FEDERAL STIMULUS FOR CONNECTICUT

The Office of Fiscal Analysis continues to examine the federal response to the current pandemic. The information below outlines the estimated grants for Connecticut that have been identified in the Federal Funds Information for States (FFIS) Budget Brief 20-13. Additionally, we have included information on two non-grant components of the federal stimulus: the enhanced federal match for the Medicaid program and the expanded funding for the Unemployment Insurance program. Please note the 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.

TREASURY

Coronavirus Relief Fund
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
EDUCATION

Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund
Eligibility: The Governor of each state determines how to use funds. The Governor can distribute funds as grants to local education agencies (LEAs) and/or institutions of higher education that are most significantly impacted or most affected to support educational services and ongoing functionality, and/or as support to any education-related entity within the State that the Governor deems essential for carrying out various types of educational services or supports (including the protection of education-related jobs).
Distribution Date: Not defined. The Education secretary to invite governor applicants within 30 days of CARES Act enactment and approve/deny applications within 30 days of receipt. The Governor must award all funds within one year of receipt.
Amount: $27.9 million

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
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: Not defined. Education secretary to invite state education agency applicants within 30 days of CARES Act enactment and approve/deny applications within 30 days of receipt. Governor must award all funds within one year of receipt.
Amount: $111.1 million

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Agency: Constituent units (UConn, CSCU institutions except Charter Oak State College)
Intended population: Institutions of higher education and their students
Eligibility: 90% of the fund's monies will be divided among institutions of higher education (except those providing solely online-only instruction, prior to the coronavirus, apportioned as follows: (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 must be used “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus,” including to cover significant changes to instructional delivery. 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), and a third portion (2.5%) is distributed by the Education secretary to those
institutions of higher education that the secretary determines to have the greatest unmet needs
related to the coronavirus (with priority to institutions that received under $500,000 under the
first and second portions of the fund). The second and third portions of the fund may explicitly
be used to defray coronavirus expenses, including lost revenue.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $131.7 million to both public and private institutions in the state. Estimated amounts
to the constituent units (at least half of which must be distributed as emergency grants to
students) are: $29.3 million to the community colleges, $26.5 million to the Connecticut State
Universities, and $21.1 million to UConn, according to the National Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)**
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 provide 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:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $23.3 million

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**
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:** Increases eligibility threshold to 200% of the poverty line ($25,520 annual income
from current max of 125% or $15,950 annually)

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined; this does not include what Connecticut may receive from
an additional $2 billion to be distributed

**Amount:** $11.9 million
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
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)

**Eligibility:** Not fully defined; assume similar to current eligibility guidelines

**Distribution Date:** Not fully defined; disregards cap amount for carry forward purposes in FFY 20

**Amount:** $11.2 million

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**Family Violence Prevention**

**Description:** We are seeking additional information

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

**Intended Population:** Uncertain

**Eligibility:** Uncertain

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $373,987

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**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

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**Head Start**

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

**Agency:** Office of Early Childhood

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

**Eligibility:** Not yet defined beyond current program eligibility standards

**Distribution Date:** Per PL 116-136: allocated in an amount that bears the same ratio to such portion as the number of enrolled children served by the agency involved bears to the number of enrolled children by all Head Start agencies

**Amount:** $5 million
COMMUNITY LIVING

**Supportive Services**
The federal Older Americans Act funds various programs including Supportive Services 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.

**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:** Not yet defined  
**Amount:** $2.2 million

**Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals**
The federal Older Americans Act funds various programs including the 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.

**Agency:** Department of Aging and Disability Services/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:** Not yet defined  
**Amount:** Total funding of $9.1 million: $2.7 million (P.L. 116-123, $1.8 million for home-delivered meals and $900,000 for congregate meals) and $5.4 million (CARES).
Family Caregivers
The federal Older Americans Act funds various programs including the 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.

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

**Intended Population:** Eligible family caregivers

**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:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $1.2 million

Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans
The federal Older Americans Act funds various programs including vulnerable elder rights protection activities.

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

**Intended Population:** Vulnerable elderly

**Eligibility:** Individuals age 60 or older

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $231,740

Centers for Independent Living
Connecticut has five community-based independent living centers (ILCs). These centers promote empowerment and self-reliance for persons with disabilities. There are four core services provided by an independent living center: peer support, information and referral, individual and systems advocacy and independent living skills training. The Department of Aging and Disability Services acts as a pass through for ILC funding.

