

Fwd: AML Update - CARES Act Funding by Department

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ANALYSIS OF CARES ACT

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U.S. Treasury:

- 1) **500 billion** in loans, loan guarantees and *other investments* for critical businesses (i.e. airlines, air cargo companies, companies of national security significance), general businesses and state and local governments (*i.e. Federal Reserve assistance with municipal bond market*)
- 2) **\$150 billion state stabilization fund**, including direct aid for states, tribes, territories and units of local government above 500,000 population. Other local

governments are eligible through their state allotment. We expect more clarity on this program from U.S. Treasury this week.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

1) **Rural Development** – [Rural Development COVID-19 Landing Page](#)

- **Rural Business Cooperative Service: an additional \$20.5 million for the Rural Business Program Account** to support loans for rural business development programs
- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine**
 - **The bill provides \$25 million for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program**, which helps to provide broadband services in rural communities to support critical health, workforce development and educational services
 - [USDA announced a second application window for regular FY20 cycle, plus will be announcing the process for the \\$25 million in CARES Act funding](#)
- **ReConnect Broadband**
 - **The bill includes \$100 million in grants for the ReConnect pilot program** to provide broadband services to rural areas with more than 90 percent of households lacking broadband speeds of 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream
 - [USDA extends application deadline to April 15](#) for regular FY20 program

2) **Food and Nutrition Service--** [Food and Nutrition Service Response to COVID-19 Landing Page](#) | [FNS Regional Office Contacts](#)

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**
 - **SNAP is county-administered in 10 states, serving 31% of the national caseload**
 - **\$15.5 billion** in SNAP contingency reserve fund under CARES Act for the Secretary of Agriculture to allocate as deemed necessary to support costs should participation exceed budget estimates
 - States can apply for waivers to increase benefits to the maximum allowable allotment, extend recertification periods, suspend certain quality control requirements, and increase/initiate SNAP benefits for households with children on free and reduced-price meals whose schools have closed. [List of Current State-by-State SNAP Waivers](#)

3) **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

- **\$500 billion** increase for WIC under [Families First Coronavirus Response Act \(P.L. 116-127\)](#)
- States can apply for waivers to substitute components of WIC food packages

and suspend physical presence requirements for enrollment, among other administrative requirements. [WIC State by State COVID-19 Waivers](#)

- While state agencies administer WIC funding, the program is supported and/or operated by 1,900 local agencies, such as county health departments, at various clinic sites

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- 1) **\$1.5 billion in grants for economic adjustment assistance** for development of public facilities, public services, business development (including funding for revolving loan funds to provide supplemental business lending), planning, technical assistance, training and any other assistance to alleviate long-term economic deterioration and sudden and severe economic dislocation. *Under current law, the agency may waive or reduce local cost share requirements for distressed areas and those suffering from severe economic dislocation.*
- 2) **Competitive grants** are typically awarded through [EDA's six regional offices](#).

Election Assistance Commission

- 1) **\$400 million for states** to assist with vote by mail, expand early voting, online registration, safety of in-person voting and other needs. Under this provision, states are required to provide a 20 percent match. *The law is silent on the issue of sub-allocation of state funds to counties. We believe this is only for federal elections.*
- 2) Each state shall provide the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), **within 20 days of each election in the 2020 Federal election cycle**, a report that includes a full accounting of the state's use of the payment and an explanation of how such uses allowed the state to prevent, prepare or and respond to COVID-19. The EAC is required to make payments to states by April 27, 2020. Any portion of the state's COVID-19 election funds that are not used by December 31, 2020 will be returned to the U.S. Treasury.
- 3) [EAC Guidance on Use of HAVA Funds for Expenses Related to COVID-19](#)
- 4) [EAC's COVID-19 Resource Site](#)

Department of Energy (DOE):

- 1) [Weatherization Assistance Questions Related to COVID-19](#)
- 2) [DOE's COVID-19 Resource Site](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- 1) [List of disinfectants for use against COVID-19](#)

- 2) [EPA's COVID-19 Resource Site](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

