

# Agency of Human Services – Coronavirus Relief Fund Appropriations Summary

		6/30/20 Actuals &		
JFC Date	Appropriated \$	Encumbrances	Description	
11-May-20	115,756,785	90,992,080	Across all departments of AHS for multiple purposes.	
8-Jun-20	10,200,000	-	Brattleboro Retreat	
29-Jul-20	500,000	-	Suicide Prevention	
24-Aug-20	11,997,322	-	Remote Learning & School Age Care	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,454,107</b>	<b>90,992,080</b>		
		6/30/20 Actuals &		
Act #	Vehicle	Amount	Encumbrances	Description
109	FY20 BAA #2	3,600,000	-	EMS, DOC - Community Investments
120	FY21 One-quarter	6,750,000	-	Legal Aid, BVI, Adult Days, MicroBusiness, DOC Misc
136	CRF - Health & Human Services	323,100,000	-	HC Stabilization, Hazard Pay, New Americans, Afterschool, Foodbank, Health Disparities, Vulnerable Pops
137	CRF - Broadband & Housing	17,350,000	-	Homelessness, Legal Aid - housing, telehealth
Pending	FY21 Restatement	10,884,437	-	Pending Legislative Approval - Reach Up, DOC Staff, DMH Misc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361,684,437</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>TOTAL CRF APPROPRIATED TO AHS</b>		<b>500,138,544</b>		

## Agency of Human Services – CRF Appropriations - Process

- The Agency of Administration (AOA) created Covid-19 Financial Office to oversee distribution of money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).
- Agencies & Departments that received an appropriation must receive approval of proposed CRF grant program prior to receipt of applications.
- Developed a grant program questionnaire to understand details of each program to help warrant compliance with CRF guidance & regulation.
  - Risk assessment of the program
  - Items include:
    - COVID-19 related costs
    - Revenue losses
    - How administer?
- Each questionnaire is reviewed by AOA & Guidehouse.
- A formal response is issued to agencies & departments prior to moving forward.

# Agency of Human Services – CRF Legislative Appropriations

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 120/Sec. A.49(9)	<p>\$300,000 direct to Legal Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For increased costs of providing access to justice services. Up to 50% can be used to cover the cost of per use electronic judicial filing fees through 12/30/2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grant Executed</li> <li>✓ Invoice &amp; Financial Report anticipated by September 10th</li> </ul>
Act 137/Sec. 11	<p>\$550,000 direct to Legal Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide legal and counseling services for those who are, or at risk of, experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grant Executed</li> <li>✓ Invoice &amp; Financial Report anticipated by September 10<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Act 88/Sec. 36 as amended by Act 120/Sec. A.52	<p>\$3,000,000 to EMS Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$400,000 for training (shall be transferred to VDH for disbursement)</li> <li>\$500,000 for paramedic training (shall be transferred to VDH for disbursement)</li> <li>\$100,000 for AHS in coordination with DFR to hire a consultant to assist Vermont EMS with applications</li> <li>\$2,000,000 for EFR and provider stabilization grants</li> </ul>	<p><b>Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Transferred \$900k to VDH for disbursement</li> <li>✓ VDH initiated application processes</li> <li>✓ <u>Paramedic:</u></li> <li>✓ Received 26 complete applications to date</li> <li>✓ Dispersal of 28 awards will utilize 100% of funds</li> <li>✓ <u>EMT &amp; AEMT:</u></li> <li>✓ Received 35 complete applications to date</li> <li>✓ Issue – decreased # of licensure courses available due to COVID-19</li> </ul> <p><b>Stabilization:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Engaged DFR re contractor</li> <li>✓ Executed contract</li> <li>✓ Meeting with associations – 9/9</li> </ul>
Act 136/Sec. 6	<p>\$28,000,000 to AHS for the administration and payment of Hazard Pay Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prescriptive language about who is eligible and how much they can receive through this program</li> <li>Providers eligible cross many of AHS' providers</li> <li>Requirement for promoting eligibility of the grant</li> <li>First come, first served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Developed a salesforce application</li> <li>✓ Application opened on 8/4</li> <li>✓ As of 8/14, received 479 applications</li> <li>✓ Requests over \$30M, all may not be eligible or complete</li> <li>✓ Reviewing now – anticipated to be complete mid-September</li> <li>✓ Total awarded &amp; approved – 190</li> <li>✓ Total funding approved - \$22.3M</li> <li>✓ Issued \$10.4M in awards for first batch of applicants – 70 applicants – 6,179 employees</li> <li>✓ Senate legislation</li> </ul>

