

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	
TOTAL		138,454,107	90,992,080	
		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
TOTAL		361,684,437	-	
TOTAL CRF APPROPRIATED TO AHS		500,138,544		

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"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grant Executed ✓ Invoice & Financial Report anticipated by September 10th
Act 137/Sec. 11	<p>\$550,000 direct to Legal Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide legal and counseling services for those who are, or at risk of, experiencing homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grant Executed ✓ Invoice & Financial Report anticipated by September 10th
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"> • \$400,000 for training (shall be transferred to VDH for disbursement) • \$500,000 for paramedic training (shall be transferred to VDH for disbursement) • \$100,000 for AHS in coordination with DFR to hire a consultant to assist Vermont EMS with applications • \$2,000,000 for EFR and provider stabilization grants 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transferred \$900k to VDH for disbursement ✓ VDH initiated application processes ✓ <u>Paramedic:</u> ✓ Received 26 complete applications to date ✓ Dispersal of 28 awards will utilize 100% of funds ✓ <u>EMT & AEMT:</u> ✓ Received 35 complete applications to date ✓ Issue – decreased # of licensure courses available due to COVID-19 <p>Stabilization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Engaged DFR re contractor ✓ Executed contract
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"> • Prescriptive language about who is eligible and how much they can receive through this program • Providers eligible cross many of AHS' providers • Requirement for promoting eligibility of the grant • First come, first served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developed a salesforce application ✓ Application opened on 8/4 ✓ As of 8/14, received 460 applications ✓ Requests over \$30M, all may not be eligible or complete ✓ Reviewing now – anticipated to be complete mid-September ✓ Anticipate to start issuing awards within the next two weeks

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"> • Lists out eligible providers • Requirement for outreach and notice to providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developed a salesforce application ✓ Application opened on 7/17 ✓ First round closed on 8/15 ✓ Second round – October 2020 ✓ Received 343 applications from eligible providers ✓ 78% were new to AHS relief, 22% received prior relief ✓ Broad array of providers types – 22.7% dentists – largest group ✓ Reviewing applications now ✓ Anticipate to start issuing awards within the next two weeks
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"> • Includes those below 300% FPL, Reach Up, Older Vermonters, individuals with a disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DCF is lead on developing strategy for supports ✓ One-time stipends to Reach Up households ✓ Questionnaire in process
Act 136/Sec. 16	<p>\$700,000 to AHS for equal amounts to go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Africans Living in Vermont • US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants’ Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grants executed ✓ Invoices for July expenditures in process

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"> • \$760,000 for temperature scanners, PPE, etc. • \$700,000 for technology upgrades due to COVID (WiFi in facilities, Community HS of Vermont) • \$363,000 to CJs • \$350,000 for rental housing and supporting program capacity • \$327,000 to Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence 	✓ 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"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grant executed with BROC Community Action – on behalf of 5 Community Action Agencies ✓ BROC will administer – micro-business applicants will apply thru BROC ✓ \$1M for grants, \$400K for counseling support ✓ Rolling applications ✓ First come, first served ✓ \$2,500 to \$5,000 awards
Act 136/Sec. 11	<p>\$4,700,000 for distribution to the Vermont Foodbank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of addressing food insecurity throughout Vermont, including purchasing more food and necessities (such as diapers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grant executed ✓ VT Foodbank will grant funds to Network Partner Food shelves and meal sites, along with other partners
Act 136/Sec. 14	<p>\$12,000,000 to DCF to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional restart grants to child care, summer camps, and afterschool programs • Support to PCCs for costs incurred • CIS telehealth training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Application process commenced on 8/7 ✓ Submitted via webforms & paper ✓ Application process closed on 8/26 ✓ Plan to issue notice of decisions by 9/11
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"> ✓ Program underway ✓ Motel vouchers as bridge ✓ Expand VT rental subsidy ✓ Expanded essential services to rehouse

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"> • For technology training program for older Vermonters 	✓ Grant executed
Act 120/Sec. A.49(15)	\$2,450,000 – Adult Day Providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First distribution of funds shall be distributed by July 20, 2020 to each program 	✓ 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 th 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"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ VDH established Health Equity and Community Engagement Team to consider needs of vulnerable Vermonters ✓ VDH has issued awards to a variety of providers ✓ https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/COVID-Health-Disparities-Report_082020.pdf
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"> • Purpose is to support equitable access to telehealth services by providing outreach and educational opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ VDH is working to execute grant