1) FEMA had an allocation, based on the President's national emergency declaration, of nearly \$43 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund. CARES Act **adds another \$45 billion**, with \$25 billion for assistance with major disaster declarations and \$15 billion for other disaster assistance

2) **For FEMA's Disaster Relief Funds, *all counties are now eligible to apply*** for the 75% federal cost share for eligible activities under the [Public Assistance Program, Category B](#)

- To apply, enroll online at <https://grantee.fema.gov/EventOpenRequestPeriod>
- [FEMA Guidelines for Emergency Medical Care](#)

3) **Counties in states with a [major disaster declaration](#)** from FEMA may be eligible for extra aid

- FEMA disaster declarations listing - <https://www.fema.gov/disasters>

4) [Emergency Food and Shelter Program](#): **\$200 million** based on formula allocation

5) [Assistance to Firefighter Grants](#): **\$100 million** in competitive grants, especially PPE

6) [Emergency Preparedness Performance Grants \(EMPG\)](#): **\$100 million** through state applications with local governments as eligible sub-grantee recipients.

7) [FEMA Memo on Short Term Administrative Relief for Recipients and Subrecipients of FEMA Assistance Directly Impacted by COVID-19 Due to Loss of Operations](#)

Health and Human Services (HHS)

1) **Center for Disease Control (CDC): A total of \$2.5 billion in grants for states, localities and tribes in [grants and cooperative agreements](#)**

- H.R. 6074 allocated \$1 billion
- H.R. 748 allocated another \$1.45 billion
- Funds will be used to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications and other preparedness and response activities

2) [SAMSHA](#): **A total of \$400 Million in [new grant funding](#)**

- \$250 million for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinical Expansion

Grant Program

- [\\$100 million for emergency response activities](#)
- \$50 million for suicide prevention programs

3) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- **Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rates** for Medicaid programs
 - [Medicaid FMAP FAQs – KEY FOR COUNTIES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE NON-FED SHARE](#)
 - **Additional flexibility for program administration due to Section 1135 waivers** activated by the President’s national emergency declaration
 - [Medicaid & CHIP disaster preparedness toolkits](#)
 - [Section 1135 Waivers- Guidance at a Glance](#)
- **Increased Flexibilities for telehealth and telemedicine coverage**
 - [Toolkit for Long-Term Care Nursing Homes with Telehealth and Telemedicine](#)
- **Medicaid DSH:** Eliminates \$4 billion in Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) cuts in FY 2020 and reduces FY21 cuts to \$4 billion from \$8 billion

4) Administration for Children and Families - [ACF COVID-19 Response and Resources](#)

- **Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)**
 - **\$3.5 billion for CCDBG** under the CARES Act to support child care for essential workers and help federally-funded child care providers deploy [allowable emergency flexibilities](#)
 - CCDBG is state-operated and **county-administered in 12 states**
- **Head Start – [Head Start/Early Head Start Coronavirus Prevention and Response](#)**
 - **\$750 million** for grants to all Head Start programs to help in response to coronavirus-related needs of children and families, including making up for lost learning time
 - Head Start grants are distributed directly from HHS to local grantees, including county governments that manage local Head Start programs
- **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**
 - **\$1 billion** for CSBG for local entities to meet increased demand for anti-poverty services
 - The CARES Act also **expands income-eligibility requirements** for CSBG programs from 125 percent to **200 percent of the federal poverty line**
 - States must distribute 90 percent of CSBG funding as grants to local entities including local governments and Community Action Agencies (CAAs) -- [CSBG State Officials and Program Contacts](#)

- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**
 - **\$900 million** with 25% allocated on “old” formula and 75% based on a “new” formula
 - LIHEAP funding is distributed to states, with **13 states sub-allocating funding to counties for program administration**. In 30 states, Community Action Agencies are the pass-through entities
- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**
 - TANF program receives another short-term extension until November 30, 2020
 - [Questions and Answers about TANF and the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - **TANF is county-administered in 10 states**, serving more than 50% of the national caseload

5) Administration for Community Living (ACL) - [ACL COVID-19 Resources](#)

