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:
    o CDC Grant = $4.9 million
      ▪ Note: CARES ACT (COVID 3) appropriates another $5.4M (listed below)
    o Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals = $1.2M
      ▪ Note: CARES ACT (COVID 3) appropriates another $2.4M (listed below)
    o 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.
    o Includes Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) expenditures
    o 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.
    o 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, education and transportation issues, and other economic issues, which are not captured in this document.*