

Federal COVID-19 Response Update:
Fiscal Assistance for Vermont (known to date)
Specific to Health & Human Services
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The following is working document of what we know to date regarding federal fiscal assistance to Vermont in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, it is estimated that Vermont will receive approximately \$1.4B in assistance for a variety of issues. The following is specific to health and human Services related supports.

COVID 1 (P.L. 116-123): THE CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT (\$8 billion)

The bill includes:

- \$605 million nationally for state and local jurisdictions to support COVID-19 response efforts.
- **Vermont Impact:**
 - CDC Grant = **\$4.9 million**
 - Note: CARES ACT (COVID 3) appropriates another \$5.4M (listed below)
 - Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals = **\$1.2M**
 - Note: CARES ACT (COVID 3) appropriates another \$2.4M (listed below)
 - HRSA Community Health Centers = **\$683,000**
 - Note: CARES ACT (COVID 3) appropriates another \$9M (listed below)

COVID 2 (P.L. 116-127): THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

The bill includes:

Enhance FMAP = \$38 million (AHS estimate)

- Estimate for January – June 2020
- Provides a temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) of 6.2% from January 1, 2020 through the last day of the calendar quarter in which the public health emergency was in effect.
 - Includes Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) expenditures
 - Does not include the ACA enhanced match for the newly eligible adults.
- CHIP will also see an increase in FMAP (4.34%).

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants, and Children = \$938,000

COVID 3 (P.L. 116-136): THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT (\$2 trillion)

The bill includes:

Treasury Department

Coronavirus Relief Fund = \$1.25 billion

- \$150B nationally for COVID-19 response efforts to states, tribal governments, and local governments with populations of 500,000 or more.
 - Small state minimum of \$1.25B (The amount Vermont will receive)

- Payments to be made within 30 days of enactment
- Must be used for NEW government spending in response to COVID-19 – defined as spending that was not approved by the government recipient as of the bill’s enactment
 - For spending incurred between 3/1/20 and 12/30/20
- Cannot be used for abortion (Hyde Amendment applies)

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

State and Local preparedness Grants = \$5.4 million

- NOTE: This is in addition to the COVID 1 bill which provided \$4.9 million (listed above)

HRSA

Community Health Centers = \$9 million

- NOTE: This is in addition to the COVID 1 bill which provided \$683,000 (listed above)

HHS – Administration for Children and Families

Child Care and Development Block Grant = \$4.3 million

- To help childcare providers, and to provide childcare assistance for essential workers through the Child Care and Development Block Grant

Community Services Block Grant = \$5.1 million

- To help community organizations providing social services and emergency assistance through the Community Services Block Grant

LIHEAP =\$4.1 million

- To help low income household’s health and cool their homes through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Family Violence Prevention = \$193,000

Child Welfare Services = \$86,000

Head Start = \$1.2 million

HHS – Administration for Community Living

Supportive Services = \$1 million

Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals = \$2.4M

- Note: This is in addition to COVID 1 which provided \$1.2 (listed above)

Family Care Givers = \$500,000

Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans = \$100,000

Centers for Independent Living = \$972,000

USDA

Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Commodities = \$903,000

TEFAP Administration = \$376,000

Homeland Security

Emergency Performance Management Grant = \$863,000

- To provide for the immediate needs of local and state governments and support entities performing essential services to protect citizens through FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund

Emergency Food and Shelter Program = \$383,000

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Community Develop Block Grant = \$4.7 million

- \$4.2M for the state
- \$450,000 for Burlington
- For the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services.

Housing Assistance Grants = \$4.6 million

- To support those who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness through Emergency Solution Grants as well as providing eviction prevention assistance

Public Housing Operating = \$557,000

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance = \$2.3 million

Note: The bills also provide funds for other non-health and human service issues such as unemployment insurance, election security, educations and transportation issues, and other economic issues, which are not captured in this document.