- **\$820 million for programs under the Older Americans Act (OAA)** which fund local Area Agencies on Aging. This includes \$480 million for Congregate Nutrition Services and Home-Delivered Nutrition Services, under the CARES Act
- **\$80 million for Congregate Nutrition Services and \$160 million for Home-Delivered Nutrition Services** under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
 - [State by State Allocation of Increased Older Americans Act under FFCRA](#)
 - [FFCRA Frequently Asked Questions for Older Americans Act Programs](#)

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

1) Community Development Block Grant: Total of \$5 billion in new funding

- [\\$2 billion in formula funding](#) for states and entitlement communities (i.e. larger cities & counties) based on FY 2020 formula within 30 days of enactment; *Non-entitlement local governments may apply for CDBG assistance under the state administered program* ([Spreadsheet for specific funding amounts by city, county and state](#))
- **\$1 billion in additional funding for states** for COVID-19 activities, including within entitlement and non-entitlement communities, *based on public health needs, risk of transmission, number of coronavirus cases compared to the nation average, economic and housing market disruption, and other factors* determined by the Secretary. Funds shall be awarded within 45 days of enactment. ***If interested in these funds, counties should contact their state CDBG program office***
- **\$2 billion awarded by HUD Secretary** to states and units of general local government, according to a *formula prioritizing risk of transmission, number of coronavirus cases compared to the national average, and economic and housing market disruptions* due to COVID-19

2) **Several important waivers** for eligible use, public services activities, public hearings and others

- [HUD FAQ: Using CDBG Funds for Staff Costs and Unused/Partially Utilized Space](#)
- [HUD Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response](#)
- [HUD Memo on Temporary Moratorium on all Evictions and Foreclosures](#)
- [HUD Issues New CARES Act Mortgage Payment Relief for FHA Single Family Homeowners](#)
- [HUD Releases \\$3 billion COVID-19 Relief Funding Available to Communities](#)

3) **Public Housing Operating Fund**

- **\$685 million distributed to public housing agencies** with expanded eligibility to support the health and safety of assisted individuals and families and to support education and child care of impacted families
- [FAQs for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher and Native American Programs](#)

4) **Homeless Assistance Grants: Total \$4 billion in new funding**

- **\$2 billion in formula funding** to current grantees, distributed within 30 days of enactment
- **\$2 billion awarded by HUD Secretary** to states and units of general local government, according to a formula prioritizing the increased number of homeless persons, sheltered and unsheltered due to COVID-19
- [HUD Search Tool for Homeless Assistance](#)
- [HUD Actions and Resource Guides for Homelessness](#)

5) [Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS \(HOWPA\)](#) received an extra **\$65 million** with \$50 million for formula funding and \$10 million for one-time, non-renewable awards to grantees with additional flexibility – [view funding formula spreadsheet](#)

6) **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**

- **\$1.25 billion in additional funding for rental assistance**, which serves as a critical resource for counties in providing affordable housing options for residents in need.

7) **Project-Based Rental Assistance**

- **\$1 billion in additional funding for program**, which serves as a vital resource for counties in creating affordable housing options that meet local needs

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

1) [On March, 30, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai proposed plans to leverage \\$200 million](#) –

provided by the CARES Act package – to help create two different programs aimed at supporting infrastructure and equipment procurement to bolster telehealth services:

- **[COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#)**: Provide eligible health care providers support to purchase telecommunications services, information services and devices necessary to enable the provision of telehealth services during this emergency period
 - **[FCC additional relief for rural health care program participants](#)**
- **[Connected Care Pilot Program](#)**
 - **This pilot program would make available up to \$100 million of universal service support** over three years to help defray eligible health care providers’ costs of providing telehealth services to patients at their homes or mobile locations, with an emphasis on providing those services to low-income Americans and veterans. The Connected Care Pilot Program would cover up to 85 percent of eligible expenses