# Breakdown of Hazard Pay Grant Program Applications Received (as of 8/27)

Covered Employer Type	Total Funding Requested	Total # of Applicants	Total # of Employees
Ambulance service or first responder service as defined in 24 V.S.A. §2651	\$1,075,600.00	47	649
Assisted living residence as defined in 33 V.S.A. §7102	\$2,140,800.00	23	1202
Dentist's office or a dental facility	\$142,000.00	17	87
Federally qualified health center, rural health clinic, or clinic for the uninsured	\$1,113,600.00	12	626
Health care facility as defined in 18 VS.A. §9432 or a physician's office	\$9,808,000.00	119	5,344
Home health agency as defined in 33 V.S.A. §6302	\$1,829,600.00	17	1,172
Homeless shelter	\$262,000.00	14	151
Morgue	\$7,200.00	1	4
Nursing home as defined in 33 V.S.A. §7102	\$6,315,600.00	37	3,395
Program licensed by the Department for Children and Families as a residential treatment program	\$670,800.00	8	365
Provider of necessities and services to vulnerable or disadvantaged populations	\$2,151,200.00	112	1,270
Residential care home as defined in 33 V.S.A. §7102	\$3,386,000.00	60	1,881
Therapeutic community residence as defined in 33 V.S.A. §7102	\$363,600.00	9	195
Therapy provider contracted by a nursing home or home health agency	\$35,600.00	3	21
Other (Includes ARIS Solutions, fiscal agent for the independent direct support providers and others)	\$4,576,400.00	9	2,975
Duplicated Total	\$33,878,000.00**	488**	17,490**
Unduplicated Total	\$29,460,400.00		

\*\*Applicants may select more than one Covered Employer type. For those applicants that selected more than one Covered Employer type, their data is included in multiple categories.

# Agency of Human Services – CRF Legislative Appropriations, cont.

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 136/Sec. 7	<p>\$275,000,000 to AHS for establishing the Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists out eligible providers</li> <li>• Requirement for outreach and notice to providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Developed a salesforce application</li> <li>✓ Application opened on 7/17</li> <li>✓ First round closed on 8/15</li> <li>✓ Second round – October 2020</li> <li>✓ Received 343 applications from eligible providers</li> <li>✓ 78% were new to AHS relief, 22% received prior relief</li> <li>✓ Broad array of providers types – 22.7% dentists – largest group</li> <li>✓ Reviewing applications now</li> <li>✓ Developed risk assessment methodology</li> <li>✓ Anticipate to start issuing awards within the next week</li> </ul>
Act 136/Sec. 15	<p>\$2,000,000 to AHS for distribution “among populations made vulnerable by COVID-19 public health emergency”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes those below 300% FPL, Reach Up, Older Vermonters, individuals with a disability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ DCF is lead on developing strategy for supports, working with DAIL</li> <li>✓ Likely a one-time stipends to Reach Up and AABD households</li> <li>✓ Questionnaire in process</li> </ul>
Act 136/Sec. 16	<p>\$700,000 to AHS for equal amounts to go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association of Africans Living in Vermont</li> <li>• US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants’ Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grants executed</li> <li>✓ Issued payments for July Expenditures</li> <li>✓ AALV - \$50,631</li> <li>✓ USCRI - \$21,761</li> </ul>

