



TDEC ARP Grant Town Hall Series 2024

August 9, 2024

Agenda

- Welcome
- Program Update (*now includes all ARP grants*)
 - Funding Status
 - Procurement Status
 - Reimbursement Status
- Milestones Update
- Engineering Services Unit (ESU) Reminders
- Q&A, Resources, & Wrap-up

Meet the Presenters



Vena Jones, PG
Manager, State Revolving
Fund & Water Infrastructure
Grants



Jaamal Whittington, EY
Q&A: Procurement,
Reporting



Jennifer Tribble
Director, Office of
Policy and Planning



Matt Haynes, EY
Q&A: Reimbursement

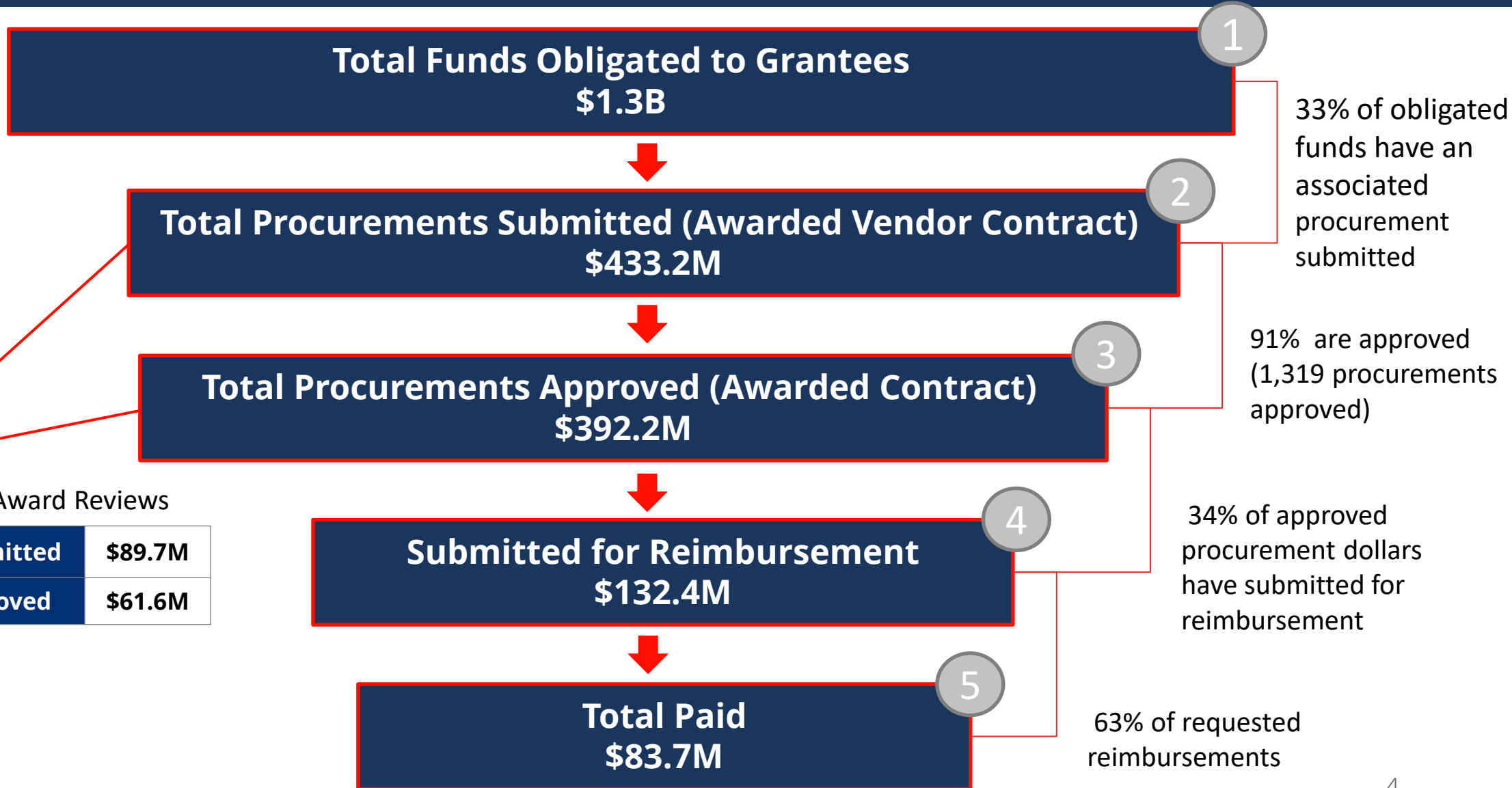


Jovanni Mahonez, EY
Communications



Current Fund ARP Grant Distribution Status