Justice Department, Bureau of Justice Assistance - Byrne JAG Grants

- **\$850 million** for “formula” grantees and other eligible entities including counties
- **No local match** is required for CARES Act funding for Byrne JAG grants. Grant conditions include limitation on administrative cost reimbursement at a maximum of 10 percent
- **[View BOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance FY2020 Formula Grant Solicitation for COVID-19 Funds](#)**

Labor Department

1) **\$345 million Increase for Dislocated Workers National Reserve** for dislocated workers to remain available through September 30, 2022 to prepare for and respond to layoffs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic https://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

Transportation Department

1) Essential Air Service

- **\$56 million for EAS** in additional FY 2020 appropriations to remain available until expended to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” This funding is intended to offset the decrease in overflight fees collected as a result in a drop of passenger traffic due to COVID-19. EAS payments are made directly to air carriers to maintain existing air service to rural and small communities following the deregulation of the airline industry by Congress
- \$162 million (regular FY 2020 discretionary appropriations) + \$150.5 million (FY 2020 overflight fees) + \$56 million (FY 2020 supplemental appropriations) = \$368.5 million FY 2020

2) FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

- **\$10 billion total** using five different funding formulas, *including eligible county-owned and county-supported airports*, as 100% federal share money (except

\$500 million used to increase federal match on current program*). *Money is available "for any purpose for which airport revenues may lawfully be used."**

- § **\$3.7 billion** apportioned by CY 2018 enplanements
- § **\$3.7 billion** apportioned by FY 2018 debt service levels
- § **\$2 billion** apportioned by regular AIP formula
- § **\$500 million** distributed as an increase to FY 2020 federal aid as 100% federal share*
- § **\$100 million** apportioned to general aviation airports

3) **FTA Transit including formula and operations, plus may be up to 100% federal share**

- **\$25 billion for public transit formula including operating and capital grants** to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. The CARES Act provides almost three times (280 percent) more than the annual funding for these formula programs, according to the American Public Transportation Association:
 - Urban Formula: \$13.79 billion
 - Rural Formula: \$2.0 billion
 - State of Good Repair Formula: \$7.51 billion
 - Growing States and High-Density States Formula: \$1.71 billion
- **Federal share is 100 percent**, at the option of the recipient
- **CARES Act funds may be used for operating expenses** beginning on January 20, including to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency
- Eligible use also includes the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and **paying administrative leave of operations personnel due to reduction in service**
- Operating expenses are **NOT** required to be part of the statewide or metropolitan transportation improvement programs or long-range transportation plans that are typically required
- **FTA is prohibited** from waiving prevailing wage and transit labor standards
- **FTA must apportion funds** within 7 days of enactment. [Link to apportionment tables](#)

National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities

1) [NEA funded at \\$75 million](#), with 40 percent reserved for state arts agencies and regional arts organizations and 60 percent for competitive grants. Funding may be used for general operations, which is typically limited under NEA's regular grant programs. NEA may also waive match rates.

- [The Arts and Culture in Disaster Relief – article from 2019](#)

2) **NEH funded at \$75 million**, with 40 percent for state humanities councils and 60 percent for competitive, direct grants. NEH funds may be used for general operations and match rates may also be waived, similar to NEA.

Analysis of FY21 Final Budgets

AML Letter to Congressional Delegation

New News

FEMA - [Community-Based Testing Sites Transition](#)

USDA - [The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource](#) - A one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals.

Community/Workforce Protective Plans

- [Guidance for Developing & Submitting Protective Plans](#)
- [AK DMVA & DHSEM Critical Infrastructure Community/Workforce Protective Plans Webpage.](#)

AML Resources:

- [AML Coronavirus Webpage](#) - Resources for Cities and Boroughs
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - Common questions and answers regarding COVID-19 and municipal government.
- [Personnel Policy Considerations](#)
 - [Families First ACT](#)

Other Informational Links

- [State of Alaska](#)
- [FEMA](#)
- [NACo - National Association of Counties](#)
- [NLC - National League of Cities](#)
- [ICMA - Covid-19 Resource](#)
- [WHO - World Health Organization Website](#)
- [CDC - Centers for Disease Website](#)



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