



## FEDERAL STIMULUS FOR CONNECTICUT

The Office of Fiscal Analysis continues to examine the federal response to the current pandemic. The information in the document outlines the estimated grants for Connecticut that have been identified in the Federal Funds Information for States (FFIS) Budget Brief 20-13 as well as other sources of federal information. Additionally, we have included information relevant to states on other provisions of federal legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note some of this information is preliminary, and for many aspects still contingent on further federal guidance. OFA will continue to work with the various state agencies tasked with implementing these programs and will provide additional information as available. This document was last revised on 10/16/20.

### TREASURY

#### **Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)** *(Updated 8/26/20)*

Provides \$150 billion fund to states, territories, local and tribal governments to use for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency, COVID-19. Funds can be used for costs that: are necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19, were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section, and were incurred during the period from March 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020. It does not appear that these funds can currently be used to offset revenue loss related to the economic turndown.

**Agency:** Various

**Intended Population:** Statewide

**Eligibility:** not applicable

**Distribution Date:** The Department of the Treasury must make payments no later than 30 days after enactment.

**Amount:** \$1.4 billion; Current major allocations include:

- \$159.3 million to support schools, teachers, and students. These funds will support reopening (\$130.8 million), devices and connectivity (\$22 million), public WiFi hotspots (\$4.5 million), and social and emotional learning (\$2 million).
- \$66.9 million to support grants to nursing homes, including funds for temporary increases (April through June), COVID Recovery Facilities, and reporting and rate review. An additional \$56.8 million is available to support hardship grants for nursing homes experiencing extraordinary costs above those mitigated by CRF grants and Medicaid rate increases.
- \$50 million to support increased grant funds for providers including home health, behavioral health, substance abuse, waiver service, Community First Choice, chronic disease hospitals, and Connecticut Children's Medical Center.



- \$32.4 million to support COVID testing and outreach for high risk populations
- \$150 million to support COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing – Funding of \$60 million in FY 20 and \$90 million in FY 21 from the CRF is being provided to the Office of the State Comptroller to support COVID-19 and contact tracing efforts.

## EDUCATION

### **Education Stabilization Fund-Rethink K-12 Education Models Grants** *(Updated 8/14/20)*

**Eligibility:** State educational agencies (SEAs) that applied and were selected for a competitive grant-funded project in one of three specified strategies to facilitate remote learning.

Connecticut did not apply for a grant. The CARES Act allocated one percent of Education Stabilization Fund monies for grants to states with the highest coronavirus burden, and this grant was one of two ways in which the department chose to implement that provision.

**Distribution Date:** The U.S. education department announced awards in late July 2020.

**Available Funds:** Eleven states each received between \$6.9 million and \$20 million, with awards totaling \$180.7 million. Connecticut did not apply, as noted above.

### **Education Stabilization Fund-Reimagining Workforce Preparation Grants** *(Updated 5/04/20)*

**Eligibility:** State entities will be able to apply for a competitive grant-funded project for the development of new short-term educational opportunities and career pathways programs to aid in return to work, including small businesses and entrepreneurs. The application is not yet available. The CARES Act allocated one percent of Education Stabilization Fund monies for grants to states with the highest coronavirus burden (not defined in the law) and this is one of two ways in which the department is choosing to implement that provision.

**Distribution Date:** N/A

**Estimated Available Funds:** The department anticipates awarding 8-9 grants of \$5-20 million each (averaging \$15 million), using \$127.5 million in available funds.

### **Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund** *(Updated 8/14/20)*

**Eligibility:** The Governor of each state determines how to use funds. **Distribution Date:**

Connecticut submitted an award application and has received its funds.

**Amount:** \$27.9 million. Gov. Lamont has announced the following allocation plan for the funds:

- \$15 million to the State Department of Education for devices (\$5 million) and connectivity (\$10 million) for families and teachers to facilitate remote learning, focusing funding to lower-income areas with higher needs;
- \$6.9 million to the Office of Higher Education for student need-based scholarships, to be distributed using the same methods as the need-based Roberta Willis Scholarship Program funds;



- \$4 million to the Office of Early Childhood to provide for high-quality remote early childhood learning opportunities to families who otherwise lack access; and
- \$2 million to the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system (\$1 million to each constituent unit) for equipment and infrastructure upgrades to facilitate remote learning, and/or to cover revenue losses due to COVID-19.

## **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund** *(Updated 7/1/20)*

**Eligibility:** State is to allocate at least 90% of funding to local education agencies (LEAs), including charter schools, in proportion to the amount of funds that the LEAs and charters received under part A of Title I in the most recent FFY (i.e., funds are targeted to higher-poverty schools and charters). Recipients may use funds for a wide range of activities and purposes. The state may reserve up to 0.5% of the total funds for administrative costs, and the remaining funds are for grants/contracts by the state education agency to meet emergency needs as it determines, to address issues responding to the coronavirus.

**Distribution Date:** The Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE) has received the funds for this grant.

**Amount:** The total Connecticut allocation is \$111 million; the state level reserve is \$11 million with \$99 million available for district level allocation. Districts are able to apply for funds through SDE.

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund** *(Updated 10/14/20)*

**Agency:** Constituent units (UConn, CSCU institutions except for Charter Oak State College)

**Intended population:** Institutions of higher education and their students

**Eligibility:** Each institution of higher education (except those providing solely online-only instruction, prior to the coronavirus) receives a portion of 90% of this fund's monies (\$12.6 billion), apportioned: (1) 75% according to the institution's share of full-time equivalent (FTE) Pell recipients, and (2) 25% according to the institution's share of FTE students who do not receive Pell grants (i.e., funding is targeted to institutions with higher low-income FTE enrollment). Institutions must use at least 50% of these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. The remainder (i.e., institutional funds) must be used "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus," including to cover significant changes to instructional delivery, which the U.S. Department of Education has determined may include an institution reimbursing itself for refunds made to students (e.g., room and board).



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A second portion of the fund, 7.5%, is designated for additional awards to recipients of certain programmatic higher education funding (e.g., support to HBCUs). A third portion (2.5%) is distributed by the Education secretary to bring institutions' total fund allocation to at least \$500,000 (\$320.6 million) and to give additional funding to institutions with the greatest COVID-19 need through a competitive grant program (approximately \$28 million). The competitive grant program has been named the Institutional Resilience and Expanded Postsecondary Opportunity Grants. The program will give preference to institutions that will use the funds to develop "resilient" instructional delivery such as online learning, create or expand dual enrollment opportunities for high school students in rural areas or Opportunity Zones, and/or involve institutions that receive funds under Titles III or V (e.g., Minority Serving Institutions). The education department anticipates awarding 19 grants of \$1 million to \$3 million.

**Distribution Date:** Institutions of higher education may submit the Certificates of Funding and Agreement in order to receive the funds for which they are eligible within the \$12.6 billion portions of the Fund. Institutions must first enter into an agreement to distribute the student emergency grants, before submitting the certification for the institutional funds. Institutions eligible for the second and third portions of the fund must submit a certification by August 1, 2020 and funds will be distributed after the certification is received. Applications are due October 20 for the competitive grant program.

**Amount:** Within the \$12.6 billion portion of the fund, \$141.3 million to both public and private institutions in the state, at least half of which must be distributed as emergency grants to students. Allocation amounts to the constituent units, which include the student grant funds, have been released by the U.S. Department of Education: \$28.5 million to the community colleges, \$26.1 million to the Connecticut State Universities (CSU), and \$21.5 million to UConn. (Yale University has chosen to forego its formula allocation of approximately \$6.9 million.) The constituent units have announced that approximate per-student grants to students will be: (1) \$350 to all community college students who had enrolled in a for-credit spring semester class (except those who had tuition waived as an employee or dependent), (2) \$400 to \$600 at the CSUs, and (3) \$500 to \$1,000 at UConn, to approximately 12,500 students selected based on need. The grants are limited to students who had filed or will file a federal financial aid application, per current federal guidance. Within the second portion of the fund, \$2.5 million to both public and private institutions in the state, including approximately \$1.1 million in total to five community colleges, \$863,000 in total to two CSU institutions, and \$160,000 to UConn. Within the third portion of the fund to date, approximately \$2.3 million to five institutions in the state.