August 8, 2024



Optional Pre-Award Reviews

Pre-Award Submitted	\$89.7M
Pre-Award Approved	\$61.6M



**Does not include administrative expenses.*

Procurement Status Update

as of August 8, 2024

**1320 Approved
Procurements**

**318 Grants
1179 Projects**

**Engineering
Procurements**

850

**Construction
Procurements**

215

**Professional
Services
Procurements**

255

Reimbursement Status Update

as of August 8, 2024

Grantees with
Submitted
Reimbursements

206

Reimbursement
Requests
Received

428

Reimbursement
Requests
Approved

307

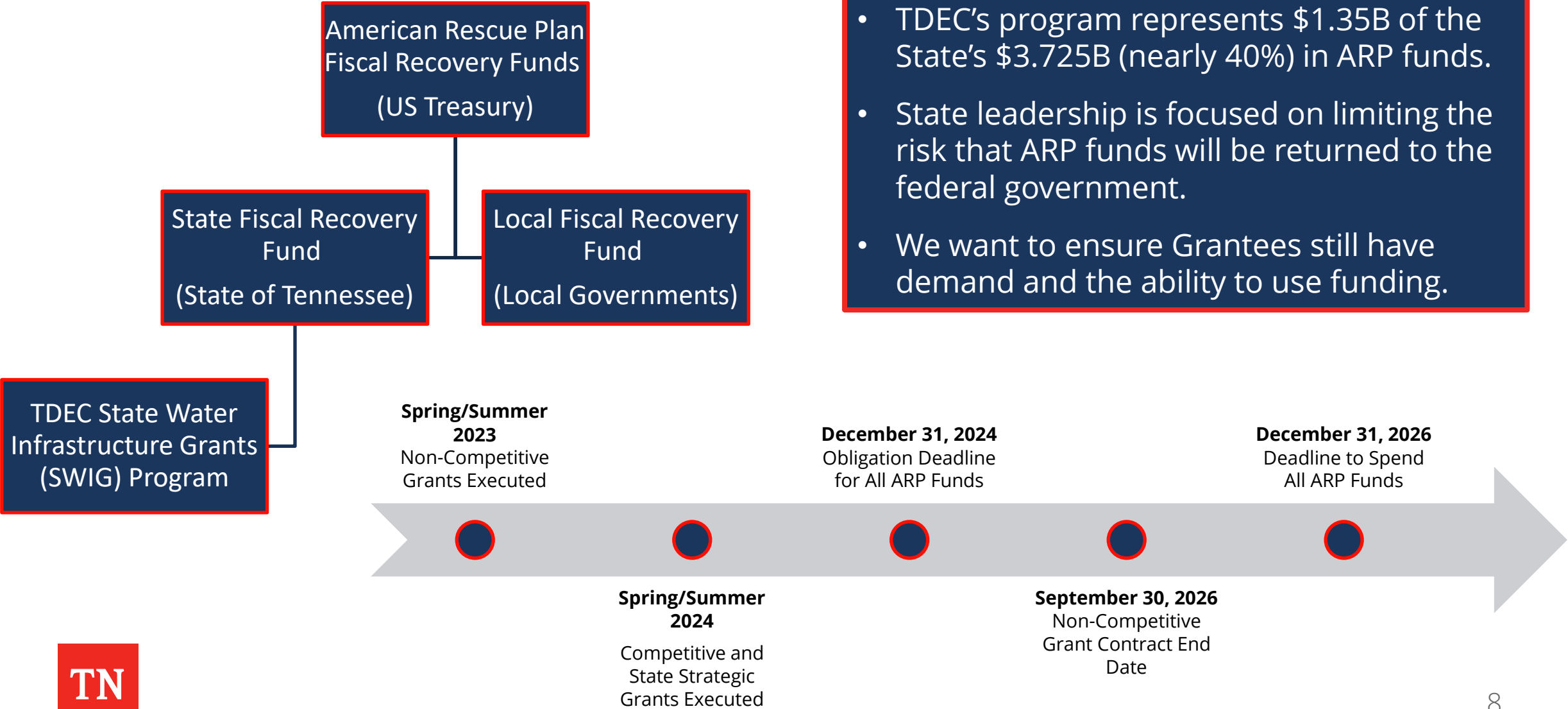
Total reimbursements requested: **\$131,938,216**