# Department of Corrections – CRF Legislative Appropriations

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 109/Sec. 36(8)	\$600,000 for changes in community supervision and programming	✓ Questionnaire in process
Act 120/Sec. A.49(10)	<p>\$2,500,000 – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$760,000 for temperature scanners, PPE, etc.</li> <li>• \$700,000 for technology upgrades due to COVID (WiFi in facilities, Community HS of Vermont)</li> <li>• \$363,000 to CJs</li> <li>• \$350,000 for rental housing and supporting program capacity</li> <li>• \$327,000 to Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence</li> </ul>	✓ Questionnaire in process

# Department for Children & Families – CRF Legislative Appropriations

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 120/Sec. A.49(13)	<p>\$1,400,000 to the Office of Economic Opportunity to grant to the Community Action Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be used for the Economic Micro Business Recovery Assistance for COVID-19 Epidemic (EMBRACE) to assist the most disadvantaged Vermont microbusiness owners impacted by closures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grant executed with BROCC Community Action – on behalf of 5 Community Action Agencies</li> <li>✓ BROCC will administer – micro-business applicants will apply thru BROCC</li> <li>✓ \$1M for grants, \$400K for counseling support</li> <li>✓ Rolling applications</li> <li>✓ First come, first served</li> <li>✓ \$2,500 to \$5,000 awards</li> </ul>
Act 136/Sec. 11	<p>\$4,700,000 for distribution to the Vermont Foodbank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of addressing food insecurity throughout Vermont, including purchasing more food and necessities (such as diapers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grant executed</li> <li>✓ VT Foodbank will grant funds to Network Partner Food shelves and meal sites, along with other partners</li> </ul>
Act 136/Sec. 14	<p>\$12,000,000 to DCF to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional restart grants to child care, summer camps, and afterschool programs</li> <li>• Support to PCCs for costs incurred</li> <li>• CIS telehealth training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Application process commenced on 8/7</li> <li>✓ Submitted via webforms &amp; paper</li> <li>✓ Application process closed on 8/26</li> <li>✓ Plan to issue notice of decisions by 9/11</li> <li>✓ Estimated to underspend</li> <li>✓ Proposal to use the underspend for workforce stabilization program – S.352</li> </ul>
Act 137/Sec. 12	<p>\$16,000,000 to DCF for programs and services that support safe, stabilizing housing opportunities for those experiencing homelessness as a result of COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Program underway</li> <li>✓ Motel vouchers as bridge</li> <li>✓ Expand VT rental subsidy</li> <li>✓ Expanded essential services to rehouse</li> </ul>

## Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living – CRF Legislative Appropriations

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 120/Sec. A.49(14)	\$100,000 to be granted to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For technology training program for older Vermonters</li> </ul>	✓ Grant executed
Act 120/Sec. A.49(15)	\$2,450,000 – Adult Day Providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First distribution of funds shall be distributed by July 20, 2020 to each program</li> </ul>	✓ Grant executed ✓ Payments issued

## Department of Mental Health – CRF Legislative Appropriations

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 136/Sec. 9	Intent language for DMH to utilize funds for suicide prevention initiatives to the greatest extent possible if they do not receive the SAMHSA grant	✓ July 29 <sup>th</sup> JFC approved \$500K of CRF.
Act 136/Sec. 10	\$200,000 for purposes of granting to Pathways to operate its peer warm line 24 hours/day until Dec. 30, 2020	✓ Grant routing for execution

## Department of Health – CRF Legislative Appropriations

Act/Section	Dollar Amount/Description	Status
Act 136/Sec. 8	<p>\$500,000 for Addressing COVID-19 Related Health Disparities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDH must provide monies to community organizations to assist in meeting essential needs for food, shelter, health care, and emotional support – items not covered by the ELC grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VDH established Health Equity and Community Engagement Team to consider needs of vulnerable Vermonters</li> <li>✓ VDH has issued awards to a variety of providers</li> <li>✓ <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/COVID-Health-Disparities-Report_082020.pdf">https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/COVID-Health-Disparities-Report_082020.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Act 137/Sec. 17	<p>\$800,000 to go directly to the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose is to support equitable access to telehealth services by providing outreach and educational opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VDH is working to execute grant</li> </ul>