**Additional information:** <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### **Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)** *(Updated 7/27/20)*

The CCDBG provides funding for the Care4Kids program through subsidized childcare, professional development, and technology supports.

**Agency:** Office of Early Childhood

**Intended Population:** Low-income families

**Eligibility:** May be used to providing continued payments and assistance to child care providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures related to coronavirus, and to assure they are able to remain open or reopen as appropriate and applicable; encourage requirements to ensure that child care providers use a portion of funds received to continue to pay the salaries and wages of staff; provide child care to essential workers without regard to income eligibility.

**Distribution Date:** Funds may be obligated through FY 22. Through mid-July, OEC has used funds to support CTCARES for Child Care (\$5.8 million), Frontline Workers (\$2.2 million), and plans to use \$10.5 million in FY 21 to support CTCARES for Child Care Businesses.

**Amount:** \$23.5 million

### **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** *(Updated 5/13/20)*

The CSBG provides grants to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to help address the causes of poverty, coordinate governmental and non-governmental programs, and provide emergency services to low-income individuals and families.

**Agency:** Department of Social Services

**Intended Population:** Low-income individuals via CAAs

**Eligibility:** Funds will be distributed to states (and then to CAAs). Federal guidance allows for an increase in the client eligibility threshold to 200% of the poverty level (\$25,520 annual income from the current max of 125% or \$15,950 annually) during FY 20 and 21.

**Distribution Date:** Final federal award amounts are forthcoming. By September 1, 2020, states and tribes will be required to submit a CSBG plan amendment with information specific to CARES Act funding. This amendment will include the amounts allocated to each eligible entity, income eligibility levels, a plan for state training and technical assistance and discretionary uses of CSBG, and a detailed monitoring plan.

**Amount:** \$12 million estimated

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** *(Updated 5/13/20)*

Funds support the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) through benefit payments to offset home energy costs.

**Agency:** Department of Social Services

**Intended Population:** Households whose income falls at or below 60% of the state median income (SMI, \$67,530 for a family of four)





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**Eligibility:** Grantees may use these funds for any purpose normally authorized under the federal LIHEAP statute, including heating, cooling, crisis, weatherization assistance, case management for the reduction of home energy burden, and administrative costs. Any amount of these funds can be carried forward (no cap) for obligation by 9/30/21. The other earmarked caps (such as administrative, Assurance 16) will consider this supplemental funding. For client eligibility purposes, economic impact payments will not count as income.

**Distribution Date:** Federal supplemental funds were released on 5/8/20. Connecticut's distribution of this funding has not yet been detailed.

**Amount:** \$14.1 million

**Additional Information:** <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/liheap-dcl-2020-10-cares-act-supplemental-funding-release-fffy20>

## **Family Violence Prevention** *(Updated 7/27/20)*

**Description:** Provide support to domestic violence shelters.

**Agency:** Department of Social Services

**Intended Population:** Victims of Domestic Violence

**Eligibility:** CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is the recipient of the funding.

**Distribution Date:** The project period for this supplemental funding is March 27, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

**Amount:** \$456,000 (In addition, the state has allocated \$165,000 from CRF with an additional \$495,000 anticipated from FEMA funding to support domestic violence shelters – specifically targeted for use for temporary housing, such as at hotels).

## **Child Welfare Services**

**Description:** We are seeking additional information

**Agency:** Anticipated Department of Children and Families

**Intended Population:** Uncertain

**Eligibility:** Uncertain

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$283,606

## **Head Start** *(Updated 6/09/20)*

Head Start promotes school readiness of children ages birth to five through a variety of service models.

**Agency:** Funds will flow directly to local program grantees

**Intended Population:** Low-income families with young children (age birth to five)

**Eligibility:** There were originally two funding opportunities for Head Start stimulus: (1) funds to support summer programming, and (2) a formula-based award that would go to all Head Start programs to provide for one-time activities in response to COVID-19. To allow for greater



flexibility and timely expenditure of funds, all funding will now be distributed by formula (to be used for summer programs or one-time activities). Guidance encourages grantees to make every effort to prioritize enrolled children who are projected to enter kindergarten at the beginning of the 2020–2021 school year and enrolled children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**Distribution Date:** Grantees no longer need to have submitted a separate Summer Program Supplement. Awards are expected to be processed beginning in June.

**Amount:** \$4.9 million

## COMMUNITY LIVING

The state received funding, totaling \$12.7 million from the FFCRA and the CARES Act for programs under the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL) which support older adults through the Older Americans Act and people of all ages with disabilities. This funding was distributed as follows: 1) \$11.1 million to the state's five Areas Agencies on Aging (AAAs) through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS), 2) \$941,000 directly to the state's five Centers for Independent Living, and 3) \$668,000 was retained by ADS for administrative costs associated with these programs in their State Unit on Aging. It is anticipated ADS funding will be used to support a statewide project. The information below provides detail by program.

### **Home-Delivered and Congregate Meals** *(Updated 5/11/20)*

Funds are provided for the federal Older Americans Act's Elderly Nutrition program which provides both congregate and home-delivered meals to individuals age 60 or older. Funding is distributed through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which enter into agreements with local service providers to provide meals within their communities. The CARES Act waives matching requirements for additional funds under Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals programs. It allows states to transfer 100% of supplemental funds between the two meals programs.

**Agency:** Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS)/ Area Agencies on Aging

**Eligibility:** Elderly Nutrition program eligibility as shown below.

Age:

- 60 years of age or older, or a spouse of an eligible participant.
- A person with a disability under 60 years of age who lives with an older person.
- A person with a disability under 60 years of age living in an elderly housing facility which has congregate meals sites.



To receive home delivered meals:

- 60 years of age or older, homebound or isolated and qualify for home delivered meals as determined by an assessment

Income:

- There is no income eligibility requirement.
- Services are targeted to older adults who have the greatest economic or social needs.

**Distribution Date:** 3/23/20 Families First Coronavirus Response Act- FFCRA and CARES Act funding will be distributed when a AAA spends 75% of FFCRA funds.

**Amount:** Total funding of \$8.1 million to be distributed to the state's five Area Agencies on Aging: \$2.7 million (FFCRA, \$1.8 million for home-delivered meals and \$904,000 for congregate meals) and \$5.4 million (CARES Act, \$3.6 million for home-delivered meals and \$1.8 million for congregate meals). See the table below for individual AAA distributions.

## **Supportive Services** *(Updated 5/11/20)*

Funds are provided for the federal Older Americans Act's Supportive Services program to enhance the well-being of individuals age 60 or older and to help them live independently in their home environment and the community. Funding is distributed through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which enter into agreements with local service providers to deliver services within their communities. The CARES Act waives matching requirements for additional funds under Support Services.

**Agency:** Department of Aging and Disability Services/ Area Agencies on Aging

**Intended Population:** Individuals age 60 or older

**Eligibility:** Individuals age 60 or older with preference given to older persons with the greatest economic or social needs.

**Distribution Date:** 4/21/20

**Amount:** \$2.2 million (\$1.8 million - AAAs and 384,000 - ADS) See table below for individual AAA distributions.

## **Family Caregivers** *(Updated 5/11/20)*

Funds are provided for the federal Older Americans Act's Family Caregiver Support Program which provides a variety of services to address the needs of informal, unpaid family caregivers. Funding is distributed through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which enter into agreements with local service providers to deliver services within their communities. The CARES Act waives matching requirements for additional funds under Family Caregivers.