Total reimbursements paid: **\$83,680,092**



New Grantee Milestones

State of Tennessee ARP Funding



- TDEC’s program represents \$1.35B of the State’s \$3.725B (nearly 40%) in ARP funds.
- State leadership is focused on limiting the risk that ARP funds will be returned to the federal government.
- We want to ensure Grantees still have demand and the ability to use funding.

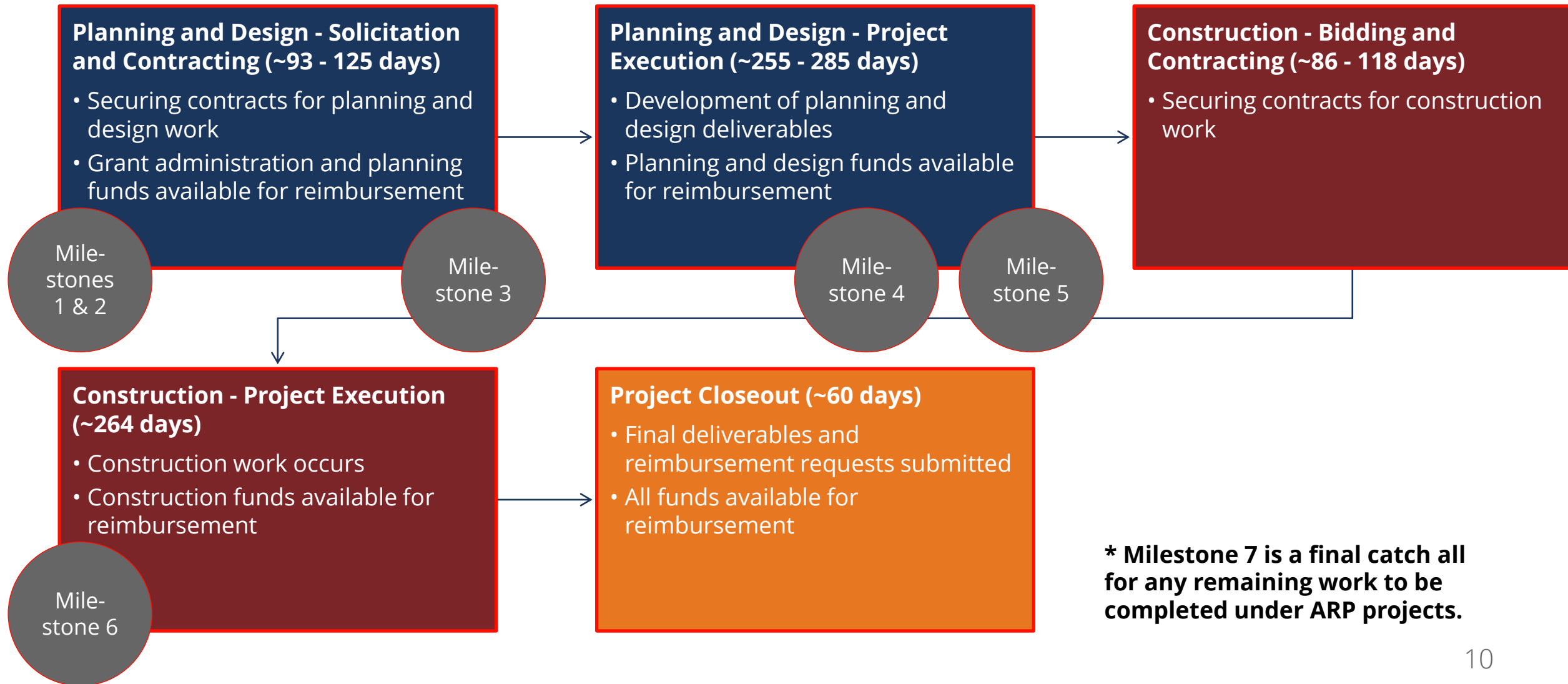


Overview of Changes

- TDEC has established new critical milestones for **ALL Grantees** (including competitive and state strategic Grantees) to demonstrate sufficient progress on grant contracts in order to mitigate completion risk.
- Not reaching these milestones will lead to a further analysis of your grant contract and/or projects. This **may** result in contract or project termination.



TDEC ARP Grant Lifecycle



Milestone 3: Sept. 30, 2024 - Awarded Contract Requirement

- TDEC allowed non-competitive grantees to meet the May 30, 2024 milestone by submitting a pre-bid or pre-award procurement for each project.
- All projects that submitted pre-bid or pre-award documentation to meet the May 30, 2024, milestone **must submit an awarded contract** for these projects by September 30, 2024.

Milestones 4 and 5: Plans and Specifications Requirements

Milestone 4: January 30, 2025 – 60% Attestation Requirement

- Grantees and engineers working on planning, design, and construction projects must attest to being **at least 60% complete** with the planning and design deliverables.

Milestone 5: May 30, 2025 – Full Deliverable Requirement

- All grantees with planning, design, and construction projects **must submit final planning and design deliverables** to TDEC.

Milestone 6: August 30, 2025 – Construction Start Requirement

- **ALL construction activity must start.** This includes all project types (Planning, Design, and Construction and Construction Only).

To verify construction starts, each construction project must have an initial site inspection scheduled by November 30, 2025.