**Agency:** Department of Aging and Disability Services

**Intended Population:** Persons with disabilities

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

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $972,120
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

**Agency:** UConn Health Center is eligible to apply.

**Intended Population:** Health care providers

**Eligibility:** 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. Eligible costs include, among others listed, building or construction of temporary structures, medical supplies and equipment, and increased workforce costs. Funds can be provided by HHS as pre-payments, prospective payments, or retrospective payments.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined. Applications will be accepted and funds distributed on a rolling basis.

**Amount:** $100 billion for the entire fund. As there is no formula for distribution, there is no way to estimate the funds received by entities in a state, or the funds any particular entity will receive.

**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 which 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](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](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.)
Community Health Centers (aka Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)) are health centers which 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.

**State Agency:** Anticipated -Department of Social Services (DSS)
**Intended Population:** Uninsured and Medically Underserved
**Eligibility:** FQHCs
**Distribution Date:** Not Yet Defined
**Amount:** $15.4 million

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**LABOR**

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Base
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:** Within 60 days of enactment (assuming states meet requirements)
**Amount:** $6.2 million

UI Supplemental
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:** Not yet defined.
**Amount:** $6.2 million
JUSTICE

Justice Assistance Grants - State
Funding is used for a variety of criminal justice purposes including: law enforcement, prevention and education, corrections, substance abuse, and mental health treatment programs, support for crime victims and witnesses and criminal justice policy planning and evaluation.
Agency: Office of Policy and Management
Intended Population: Anyone who interacts with the criminal justice system
Eligibility: Municipalities and criminal justice organizations
Distribution Date: Not yet defined
Amount: $5.9 million

Justice Assistance Grants - Local
Description: Same as State Justice Assistance Grants
Agency: Municipalities
Intended Population: Anyone who interacts with the criminal justice system
Eligibility: Municipalities
Distribution Date: Not yet defined
Amount: 2.8 million

AGRICULTURE

Funding for the three United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs listed below is provided for in both HR 748, “The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Stimulus Security Act” (CARES) and HR 6201, “The Families First Coronavirus Response Act”.

Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Commodities
Provides additional funding assistance to food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens as originally authorized under the “Food and Nutrition Act of 2008”, known as the “Farm Bill”.
Agency: Departments of Agriculture and Social Services
Intended Population: Elderly and low income
Eligibility: not yet defined
Distribution Date: Not yet defined; available through September 30, 2021 (SFY 22)
Amount: $5.8 million
TEFAP Administration
Provides additional funding associated with the cost of emergency food distribution (“commodities”), to be used in conjunction with the item above.
Agency: Departments of Agriculture and Social Services
Intended Population: Elderly and low income
Eligibility: Not yet defined
Distribution Date: not yet defined; available through September 30, 2021 (SFY 22)
Amount: $2.4 million

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.
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

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

Emergency Performance Management Grant (EMPG)
Agency: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
EMPG provides states 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 CBDG 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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*
CDBG develops viable communities by providing support for decent housing and a suitable living environment
Agency: Department of Housing
Intended Population: Low-and moderate-income individuals
Eligibility: Not fully defined; this funding is intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus within the State or insular area, including activities within entitlement and nonentitlement communities, based on public health needs, risk of transmission of coronavirus, number of coronavirus cases compared to the national average, and economic and housing market disruptions, and other factors, as determined by the Secretary
Distribution Date: Entitlement Community amounts are known
Amount $: 8.2 million State, $16 million Local

Homeless Assistance Grants / Emergency Solutions Grants
The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program provides grants to states and local governments to address and prevent homelessness. 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.
Agency: Department of Housing (DOH)
Intended Population: Individuals and Families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness
Eligibility: Funds may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus that are incurred by a state or locality, including for costs incurred prior to March 27th, and are not subject to normal match requirements. In addition to current eligible expenses, funds can be used for temporary shelters (with relaxed specifications), training on infectious disease prevention and mitigation, and hazard pay without being considered administrative costs for purposes of the 10% cap on administrative expenses. None
of the funds provided can be used to require homeless individuals to enter treatment or perform any other prerequisite activity as a condition of receiving shelter, housing, or other services. It is the understanding of DOH that the ESG program will be administered as normal and the municipalities that receive ESG will get an infusion directly from the CARES Act appropriation via HUD, as will DOH.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**State Amount:** $16.3 million + TBD share of $2 billion for state and local governments based on a need-based formula determined by HUD secretary

Local Government Amount: $7.7 million + TBD share of $2 billion for state and local governments based on need-based formula determined by HUD secretary

**Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**

The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) 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. The Disability Voucher Mainstream Program (DV Mainstream) provides vouchers for low-income households that includes a person with disabilities to help tenants with disabilities live independently in the community. Tenant-based rental assistance provides a portable rental assistance subsidy, which allows a tenant to move from one unit to another provided the units meet certain requirements. DOH is one of the 44 public housing authorities (PHA) that administer the programs in Connecticut and the only PHA that is allowed to administer the programs statewide.