**Agency:** Department of Aging and Disability Services/ Area Agencies on Aging

**Intended Population:** Eligible family caregivers





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**Eligibility:** Adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 or older providing care to individuals age 60 or older. Adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 and older providing care to individuals of any age with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. Preference is given to older persons with the greatest economic or social needs.

**Distribution Date:** 4/21/20

**Amount:** \$1.2 million (\$1.1 million - AAAs and \$57,500 - ADS) See table below for individual AAA distributions.

## Administration For Community Living FFCRA and CARES Act Funding Anticipated Distribution By Area Agency on Aging

AAA/Headquarters	Home-Delivered and Congregate Meals		Supportive Services	Family Caregivers	Total Funding FFCRA and CARES Act
	FFCRA	CARES Act*	CARES Act	CARES Act	
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging (ECAA) - Senior Resources Agency on Aging/ Norwich	514,478	1,028,955	355,847	207,267	2,106,547
North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) serving North Central areas /Hartford	649,809	1,299,620	449,452	261,787	2,660,668
Agency on Aging of South Central CT (SCAAA) serving South Central areas of CT /North Haven	520,716	1,041,431	360,162	209,779	2,132,088
Southwestern CT Agency on Aging (SWAAA) serving Southwestern areas /Bridgeport	516,105	1,032,209	356,973	207,922	2,113,209
Western CT Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA)/Waterbury	510,952	1,021,905	353,408	205,845	2,092,110
<b>Total Funding to AAAs</b>	<b>2,712,060</b>	<b>5,424,120</b>	<b>1,875,842</b>	<b>1,092,600</b>	<b>11,104,622</b>

\* Once a AAA submits a monthly financial report that reflects they have spent 75% of the FFCRA - Home Delivered and Congregate Meals funding, their entire CARES Act funds in these categories will also be released to them.

### Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans (Updated 5/11/20)

Funds are provided for the Older Americans Act to support the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program for consumer education and advocacy services for residents of long-term care facilities.

**Agency:** Department of Aging and Disability Services - State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

**Intended Population:** Long-Term Care Residents



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**Eligibility:** This funding can serve any long-term care resident, family members, Ombudsman staff, or volunteers, for services that will improve the lives of long-term care residents. Funding can also be used for general community member's education about residents' rights, long-term care, outreach, and elder justice awareness issues.

**Distribution Date:** 4/21/20

**Amount:** \$231,740

## **Centers for Independent Living** *(Updated 5/11/20)*

Connecticut has five community-based Centers for Independent Living that are federally mandated under the 1973 Rehabilitation Act as amended in 1998. These Centers promote empowerment and self-reliance for persons with disabilities. There are four core services provided by a Center for Independent Living: peer support, information and referral, individual and systems advocacy, and independent living skills training.

**Agency:** Not Applicable (Funds distributed directly to Centers)

**Intended Population:** Persons with disabilities

**Eligibility:** the state's five Centers

**Distribution Date:** 4/21/20

**Amount:** \$941,295

## ***DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION***

### **CDC Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing total funding of \$569,822,380 to jurisdictions that responded to the Public Health Crisis Response notice of funding opportunity to support them in: (1) complying with existing and/or future directives and guidance from the Secretary regarding control of the spread of COVID-19; (2) in consultation and coordination with the CDC, providing (commensurate with the condition of the individual) COVID-19 patient care regardless of the individual's home jurisdiction and/or appropriate public health measures (e.g., social distancing and home isolation); and (3) assisting the United States Government in the implementation and enforcement of federal orders related to quarantine and isolation.

**Agency:** Department of Public Health

**Eligibility:** 50 states, six large metropolitan areas, eight U.S. territories, and freely associated states, and one tribe

**Intended Population:** Residents of Connecticut

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$7.6 million



## Minimum CDC Grant

**Description:** We are seeking additional information

**Agency:** Anticipated DPH

**Intended Population:** Uncertain

**Eligibility:** Uncertain

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$7.8 million

## Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund - Provider Relief Fund *(Updated 10/7/20)*

**Agency:** UConn Health Center; In addition, information is provided for providers statewide, including CT acute care hospitals.

**Intended Population:** Health care providers

**Eligibility:** Under the CARES Act and PL 116-139, health care providers that provide testing, diagnosis, or care for patients with actual or suspected cases of COVID-19, and have costs associated with COVID-19 (or lost revenues due to it) that are not reimbursed by payors. The act defines eligible costs as including, among others listed, building or construction of temporary structures, medical supplies and equipment, and increased workforce costs. HHS has chosen to allocate CARES Act funding as follows: (1) *general distribution*, with \$30 billion (first round) distributed according to each Medicare-enrolled provider's share of total national 2019 Medicare fee-for-service reimbursements, and \$20 billion distributed according to revenues and losses, with the intent that the entire \$50 billion will be allocated proportional to providers' share of 2018 net patient revenues. New Phase Three funding of \$20 billion will be available to a wider group of providers and will consider financial losses and changes in operating expenses cause by the coronavirus; (2) *treatment of uninsured COVID-19 patients* by claims submission, for reimbursement at the Medicare rate; (3) *COVID-19 high impact areas*, first round funding of \$12 billion to 395 hospitals who provided inpatient care for 100 or more COVID-19 patients through April 10, 2020. Of this, \$2 billion was distributed to these hospitals based on their Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share and uncompensated care payments. Round two high impact funding of \$10 billion will be distributed to over 1,000 hospitals having over 161 COVID-19 admissions between January 1 and June 10, 2020; (4) *rural providers*, \$10 billion allocated according to proportional operating expenses; (5) *Indian Health Service*, \$500 million allocated according to proportional operating expenses; and (6) *additional funding to other providers*, including skilled nursing facilities or SNFs (\$4.9 billion), safety net hospitals (\$10.2 billion), and Medicaid and CHIP providers (\$15 billion).

**Distribution Date:** For the general distribution portion of CARES Act funding, the first-round \$30 billion has been distributed. The deadline for providers to submit revenue information to be considered for an additional payment from the Provider Relief Fund \$20 billion General Distribution was June 3, 2020. Applications for Phase Three General Distribution will be accepted through November 6, 2020. The application deadline for Medicaid, CHIP, and dental funding has been extended to August 3, 2020. Distribution of funds for the COVID-19 high



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impact areas, rural providers, Indian Health Service, and SNFs occurred in May. Additional funding was made available in June for facilities that disproportionately serve Medicaid recipients and the uninsured, and providers participating in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. The second round of high impact funding began distribution in July.

**Amount:** \$100 billion for the entire fund in the CARES Act and an additional \$75 billion in PL 116-139. The following summary reflects funding distributed to CT providers based on the most recent information from the respective federal agencies.

- High Impact Area funding of (1) \$290.7 million was provided to 12 CT hospitals in round one, and (2) \$273.7 million in round two funding was provided to 23 CT hospitals - including UConn Health Center which has received \$12.5 million. Please contact OFA for the full distribution of high impact funding.
- Funding of approximately \$1.1 billion allocated under the general distribution and funding for rural and safety net provider pools has been provided to various CT providers - including UConn Health Center which has received more than \$17 million to date. Please contact OFA for a full distribution of funds.