Milestone 7: December 15, 2025 – Remaining Procurement Requirement

- ALL projects must start, and all Grantees **must submit any remaining awarded contracts** for third-party work to TDEC. This milestone applies to all project types.



ALL GRANTEES

Ongoing – Voluntary Opt-Out

(No Reimbursement Paid to Date)

- Grantees may choose to terminate their grant contract **voluntarily** by submitting a written request for contract termination to TDEC.ARP@tn.gov.
- Requests must be submitted on letterhead and signed by an authorized representative for the grant contract. TDEC will engage those who start this process with additional guidance.
- Grantees may request voluntary termination if no reimbursement requests have been paid on the grant contract.

Milestone Risk Analysis

- TDEC will evaluate all grants and all projects that are unable to meet each milestone against known risk factors.
- Multiple factors may be considered during the risk analysis, including but not limited to:
 - Financial planning and stability
 - Alignment with deliverables and project schedule
 - External dependencies
 - Unforeseen challenges
- **Note:* Failure to meet a milestone does not automatically guarantee a loss of funding.



Engineering Services Unit Updates and Reminders

Engineering Services Unit (ESU) Reminders

- Grantees, engineers and utilities are reminded to read all grant program requirements prior to submitting preliminary engineering reports (PERs) and plans and specifications (P&S).
- Engineers should submit **COMPLETE** and **SEALED** submittals; submitting partially complete submittals requires a lengthier initial review and multiple reviews delaying approval for projects .
- PERs should include an alternatives analysis, including a life cycle cost:
 - Alternatives should **NOT** include items such as no improvement, PVC pipe, or DIP pipe
 - Alternatives should show the alternatives considered and demonstrate that the chosen alternative will meet the grant requirements as well as design requirements
 - There are **ALWAYS** alternatives