**Agency:** Department of Housing

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

**Eligibility:** Funding for PHA's (including DOH) for new administrative expenses related to coronavirus and funds to allow current assisted individuals and families to remain in the program, given that larger housing assistance payments to landlords will be required as assisted individuals and families lose jobs and income and correspondingly contribute less towards their rent.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined

**Amount:** $16.6 million + TBD share of $400 million available for adjustments in the calendar year 2020 section 8 renewal funding allocations based on need.

**Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS**

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: Funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions. 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: Not yet defined

Amount: $475,421 (the state's share of $50 million allocated based on FY20 HOPWA awards) + possible TBD share of $10 million in additional one-time funds to be allocated to certain grantees with existing contracts.

Public Housing Operating
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 is 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.

Agency: HUD; These funds go directly to the local housing authorities that own and operate federal low-income public housing units.

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

Eligibility: These funds, to be distributed according to the normal formula, are intended to offset the reduced tenant contributions being collected as a result of significant property tenant unemployment, as well as to offset the cost of additional maintenance, security, etc. caused by coronavirus.

Distribution Date: Not yet defined

Amount: $10.7 million

Renewal of Section 8 Project-based Rental Assistance
While funding is no longer available for new commitments, the federal government through 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.

Agency: HUD; These funds will go through local housing authorities, not the Department of Housing.
**Intended Population:** Low-income households that reside in federally-assisted units of private rental housing, owners of project-based rental assistance units.

**Eligibility:** For assistance to owners or sponsors of properties receiving project-based assistance under this program for maintaining normal operations and taking other necessary actions, given that tenants may lose jobs and income and correspondingly contribute less towards their rent.

**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined, available until expended.

**Amount:** TBD share of $1 billion appropriated nationally

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**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

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**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

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**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
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 have certain reporting requirements to explain the use of funds.

Distribution Date: Not yet defined

Amount: $5.4 million* available through December 31, 2020 (SFY 21)

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

National Endowment for the Arts
The Arts Endowment will award funds to nonprofit arts organizations to help these entities survive the forced closure of their operations in response to the spread of COVID-19. The CARES Act specifies that 40% of funds be distributed to state agencies, with the remaining 60% for direct grants. Matching requirements may be waived. Funding may be used for general operation expenses (the NEA grants normally only support project-based funding).

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Intended Population: Regional nonprofit arts organizations

Eligibility: Must be a nonprofit arts organization. Further details to be determined.

Distribution Date: Details regarding timing and applications are being developed and will be announced as soon as they are available.
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**Amount:** $447,100 (Note: This figure reflects the state agency grant portion of the allocation.)


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**National Endowment for the Humanities**

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. The CARES Act specifies that 40% of funds be distributed to state humanities councils (i.e. Connecticut Humanities Council), with the remaining 60% for direct grants. Matching requirements may be waived.

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Humanities Council

**Intended Population:** Local cultural nonprofits and education programs.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, public and 501(c)(3) accredited institutions of higher education, state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. International and for-profit entities are not eligible.

**Distribution Date:** Information to apply for funding will be announced by April 30, 2020.

**Amount:** $486,100 (Note: This figure reflects the state agency grant portion of the allocation for the Connecticut Humanities Council.)

**More Information:** [https://www.neh.gov/COVID19_FAQs](https://www.neh.gov/COVID19_FAQs)

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**MEDICAID FMAP**

In addition to the federal grant resources identified above, the federal government is making additional Medicaid resources available to the states through a temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), discussed below.

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

**Agency:** Department of Social Services (DSS)

**Intended Population:** Medicaid Funded Program Beneficiaries

**Eligibility:** The increased FMAP is available for certain Medicaid expenditures that rely on the regular FMAP rate and not for expanded Medicaid rates under the Affordable Care Act. (**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.**)

**Distribution Date:** 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.

**Amount:** Impact to Date as reported in OFA's March Monthly Statement:
The Federal emergency supplemental funding bills provide a 6.2% increase in the Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). As a result, Connecticut is anticipated to receive increased Medicaid reimbursement of approximately $100 million in FY 20. This increased revenue is reflected in two ways: (1) Federal Grants revenue is up $20 million due to the 6.2% increase in federal reimbursement for Medicaid-related expenditures that are budgeted outside DSS, and (2) the state share of Medicaid is reduced by $80 million associated with the increased FMAP on Medicaid account expenditures within DSS.

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).