**More Information:** <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/index.html>

## **Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund - Other Purposes** *(Updated 4/29/20)*

**Agency:** Community health centers, state and local governments, various national agencies, and tribes

**Intended Population:** Government agencies and certain health centers and clinics

**Eligibility:** PL 116-139 appropriates an additional \$25 billion to this fund for state and local governments, tribes, various national agencies, community health centers, and rural health clinics. Specifically, at least \$11 billion is allocated to state and local governments, territories, and tribes to develop, purchase, administer, process, and analyze COVID-19 tests, of which: (1) \$2 billion is allocated according to the FFY 19 Public Health Emergency Preparedness formula, (2) at least \$4.25 billion is allocated based on a relative number of COVID-19 cases; and (3) tribes are to receive at least \$750 million. These recipients are to submit testing plans and goals. Various federal agencies will receive approximately \$3 billion. Community health centers will receive \$600 million, and rural health clinics will receive \$225 million.

**Distribution Date:** Funds to states and localities are to be allocated within 30 days of the enactment of PL 116-139.

**Amount:** \$25 billion in total, for this portion of the additional appropriation to the fund. Connecticut-specific estimates are not yet available.



## HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES

### **Community Health Center – Targeted Grants (Awarded under P.L. 116-123)**

Community Health Centers (aka Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)) are health centers that provide primary care services in underserved, urban, and rural communities. FQHC is a federal designation from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that is assigned to private non-profit or public health care organizations that serve predominantly uninsured or medically underserved populations.

Specific COVID-19 grant funding under P.L. 116-123 may support: testing, including temporary drive- or walk-up testing, and laboratory, support patient and community education; assessment of symptoms, including by telephone, text monitoring systems, or videoconference; hiring and contracting with providers and other personnel; training; vehicles to transport patients or health center personnel; supplies, equipment, and health information technology.

**State Agency:** Department of Public Health

**Intended Population:** Uninsured and Medically Underserved

**Eligibility:** FQHCs "[funded]under the Health Center Program, as defined by section 330 of the Public Health Service Act". Health Center "look-a-likes" are not eligible for these grant funds. (source: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html>)

**Distribution Date:** The following link provides grant awards issued as of March 2020 for 16 Connecticut centers: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-covid19-FY2020-awards/ct>

**Amount:** \$1.2 million distributed by HRSA

### **Community Health Center (Awarded under C.A.R.E.S. (P.L. 116-136) and the Payment Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139) which amended C.A.R.E.S.) (Updated 5/18/20)**

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Funding provided under C.A.R.E.S. and P.L. 116-139 is to "...support the detection of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and/or the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including maintaining or increasing health center capacity and staffing levels during the coronavirus-related public health emergency." (HRSA)





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**State Agency:** Department of Social Services

**Intended Population:** Uninsured and Medically Underserved

**Eligibility:** FQHCs "[funded] under the Health Center Program, as defined by section 330 of the Public Health Service Act". Health Center "look-a-likes" are not eligible for these grant funds.

(source: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html>)

**Distribution Date:** The following link provides grant awards issued as of April 2020 for 16 Connecticut Centers under C.A.R.E.S. (P.L. 116-136):

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-cares-FY2020-awards/ct>

The following link provides grant awards issued as of May 2020 for 16 Connecticut Centers under P.L. 116-139. <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/expanding-capacity-coronavirus-testing-FY2020-awards/ct>

**Amount:** \$15.9 million distributed by HRSA under C.A.R.E.S. and \$7.6 million to support expanded testing capacity under P.L. 116-139.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorder** (*Updated 5/04/20*)

**State Agency:** Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

**Intended Population:** Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding will support the Connecticut COVID-19 Behavioral Health Response and Assistance (Connecticut COBHRA) initiative. A collaborative effort with the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF), funds will be used for a variety of activities including: the purchase of telehealth equipment for DMHAS providers and DOC health care practitioners, additional clinicians to support DMHAS-funded mobile crisis teams, staffing for a new statewide call center for adult crisis calls at 211, expanding DCF Family Based Recovery services, increased services for victims of intimate partner violence, and support the behavioral health needs of healthcare practitioners. Additionally, the grant may support employee assistance programs at DMHAS- funded agencies.

**Eligibility:** Federal grant applications were accepted from States and Tribes

**Distribution Date:** Funding can be used for 16 months.

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Tribal Behavioral Health (TBH COVID)** (*Updated 5/05/20*)

**State Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** The CARES Act provided SAMHSA with \$15 million to address tribal needs related to COVID-19. Funding of \$97,402 is being distributed to 154 current Tribal Behavioral Health (TBH) grant recipients to meet the increased mental and substance use disorders needs among tribes.



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**Eligibility:** Tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health or behavioral health service providers to tribes.

**Distribution Date:** In Connecticut, funding has been distributed to the Mashantucket Pequot Nation.

**Amount:** \$97,402

## **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC COVID) Expansion Grants**

*(Updated 5/05/20)*

**State Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** The CCBHC Expansion grant program must provide community access to services including 24/7 crisis intervention services for: people who have serious mental illness (SMI) or substance use disorders (SUD), children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance (SED), and people who have co-occurring mental and substance disorders (COD).

**Eligibility:** Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

**Distribution Date:** In Connecticut, funding has been distributed to CT Intercommunity, Inc. (\$4 million), Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. (\$4 million), and Village for Families and Children, Inc. (\$3.7 million).

**Amount:** \$11.7 million

## **LABOR**

### **Short-Term Compensation (STC) Program Grant** *(Updated 6/10/20)*

STC Program grants are available for the implementation or improved administration of an STC program, and for the promotion of the program and enrollment of employers in an STC program. An STC program (also known as “worksharing” or “shared work”) is a lay-off aversion program in which an employer, under a state-approved plan, reduces the hours for a group of workers, and these workers, in turn, receive a reduced unemployment benefit payment.

**Agency:** Labor Department

**Intended Population:** Underemployed workers

**Eligibility:** States with federally-conforming STC programs

**Distribution Date:** The deadline for states to apply is December 31, 2023

**Amount:** \$1.2 million (\$396,000 for implementation/administration, and \$792,000 for promotion/employer enrollment)

### **Dislocated Worker Grant** *(Updated 5/04/20)*

Dislocated Worker Grants are time-limited funding assistance in response to major economic dislocations or other events that cause a significant impact on states and local areas that exceed the capacity of existing formula funds and other relevant resources to address.



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**Agency:** Labor Department

**Intended Population:** Unemployed workers

**Eligibility:** States and other eligible applicants that are affected by major economic dislocations, such as mass layoffs

**Distribution Date:** April 29, 2020

**Amount:** \$2.3 million

## **Unemployment Insurance (UI) Base** *(Updated 5/04/20)*

States administer UI systems in partnership with the federal government. Specifically, state UI Trust Funds pay all benefits during an unemployed person's first 26 weeks of unemployment. The federal government provides funds to pay state administrative costs for their UI programs, as well as provide "extended" UI benefits in times of crisis and to provide loans to states when their UI Trust Funds are unable to pay benefits.

**Agency:** Labor Department

**Intended Population:** Unemployed workers

**Eligibility:** All states

**Distribution Date:** By May 15, 2020

**Amount:** \$6 million

## **UI Supplemental** *(Updated 5/04//20)*

States administer UI systems in partnership with the federal government. Specifically, state UI Trust Funds pay all benefits during an unemployed person's first 26 weeks of unemployment. The federal government provides funds to pay state administrative costs for their UI programs, as well as provide "extended" UI benefits in times of crisis and to provide loans to states when their UI Trust Funds are unable to pay benefits.

**Agency:** Labor Department

**Intended Population:** Unemployed workers

**Eligibility:** States in which the number of unemployment compensation claims has increased by at least 10% over the same quarter in the previous calendar year

**Distribution Date:** By the end of FFY 2020

**Amount:** \$6 million



## *JUSTICE*

### **Justice Assistance Grants - State** *(Updated 4/13/20)*

**Description:** JAG provides funding to states and municipalities for a variety of criminal justice purposes. Funding specific to COVID-19 is intended for state and local law enforcement and jails to purchase personal protective equipment, medical supplies, and for overtime costs.