Review of PERs and Plans and Specifications for ARP Projects

TDEC is in the process of eliminating some redundant review of ARP project documents:

- Wastewater collection line rehab and repair that does not modify trench location, line size, or slope on any section of line is no longer subject to review by ESU.
- Residential meter projects are no longer subject to review by ESU; Zone meter projects or projects that include line improvements **ARE** subject to ESU review.
- Wastewater electrical (i.e., back up generators) and structural (i.e., roofs) work are not subject to ESU review.
- PERs should no longer be uploaded to MyTDEC Forms for review by ESU. All PERs will continue to be uploaded to GMS and the SWIG-EY team will review and approve.
- Further efficiencies are being evaluated and will be announced at the September Town Hall.



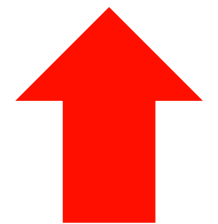
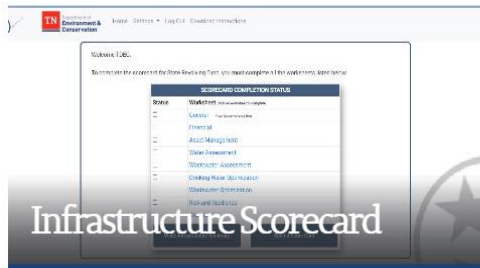
Q&A, Resources, & Feedback Survey

Live Q&A

- We will begin the Q&A with pre-submitted questions. Once we have answered those questions, please feel free to use the raise hand function to ask a question.
- You may also use the chat for any comments, questions, or insights related to the topics presented today.

Additional Resources

- The [TDEC ARP website](#) is updated frequently with new information related to all ARP Grant Programs
- The resources page includes many implementation materials for grant recipients, including:
 - ❑ Implementation Guidance
 - ❑ AMP Guidance
 - ❑ Quick Reference Guides
 - ❑ Workshop and Webinar Materials
 - ❑ Demonstrations and Tutorials

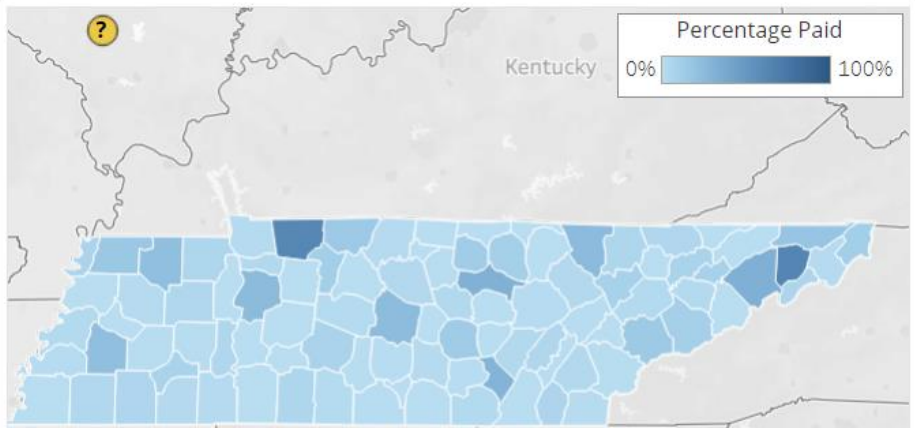


<https://www.tn.gov/environment/arp.html>

Now Live! Online Dashboard

TN Department of **Environment & Conservation** **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRESS** Updated: August 7, 2024

Select Grants Visualization: Amounts | Grants Category: (All) | Grantees: (All)



[Dashboard \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov)

Feedback Survey

- Thank you for attending today's town hall!
- Please take 5 minutes to complete the [feedback form](#).
- Your feedback helps us plan additional town halls and provide you with the most relevant resources and information.
- Contact our team with any specific questions at TDEC.ARP@tn.gov.

August ARP Town Hall Feedback Survey

