

Federal COVID-19 Response Update:
Fiscal Assistance for Vermont (known to date)
Specific to Health & Human Services
Senate Health & Welfare
JFO DRAFT Update 3/31/20

The following is working document of what we know to date regarding federal fiscal assistance to Vermont in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. *This list is not yet exhaustive.*

COVID 1: THE CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT (\$8 billion)

The bill includes:

- \$605 million to state and local jurisdictions to support COVID-19 response efforts.
- **Vermont Impact: \$4.9 million**

COVID 2: THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

The bill includes:

Enhance FMAP

- 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%).
- **Vermont Estimated Impact: \$38 million (for January – June 2020).**

COVID 3: THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT (\$2 trillion)

The bill includes:

Coronavirus Relief Fund

- \$150B 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)
- **Vermont Impact: \$1.25 billion**

State and Local preparedness

- \$1.5B for state and local preparedness and response activities through the CDC (in addition to \$1B already appropriated)
- **Vermont impact: \$5.4 million**

Emergency Preparedness Grants

- \$45B 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
- **Vermont impact: \$862,000**

Community Develop Block Grant

- \$2B for the expansion of community health facilities, child care centers, food banks, and senior services.
- **Vermont Impact: \$4.7 million (\$450K for Burlington)**

Community Services Block Grant

- \$1B to help community organizations providing social services and emergency assistance through the Community Services Block Grant
- **Vermont Impact: \$5 million**

Child Care and Development Block Grant

- To help child care providers, and to provide childcare assistance for essential workers through the Child Care and Development Block Grant
- **Vermont Impact: \$4.3 million**

Housing Assistance Grants

- \$2B to support those who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness through Emergency Solution Grants as well as providing eviction prevention assistance
- **Vermont Impact: \$4.6 million**

LIHEAP

- \$900 million to help low income household's health and cool their homes through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- **Vermont Impact: \$4.1 million**

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