thanks to a sudden \$140 million cash infusion, officials in Broward County, Florida, recently broke ground on a high-end hotel that will have views of the Atlantic Ocean and

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