**Agency:** Office of Policy and Management

**Intended Population:** Anyone who interacts with the criminal justice system

**Eligibility:** Municipalities and criminal justice organizations

**Distribution Date:** Applications due May 29, 2020 for grant period January 20, 2020 to January 20, 2022.

**Amount:** \$5,875,620

### **Justice Assistance Grants -Local** *(Updated 4/13/20)*

**Description:** Same as State Justice Assistance Grants

**Agency:** Municipalities

**Intended Population:** Anyone who interacts with the criminal justice system

**Eligibility:** 16 municipalities are scheduled to receive this funding: Bridgeport, Danbury, East Hartford, Hamden, Hartford, Manchester, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Stamford, Stratford, Waterbury, West Haven.

**Distribution Date:** Applications due May 29, 2020 for grant period January 20, 2020 to January 20, 2022.

**Amount:** \$2,766,076

## *ENVIRONMENT*

**Funding for the grant program below is provided through the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** *(Updated 10/15/20)*

### **Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Rebate Program**

**Description:** retrofits, replacements, and idle reduction practices for school busses

**Agency:** Anticipated, Departments of Energy & Environmental Protection, and/or municipalities

**Intended Population:** public school bus fleet owners

**Eligibility:** busses powered by a 2017 or newer model year engine; see Additional Information for more eligibility criteria



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**Distribution Date:** through October 30, 2020

**Amount:** \$10 million total, this grant round; maximum rebate funding amount per application is \$300,000

**Additional Information:** <https://www.epa.gov/dera/rebates>

**Funding for the grant program below is provided from the United States Department of Commerce** (Updated 5/18/20)

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Cares Act Grant** (Updated 5/18/20)

Total grants in the amount of \$300 million in fisheries assistance funding provided by Sec. 12005 of CARES Act, will be allocated to states, Tribes, and territories with coastal and marine fishery participants who have been negatively affected by COVID-19. These funds will be used to address direct and indirect industry fishery-related losses related to COVID-19.

**Eligibility:** Interstate marine fisheries commissions, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. NOAA Fisheries will use the allocations to make awards to NOAA partners: the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The commissions will work with each state to develop spending plans consistent with the CARES Act and NOAA's guidance. All spend plans must describe the main categories for funding, including direct payments, fishery-related infrastructure, and fishery-related education that address direct and indirect COVID-19 impacts to commercial fishermen, charter businesses, qualified aquaculture operations, subsistence/cultural/ceremonial users, processors, and other fishery-related businesses. Once a spend plan has been approved by NOAA, the agency anticipates that the three Commissions will review applications and process payments to eligible fishery participants on behalf of the states and territories. The states will have the option to process payments themselves.

Fishery participants eligible for funding include Tribes, commercial fishing businesses, charter/for-hire fishing businesses, qualified aquaculture operations, processors, and other fishery-related businesses. They should work with their state marine fisheries management agencies, territories, or Tribe to understand the process for applying for these funds. Also of note, for the purposes of Sec. 12005 funding, businesses farther down the supply chain – including vessel repair businesses, restaurants, or seafood retailers – are not considered “fishery-related businesses.”

**Distribution Date:** distribution of funds will vary, however it is anticipated that these funds will be disbursed more quickly than fishery disaster assistance funds because the CARES Act language does not require the Secretary of Commerce to declare a fishery disaster. The CARES





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Act also allows the funds to be awarded on a “rolling basis,” which will enable NOAA Fisheries to execute the funds more nimbly in partnership with the states, Tribes, and territories.

**Estimated Amount for Connecticut:** \$1,835,424

**Funding for the grant program below is provided through the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Updated 5/04/20)**

## **The State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program**

This program aims to support public education, training, and emergency planning for communities impacted by COVID-19. Projects could include sharing information related to EPA-approved disinfectants to combat COVID-19; addressing increased exposure of residents to in-home pollutants and healthy housing issues, and training community health workers.

**Intended Population:** Communities of low-income and minority residents disproportionately impacted by COVID-10

**Eligibility:** Underserved communities, especially where the Internet is not available

**Distribution Date:** Applications due on or before June 30, 2020

**Amount:** Five grants of approximately \$200,000 each for up to a two-year funding period

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) (Updated 9/28/20)**

**Agency:** Departments of Agriculture

**Intended Population and Eligibility:** Commercial producers of certain commodities (including dairy and certain aquaculture) currently in the business of farming at the time of application, that fall within certain income guidelines. The second round of payments is intended for producers of certain agricultural commodities who face continuing market disruptions, low farm-level prices, and marketing costs associated with declines in demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities. Funds may be used for purchasing materials and facilities required in connection with the production and marketing of agricultural commodities; removing or disposing of surplus agricultural commodities; and/or develop new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for commodities.

**Distribution Date:** September 22 through December 11, 2020.

**Amount:** \$4.3 million

**Additional Information:** <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/22/2020-20844/coronavirus-food-assistance-program>

### **The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)**

Provides funding for food assistance to WIC participants. Currently, the state Department of Agriculture’s Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) services WIC participants with checks to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs, and honey at authorized locations.



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**Agency:** Department of Agriculture

**Intended Population:** Low-income pregnant women or mothers with young children

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined, but funding available through September 30, 2021 (SFY 22)

**Amount:** \$3.2 million

## COMMERCE

### **Economic Development Assistance Program** (Updated 8/12/20)

**Description:** This funding is available through the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) for states and communities to plan and implement economic recovery strategies in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The base EAA program supports coordinated, long-term strategies to address economic injury and create new opportunities. As a flexible program, the EAA can channel funds to community specific initiatives and to meet a variety of industry needs for both rural and urban communities. EAA can be used for infrastructure or broadband projects aimed at diversification, entrepreneurship, or creating new modes of commerce. The EAA can also be used for non-construction, planning, and implementation activities that support businesses and jobs.

**Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** State and local governments and community-based organizations

**Eligibility:** EDA-designated Economic Development Districts (EDDs); states and local governments; Native American tribes; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state

**Amount:** \$1.5 billion total available on a competitive basis (less up to 2% for administrative expenses and \$3 million for the Office of Inspector General). As of August 11, 2020 various organizations in Connecticut received \$6.9 million in total.

#### **Awards to date to Connecticut:**

\$300,000 to the [University of Connecticut](#) on July 17, 2020

\$400,000 to [the Northwest Hills Council of Governments](#) on July 21, 2020

\$3.5 million to the [Community Investment Corporation](#) on July 28, 2020

\$1.9 million to the [Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region Corporation](#) on July 28, 2020

\$400,000 to the [Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region Corporation](#) on August 11, 2020

\$400,000 to the [Naugatuck Valley Economic Development District](#) on August 11, 2020

**More Information:** <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IN/IN11303>

### **National Network for Manufacturing Innovation** (Updated 4/13/20)

**Description:** This allocation will assist manufacturers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to support the development and manufacturing of medical countermeasures and biomedical equipment and supplies. Note that this funding is exempt from the program's cost sharing requirements.



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**Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** Advanced manufacturers and bioscience companies

**Eligibility:** Manufacturing USA institutes, a network of 14 public-private partnerships (none of which is located in Connecticut) that work with academic and private-sector manufacturing organizations on research and development and manufacturing skills training

**Distribution Date:** Funding provided on a rolling basis

**Amount:** \$10 million in total to be available on a competitive basis

**More Information:** <https://www.manufacturingusa.com/institutes>

## **Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)**

The program assists small- and mid-sized manufacturers to foster job growth, increase profits, and gain new clients, by streamlining their production processes. This allocation will assist manufacturers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Note that this funding is exempt from the program's cost sharing requirements. CONNSTEP is the official MEP center for Connecticut.

