LEVERAGE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO MODERNIZE AND SECURE YOUR DIGITAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
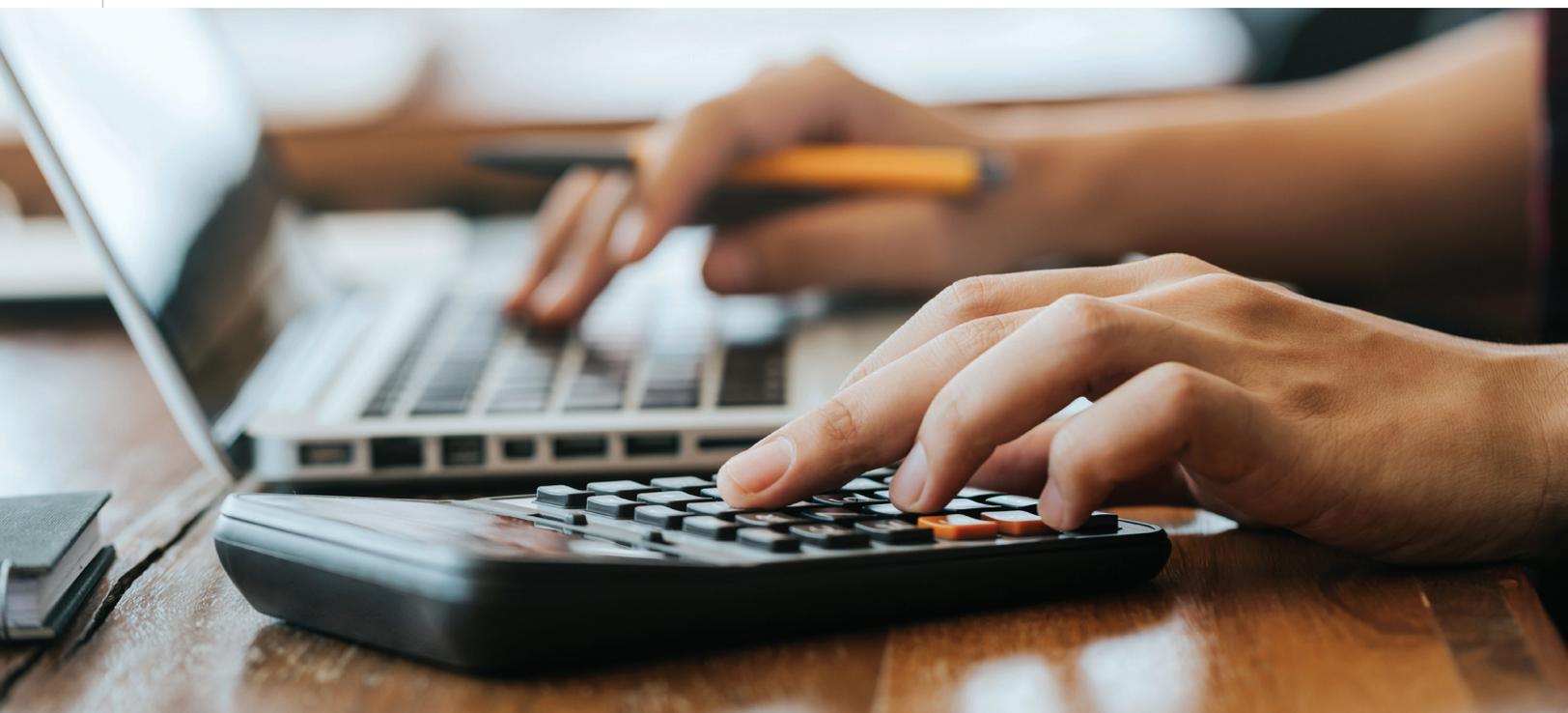
President Biden's $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan will have a significant and positive impact on state and local government IT. The plan includes $350 billion in aid for states and localities, including $2 billion to modernize and protect their unemployment insurance systems against fraud.

Unlike the CARES Act funding, which was tailored for expenditures related to pandemic response - including IT functions such as strengthening unemployment systems and setting up telework environments - the new funding can be used to provide general public services or balance budgets depleted by the health crisis. This means organizations can freely allocate at least some of the funds toward modernizing their digital services to meet the demands of today's citizens and students.

At F5, we believe organizations should focus on:

1. **Digitizing services.** States and localities have the opportunity to invest in online services to improve citizen experiences.

2. **Modernizing legacy applications.** This will be critical for delivering services at the speed and scale that your customers have now come to expect.

3. **Ensuring exceptional security and high availability.** Services must be continuously available and highly secure, ensuring high degrees of data protection and reliability.

4. **Providing secure remote access.** With users connecting from various locations and devices, and applications in multiple environments, organizations need a new secure access approach to prevent data breaches and increase user productivity.

F5's security, performance, automation, and insight solutions enable adaptable applications that allow organizations to boost their speed to market, improve operations, build trust with citizens, and deliver better user experiences.

We offer:

Comprehensive security solutions that protect critical applications from:
- Encrypted Threats
- Credential Stuffing & Bot Attacks
- Web Fraud & Abuse (State Unemployment Insurance Fraud, Tax Fraud, Pension Fraud, and Public Assistance Fraud)
- Attacks exploiting web app vulnerabilities
- DDoS & DNS Attacks, and attacks targeting APIs

Performance optimization and high availability through API management, application acceleration, application performance monitoring, load balancing, container ingress, and disaster recovery.

Accelerated application development, delivery, and deployment through automation and management solutions, including CI/CD integration, service configuration and provisioning, and multi-cloud management.

Insights from application data to help you improve troubleshooting efficiency and make better organizational decisions that positively impact users.

Now Is the Time to Improve Your IT Services

The American Rescue Plan provides public sector organizations with a once in a generation opportunity to leverage government support to improve IT services that will last for years. F5 can help you identify areas in need and prioritize your funds so you get the most value out of your allocation.

To learn more, visit **F5.com**, request a **free trial**, or **contact us**.