**American Rescue Plan Allocations to the Outlying Areas**

Authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2

Methodology for Calculating Allocations

Section 2005 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 appropriated $850,000,000 to be allocated to the Outlying Areas on the basis of their respective needs, as determined by the Secretary.

The Department calculated allocations for the Outlying Areas using the same methodology used in determining allocations for States under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). Section 2001(c) of the ARP requires the Department to allocate the ESSER Fund appropriation based on the proportion of funds received in the most recent fiscal year by each State under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). However, section 1122(c)(3) of the ESEA prohibits the Department from considering the Title I, Part A hold harmless provisions in ESEA section 1122 in calculating allocations for any other program administered by the Secretary, including the ESSER Fund.

Therefore, to determine the ARP allocations to the Outlying Areas, the Department used the fiscal year 2020 shares of Title I, Part A allocations without the application of the hold harmless provisions in ESEA section 1122. The resulting allocations are shown in the table below.

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| **Outlying Area** | **Section 2005 Outlying Area Allocations** |
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| **TOTAL** | 850,000,000 |
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| **AMERICAN SAMOA** | 264,826,365 |
| **GUAM** | 286,940,627 |
| **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS** | 160,074,578 |
| **VIRGIN ISLANDS** | 138,158,430 |