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development/CONNSTEP (presumably)

**Intended Population:** Small and mid-size manufacturers

**Eligibility:** Not yet defined

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$679,000

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Supplemental (AFG-S)** *(Updated 9/28/20)*

Grants provided to fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies to enhance ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of the first-responder personnel through the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and related essential supplies needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Agency:** Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and municipalities

**Eligibility:** Applicants describe financial need, provide a Project Description and Budget statement, describe cost benefit and how they plan to address the operations and personal safety needs of their organization, and provide a Statement of Effect on Operations.

**Additional Information:**

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants#awards>

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema\\_afg-s\\_webinar-slide-deck.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema_afg-s_webinar-slide-deck.pdf)

**Distribution Date:** Funding provided through September 30, 2021.

**Amount:** Approximately \$691,000



## **Emergency Performance Management Grant (EMPG)**

**Agency:** Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

EMPG provides state funding to prepare for catastrophic disasters through a grant process. Projects and programs funded must be for the purpose of furthering national preparedness objectives determined by the US Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**Additional Information:** [FFY 2020 DHS Notification of Funding](#)

**Amount:** \$1.4 million (in addition to an existing \$4.9 million allocation expected for FFY 2020).

## **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)**

**Agency:** Local governments (through FEMA)

**Description:** EFSP supplements the work of local governments and non-profit organizations to provide shelter, food, and support to families who have economic emergencies. EFSP is open to all organizations that help the homeless and hungry. According to FEMA, this funding may *not* be used for emergency support in response to an immediate disaster.

**Amount:** \$2.7 million

## ***HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT***

For the grant programs listed below, funding is provided through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Municipality-specific allocations for the first three programs can be found at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/fy2020-CARES-allocations-AllGrantees.xlsx> (Updated 9/16/20)

## **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)\*** (Updated 9/16/20)

CDBG develops viable communities by providing support for decent housing and a suitable living environment.

**Agency:** Department of Housing (DOH)

**Intended Population:** Low-and moderate-income individuals

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, either directly for entitlement communities or competitively through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program, which is administered by DOH for nonentitlement communities. Communities may use this funding for infrastructure related to their COVID - 19 response (e.g. new testing facilities, clinics), assistance to impacted businesses, provision of new or expanded services (e.g. training for additional healthcare workers, meals on wheels), and planning activities. DOH prioritized a first tier of eligible activities for the first round of Small Cities CDBG-CV funding and strongly recommends coordinating with local providers and health departments to identify specific local needs.

**Distribution Date:** The CARES Act appropriates funding in three rounds.



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- 1) Funding from the first allocation included \$8.1 million for Small Cities CDBG-CV (DOH) and \$16.0 million for [entitlement communities](#). DOH and municipalities that have met the relevant HUD requirements have access to those funds. Eligible communities could apply to DOH for funding on a competitive basis until July 10, 2020.
- 2) The second allocation of \$11.5 million for Connecticut is being administered by DOH. Both entitlement and nonentitlement communities can apply for funding now that DOH has received HUD approval of a [second amendment to the Annual Action Plan](#).
- 3) Announced September 11, 2020, funding from the third allocation includes \$10.8 million for Small Cities CDBG-CV (DOH) and \$14.0 million for [entitlement communities](#). DOH will need to obtain HUD approval of a third amendment before opening another round of competitive applications from nonentitlement communities.

**Amount:** \$30.4 million State, \$30.0 million Local

## **Homeless Assistance Grants / Emergency Solutions Grants** *(Updated 8/10/20)*

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program provides grants to states and local governments to address and prevent homelessness.

**Agency:** Department of Housing (DOH)

**Intended Population:** Individuals and Families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness

**Eligibility:** States and local governments. In Connecticut, Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, and the Department of Housing (DOH) are recipients. These funds are included to address the impact of coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. Eviction prevention activities can include rapid rehousing, housing counseling, and rental deposit assistance to mitigate the adverse impacts of the pandemic on low to moderate income families.

**Distribution Date:** Funding, allocated in two waves, can be released once the recipient has met a reduced set of federal requirements. DOH has access to its first tranche of funding (\$8.2 million) and access to the second (\$12.6 million) is expected in September. See the tables below for detail on how DOH plans to spend funds and for local government allocation amounts.

**Amount:** \$20.8 million State, \$10.2 million Local





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## CARES Act Department of Housing Proposed Activities for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV)

Funded Activity	April \$	June \$
Expansion of Rapid Rehousing	4,000,000	3,591,306
Case Management to Support Rapid Rehousing	-	1,000,000
Eviction Prevention	2,809,579	2,500,000
Expansion of Shelter Funding - Operations and Activities	1,250,000	2,000,000
Telehealth Technology	100,000	-
Homeless Outreach Activities	-	1,000,000
Homeless Diversion Activities	-	1,250,000
Additional Staff for CAN and Entry through 2-1-1	-	1,250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,159,579</b>	<b>12,591,306</b>

## CARES Act Local Government Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV) Allocation

Municipality	April \$	June \$	Total \$
Bridgeport	980,921	1,690,527	<b>2,671,448</b>
Hartford	1,065,679	1,987,972	<b>3,053,651</b>
New Haven	1,137,914	1,509,315	<b>2,647,229</b>
Waterbury	644,210	1,158,248	<b>1,802,458</b>

### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (Updated 6/10/20)

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program is the only federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

**Agency:** Department of Housing (DOH)

**Intended Population:** low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families

**Eligibility:** States and local governments. In Connecticut, Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and DOH are recipients. CARES Act funds are provided to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions due to coronavirus, including for costs incurred prior to enactment. These funds may be used to help individuals living with HIV-AIDS relocate for the purposes of self-isolation and quarantine, or to provide other coronavirus control services as recommended by the CDC.

**Distribution Date:** Funds are distributed subsequent to grantees meeting the necessary requirements. The state funds are available to DOH and have been allocated pro rata to the existing grantees.

**Amount:** \$38,662 State; \$139,500 Bridgeport; \$171,601 Hartford; \$160,839 New Haven.



## **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** *(Updated 9/15/20)*

The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) program, including the Disability Mainstream Program, is the federal government's largest program for assisting very low-income families to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. DOH is one of the 44 public housing authorities (PHA) that administer the program in Connecticut.

**Agency:** Department of Housing

**Intended Population:** Low-income current recipients of federal tenant-based rental assistance

**Eligibility:** Funding for PHA's (including DOH) for new administrative expenses related to coronavirus and for increased subsidies (known as housing assistance payments (HAP)) for existing vouchers due to gaps that occur as a result of income recertification and rent adjustments. Funding from regular FY 2020 appropriations can also be used for newly eligible activities.

**More Information:** <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/pih2020-18.pdf>,  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/pih2020-17.pdf>

**Distribution Date:** For the administrative expenses portion, HUD announced allocations in May and July, with the latter to be disbursed in August 2020. That funding will be available for expenditure through December 31, 2021. PHAs can apply for HAP supplemental funding from the \$400 million available nationally.

**Amount:** \$3.0 million State and \$12.5 million Local for administrative expenses, more possible for HAP

## **Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Sec. 811)** *(Updated 05/20/20)*

HUD's Section 811 Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program assists persons with disabilities to live in community-based settings by providing rental assistance. The CARES Act authorized the HUD Secretary to award any remaining unobligated funding from prior Acts for incremental tenant-based assistance contracts "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, without competition, including for extraordinary administrative fees." Awards announced on May 18th will fund up to 8,300 additional vouchers nationally.

**Agency:** Department of Housing (DOH)

**Intended Population:** Low-income non-elderly persons with disabilities

**Eligibility:** DOH and seven public housing authorities (PHAs) in CT. DOH is targeting its vouchers to the disabled homeless population. Mainstream Vouchers serve households that meet the HCV income-requirements and include a non-elderly person with disabilities (i.e. between age 18 and 61 at the start of the assistance contract).

**Distribution Date:** DOH has received its funding as of May 20, 2020.

**Amount:** \$1.7 million total statewide, of that \$472,895 for DOH (for approx. 47 vouchers)

**Additional Information:** The list of allocations by PHA can be found at  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/CARESActvoucherschart.pdf>



## **Public Housing Operating Fund** *(Updated 9/15/20)*

Public housing provides decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities at rents they can afford. In Connecticut, there are both state and federally administered public housing. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers federal aid to local housing agencies (HAs) that manage the federally assisted housing for low-income residents. The Public Housing Operating Fund provides operating subsidies to HAs to assist in funding the operating and maintenance expenses of their own dwellings, in accordance with Section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended. The subsidies are required to help maintain services and provide CDC operating reserves.

**Intended population:** Low-income families and individuals living in federally assisted public housing

**Eligibility:** Local housing authorities that own and operate federal low-income public housing units. CARES Act funds are to be used to maintain the operation of public housing properties and support coronavirus-related expenses, including health and safety activities for residents, and education and child care needs of impacted families. Funds are allocated to PHAs as additional FY2020 funding based on the operating fund formula; PHAs may also use operating funds and capital funds provided through prior acts for coronavirus purposes.

**Distribution Date:** Allocations were announced on May 1, 2020. Funds will be available until December 31, 2021.

**Amount:** \$10.9 million

**Additional Information:**

[https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/HUD\\_No\\_20\\_058](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_20_058)

## **Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP)** *(Updated 9/24/20)*

Funding provided to partner with community and state agencies to provide webinars regarding COVID-19 and fair housing. Additionally, to create a COVID-19 hotline and question box, purchase protective equipment for staff engaged in fair housing related activities that are in-person and purchase technology to function remotely.

**Agency:** Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

**Intended Population:** Community partner agencies/non-profits, stakeholders of the agency, including, but not limited to, the general public, members of the complainant and respondent bars, college students, and fair housing professionals.

**Eligibility:** State and local agencies that are currently participating in FHAP, except agencies that are currently on a Performance Improvement Plan or that have been suspended during the federal fiscal year in which funds are sought.

**Distribution Date:** Four distribution dates of equal payments. Dates are: September 30, 2020, December 30, 2020, April 30, 2021, and August 30, 2021.

**Amount:** \$39,269



## TRANSPORTATION

### Grants to Airports (4/20/20)

The Grants to Airports program provides funds to increase the federal share to 100 percent for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and supplemental discretionary grants already planned for fiscal year 2020. The AIP normally would require a local matching percentage from the airport.

**Agency:** Connecticut Airport Authority, private and municipal Airports

**Intended Population:** Airports

#### Eligibility:

- Primary commercial service airports, with more than 10,000 annual passenger boardings, will receive additional funds based on the number of annual boardings, in a similar way to how they currently receive AIP entitlement funds.
- All commercial service airports will receive funds based on the number of passengers that board aircraft there, the amount of debt an airport has, and the amount of money the airport has in reserve.
- General aviation airports will receive funds based on their airport categories, such as National, Regional, Local, Basic, and Unclassified.

#### Distribution:

City	Airport	Amount \$
Bridgeport	Sikorsky	157,000
Danbury	Danbury Municipal	69,000
Danielson	Danielson	30,000
Groton	Groton-New London	69,000
Hartford	Hartford-Brainard	69,000
Meriden	Meriden Markham Municipal	30,000
New Haven	Tweed	1,160,431
Oxford	Waterbury-Oxford	157,000
Plainville	Robertson Field	30,000
Willimantic	Windham	30,000
Windsor Locks	Bradley International	28,542,046

### Urbanized Area Formula

The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning.



**Agency:** Department of Transportation

**Intended Population:** An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

**Eligibility:** Urbanized area

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$211.5 million

## State of Good Repair

The State of Good Repair (SGR) Grants Program provides capital assistance for maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation projects of high-intensity fixed guideway and bus systems to help transit agencies maintain assets in a state of good repair. Additionally, SGR grants are eligible for developing and implementing Transit Asset Management plans.

**Agency:** Department of Transportation

**Intended Population:** state and local governments

**Eligibility:** state and local government authorities with fixed guideway and high intensity motorbus systems in service for at least seven years.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$174.4 million

## Nonurbanized (Rural)

The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program.

**Agency:** Department of Transportation

**Intended Population:** state and local governments

**Eligibility:** Eligible recipients include states and federally recognized Indian Tribes.

Subrecipients may include state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, and operators of public transportation or intercity bus service. Eligible activities include planning, capital, operating, job access and reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$9 million





## High Density Population and Growing States

The Growing States and High Density States Formula Program was established to apportion additional funds to the Urbanized Area Formula and Rural Area Formula programs.

**Agency:** Department of Transportation

**Intended Population:** state and local governments

**Eligibility:** Recipients of funds are existing Urbanized Area and Rural Area formula fund recipients.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** \$93.8 million

## ELECTIONS

### Election Security Grant *(Updated 4/29/20)*

Funding provided to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus for the 2020 Federal election cycle.

**Agency:** Secretary of the State

**Intended Population:** Election Voters

**Eligibility:** States must submit a Disbursement Request Letter and signed Standard Certifications by April 14, 2020, unless a delay is otherwise explained by said date to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). Within 20 days of each election in the 2020 cycle, states receiving funding are required to provide the EAC with a report which includes the state's full accounting of use of payment and an explanation of how that allowed the state to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. States are required to make a 20% match available within two years of receiving funding. Connecticut's total share is approximately \$1.08 million.

**Distribution Date:** within 30 days after the date of enactment

**Available Amount:** \$5.38 million\* available through December 31, 2020 (SFY 21). States must submit a Federal Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2020 (SFY 21) by February 28, 2021 (SFY 21). Any funds unobligated by December 31, 2020 (SFY 21), must be returned. With the state match of \$1.08 million, the total award is approximately \$6.46 million.

**EAC's CARES Award Instructions:**

<https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/paymentgrants/cares/CARESAwardInstructions.pdf>

**Connecticut's Disbursement Request Letter to EAC:**

[https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/paymentgrants/cares/CT\\_CARES\\_Disbursement\\_RequestLetter.pdf](https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/paymentgrants/cares/CT_CARES_Disbursement_RequestLetter.pdf)



## *ARTS AND HUMANITIES*

### **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)** *(Updated 6/30/20)*

CARES Act Emergency Relief Grants are intended to retain jobs and support arts organizations as they endure economic hardships caused by modified, canceled, or forced closure of operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Per DECD, \$336,200 will be distributed to arts organizations by non-competitive applications, in grants calculated according to a formula of between \$1,500 and \$3,000. \$60,000 has been allocated to the [Designated Regional Service Organizations](#) that collaborate with the Office of the Arts. \$50,000 is being held in reserve according to the NEA guidelines and will be deployed before the end of 2020.

Emergency Relief Grant funds may be used for:

- Salary support, full or partial, for positions that are critical to an organization's mission
- Fees for artists and/or contractual personnel to maintain or expand the period during which such persons would be engaged
- Facility / occupancy costs, such as rent and utilities
- Costs directly associated with an organization's ability to continue operations now and in the future

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development

**Intended Population:** Regional nonprofit arts organizations

**Eligibility:** Must be a nonprofit arts organization. See [here](#) for more information. Eligible applicants can only apply to one - Connecticut Office of the Arts OR Connecticut Humanities.

**Distribution Date:** The application period began 5/14 and ended 6/3. As of 6/25, \$350,000 was awarded to 122 organizations.

**Amount:** \$446,200 (Note: This figure reflects the state agency grant portion of the allocation.)

**More information:** [https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Arts-Culture/Funding\\_Opportunities/CT-CARES-Relief](https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Arts-Culture/Funding_Opportunities/CT-CARES-Relief)

### **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** *(Updated 5/15/20)*

**Description:** This funding will support at-risk humanities positions and projects at museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, colleges and universities, and other cultural nonprofits that have been financially impacted by the coronavirus.

Grant awards will range from \$2,500 to \$15,000 and no match is required (maximum amount of funding that can be requested is based upon an organization's budget size). Grants may be used for general operating expenses only (such as salaries, rent, utilities, supplies, and equipment).



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**Agency:** Connecticut Humanities Council

Intended Population: Local cultural nonprofits and education programs.

**Eligibility:** Includes being a Connecticut-based federally recognized tribe or being incorporated in the state of Connecticut for at least one year as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a board of directors (that meets regularly) and provides significant programs and/or services to the public on a regular basis, including open hours and special events; or functions as a professional service organization that supports humanities program providers.

**Distribution Date:** Applications will be accepted starting Friday, May 15, 2020, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all program funds have been spent. At least three application reviews will be conducted for all applications received by 11:59 pm on June 1, June 15, and July 1, 2020, respectively. Award notifications are made approximately two weeks following a deadline.

**Amount:** \$483,100 (Note: This figure reflects the state agency grant portion of the allocation for the Connecticut Humanities Council.)

**More Information:** <https://cthumanities.org/grants/cares-act-relief-grants/>

## *OTHER PROVISIONS*

The federal response to COVID-19 and related bills include provisions for increased funding in addition to the grants identified above. While the state specific allocation of this funding is not detailed, it is relevant to states as administrators of federal programs and applicants for competitive grants.

### **Renewal of Section 8 Project-based Rental Assistance** *(Updated 5/4/20)*

Approximately \$1 billion in new funding will be made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allow the continuation of housing assistance contracts with private landlords for over 1.2 million Project-Based Section 8 households across the United States. HUD funds the renewal of certain existing Section 8 project-based housing assistance payments contracts with owners of multifamily rental housing. This program assists low-income households in obtaining decent, safe, and sanitary housing in these assisted units.

Eligible tenants pay a share of their income and the rental assistance pays the rest, up to the approved rent. This funding will go to owners or sponsors of properties receiving project based assistance under this program for maintaining normal operations and taking other necessary actions due to COVID-19.



## **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** *(Updated 5/05/20)*

In addition to the three SAMHSA grants described above, at least \$50 million will also be made available for Suicide Prevention Programs. The CARES Act does not specify which grants will receive funding. As noted by FFIS, the Youth Suicide Prevention State Grants comprise a large share of funding for suicide prevention programs.

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

Federal SNAP contingency reserve funding of \$15.5 billion will be allocated as necessary to support additional participants due to COVID-19. Funding will be distributed by the secretary of the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Connecticut has waived the face-to-face requirement for SNAP interviews and is waiting on federal approval for additional program modifications to assist participants during the pandemic.

## **Temporary Unemployment Insurance Expansion**

Apart from grants to states and other sub-national governments, the federal government's response to the COVID-19 crisis includes an approximate \$260 billion nationwide temporary expansion of unemployment insurance benefits via three new programs: (1) Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (adds unemployment compensation of \$600 per week of compensation); (2) Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (extends unemployment compensation by 13 weeks); and (3) Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (covers workers such as independent contractors and freelancers who don't otherwise qualify for unemployment compensation).

## **Temporary 6.2% Increase in Medicaid FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage)**

*(Updated 5/04/20)*

States will receive an increased FMAP for certain Medicaid expenditures that rely on the regular FMAP rate (in addition to Medicaid, additional federal guidance is forthcoming on programs which utilize the regular FMAP and therefore may be eligible for the temporary increase.) This increase is effective January 1, 2020, through the last day of the calendar quarter in which the public health emergency declared by the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) terminates. While the impact to Connecticut is not fully known, the below summarizes current estimates as reported in OFA's April Monthly Statement:

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (PL 116-127) provided states with a 6.2% increase in the Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). While this enhanced FMAP applies to most expenditures, it does not apply to expenditures for certain populations already receiving enhanced match (e.g., the expansion population). To date, Connecticut has received two awards for the enhanced FMAP for the calendar quarters ending 3/31/20 and 6/30/20, totaling \$233.7 million. This increased revenue is reflected in changes to both General Fund expenditures and



Federal Grants revenue. On the expenditure side, the state share of Medicaid is reduced by approximately \$186.9 million due to the increase in federal reimbursement on Medicaid account expenditures within DSS. Federal Grants revenue projections have also been adjusted to reflect approximately \$46.8 million in enhanced FMAP primarily for Medicaid-related expenditures that are budgeted in other agencies.

## *NON-STATE GRANT FUNDING*

### **Paycheck Protection Program - approvals as of 8/8**

**Description:** The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

**The program has closed as of August 8<sup>th</sup> and is no longer accepting applications.**

**Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** Small businesses impacted by COVID-19

**Eligibility:** The following entities affected by COVID-19 may be eligible:

- Any small business concern that meets SBA's size standards (either the industry based sized standard or the alternative size standard)
- Any business, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 501(c)(19) veterans' organization, or Tribal business concern (sec. 31(b)(2)(C) of the Small Business Act) with the greater of:
  - 500 employees, or
  - That meets the SBA industry size standard if more than 500
- Any business with a NAICS Code that begins with 72 (Accommodations and Food Services) that has more than one physical location and employs less than 500 per location
- Sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed persons.

**Distribution Date:** Loans are distributed through existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating in the program.

Recipients as of 7/6/20 can be found [here](#).

**Amount:** \$6,718,327,006 for 64,629 approved CT applications as of 8/8.

**More Information:** <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

### **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) - approvals as of 9/14**

**Description:** This loan is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. The maximum EIDL is a \$2 million working capital loan at a rate of 3.75% for businesses and 2.75% for non-profits with up to a 30-year term.





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**Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** Agricultural businesses (currently). Originally open to most small businesses.

**Eligibility:** Agricultural businesses with 500 or fewer employees including those businesses engaged in the production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and other farming and agricultural related industries.

**Distribution Date:** SBA has resumed processing EIDL applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 and will be processing these applications on a first-come, first-served basis. SBA will begin accepting new Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance applications on a limited basis only to provide relief to U.S. agricultural businesses.

**Amount:** \$2,065,249,200 for 34,462 approved applications

**More Information:** <https://www.sba.gov/page/disaster-loan-applications>

## **EIDL Advance - approvals as of 7/15**

**Description:** This advance (i.e. emergency grant) of up to \$10,000 is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. To access the advance, you must first apply for an EIDL and then request the advance. The advance does not need to be repaid. All available funds for the EIDL Advance program have been allocated and no further funds are available.

**Agency:** N/A

**Intended Population:** Agricultural businesses (currently). Originally open to most small businesses

**Eligibility:** Agricultural businesses with 500 or fewer employees including those businesses engaged in the production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and other farming and agricultural related industries.

**Distribution Date:** SBA has resumed processing EIDL applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 and will be processing these applications on a first-come, first-served basis. SBA will begin accepting new Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance applications on a limited basis only to provide relief to U.S. agricultural businesses.

**Amount:** \$ 166,382,000 for 52,259 approved CT applications

**More Information:** <https://www.sba.gov/page/disaster-loan-applications>



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## *SOURCES*

Federal Funds Information for States (FFIS), <https://ffis.org/COVID-19>

Public Law 116-123, Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6074>

Public Law 116-127, Families First Coronavirus Response Act, 2020  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201>

Public Law 116-136, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, 2020  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/748>



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