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 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. This document was revised on 4/29/20.

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 (Updated 4/27/20)

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: The Department of Education is accepting applications and has indicated funds will be distributed within three business days of application receipt. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2020. The Governor must award all funds within one year of receipt. Amount: $27.9 million

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (Updated 4/27/20)
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 Department of Education is accepting applications from state education agencies and has indicated funds will be distributed within three business days of application receipt. Applications must be submitted by July 1, 2020. The state education agency must award all funds within one year of receipt. Amount: $111.1 million

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (Updated 4/29/20)
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). 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:** 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 portion of the Fund. Institutions must first enter into agreement to distribute the student emergency grants, before submitting the certification for the institutional funds.

**Amount:** $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, and $21.5 million to UConn. (Yale University has chosen to forego its formula allocation of approximately $6.9 million.)

Additional information: [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html)

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) (Updated 4/13/20)**

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

**Amount:** $23.5 million

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (Updated 4/13/20)**

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:** Allows an increase in the 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:** 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

**Family Violence Prevention (Updated 4/13/20)**
**Description:** Provide support to domestic violence shelters.  
**Agency:** Department of Social Services  
**Intended Population:** Victims of Domestic Violence  
**Eligibility:** Not yet specified  
**Distribution Date:** Not yet defined  
**Amount:** $373,987

**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 4/20/20)**
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 are two funding opportunities for Head Start stimulus: (1) programs apply for funds to support summer programming, primarily for children entering kindergarten and those with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), and (2) a formula based award that will go to all Head Start programs to provide for one-time activities in response to COVID-19.  
**Distribution Date:** Once made available in late April, eligible applicants must submit a **Summer Program Supplement** in the Head Start Enterprise System (HSES). Applications are due by May 15, 2020 and will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis. If funds are still
available, the Office of Head Start (OHS) may continue to accept applications until June 15, 2020 to make additional awards. For one-time activities, each grantee will be able to apply for a proportionate amount based on their total funded enrollment. These funds will be combined with the existing FY 2020 Cost-of-Living-Adjustment and Quality Improvement (COLA/QI) applications due on May 15, 2020. OHS will provide further guidance and instruction. Awards are expected to be processed beginning in June.

**Amount:** $5 million

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**COMMUNITY LIVING**

**Supportive Services (Updated 4/24/20)**
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. 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

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**Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals (Updated 4/24/20)**
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. 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/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 4/21/20 (CARES Act)

**Amount:** Total funding of $8.1 million 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).

**Family Caregivers (Updated 4/24/20)**
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. 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

**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

**Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans (Updated 4/24/20)**
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:** 4/21/20

**Amount:** $231,740
Centers for Independent Living (Updated 4/24/20)
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: Anticipated 5/1/20
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 - Provider Relief Fund (Updated 4/29/20)

Agency: UConn Health Center

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; (2) treatment of uninsured COVID-19 patients by claims submission, for reimbursement at the Medicare rate (funding level not specified); (3) COVID-19 high impact areas, with $10 billion to hospitals that were asked to submit information on intensive care unit capacity and COVID-19 positive admissions; (4) rural providers, $10 billion to be allocated according to proportional operating expenses; (5) Indian Health Service, $400 million to be allocated according to proportional operating expenses; and (6) additional funding to other providers, including skilled nursing facilities among others, amount unspecified. Details on health care provider funding under PL 116-139 have not yet been announced.

Distribution Date: For the general distribution portion of CARES Act funding, the first-round $30 billion has been distributed and distribution of the second-round $20 billion has begun. For treatment of uninsured patients, providers have begun to register and may begin to submit claims in May. For COVID-19 high impact areas, hospitals have been asked to provide information and the funding distribution date is not determined. For rural providers and the Indian Health Service, HHS indicates funds will begin to be distributed in late April or early May. Details on additional funding to other providers in the CARES Act and funding appropriated under PL 116-139 have not been released.

Amount: $100 billion for the entire fund in the CARES Act and an additional $75 billion in PL 116-139. FFIS estimates Connecticut providers received $378 million of the first-round CARES Act general distribution funding, of which UConn Health received $7.7 million.

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 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)

Amount: $1.2 million distributed by HRSA

Community Health Center (Awarded under C.A.R.E.S.) (Updated 4/13/20)

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.

Funding provided under C.A.R.E.S. 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)

State Agency: Anticipated – 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](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. Please note the table reflects total funding to date, which includes targeted grants funded in P.L. 116-123: [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-cares-FY2020-awards/ct](https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-cares-FY2020-awards/ct)

Amount: $15.9 million distributed by HRSA

LABOR

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Base (Updated 4/13/20)

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: Within 60 days of enactment (assuming states meet requirements)
Amount: $6 million

UI Supplemental (Updated 4/13/20)
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: Not yet defined.
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
Funding for the three United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs listed below are 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 (Updated 4/13/20)
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: It is required that priority consideration for grants be given for previous applicants who are now eligible as a result of adjusted eligibility requirements.
Distribution Date: Not yet defined; available through September 30, 2021 (SFY 22)
Amount: $5.8 million

TEFAP Administration (Updated 4/13/20)
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: It is required that priority consideration for grants be given for previous applicants who are now eligible as a result of adjusted eligibility requirements.
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
Economic Development Assistance Program (Updated 4/13/20)

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: Department of Economic and Community Development; Office of Policy and Management; municipal governments.

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 available on a competitive basis (less up to 2% for administrative expenses and $3 million for the Office of Inspector General)


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.

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

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)* (Updated 4/24/20)
CDBG develops viable communities by providing support for decent housing and a suitable living environment. At the federal level, the CDBG Program is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
Agency: Department of Housing (DOH)
Intended Population: Low-and moderate-income individuals
Eligibility: Funding is intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus within the State or insular area, including activities within entitlement and nonentitlement communities.
Eligible communities may use this funding for infrastructure related to their COVID-19 response (e.g., new testing facilities, clinics), providing assistance to impacted businesses, provision of new or expanded services (e.g., training for additional healthcare workers, meals on wheels), and planning activities. DOH strongly recommends working with local social service agencies, Continuum of Care (CoC)/Coordinated Access Networks homeless providers, health departments, and other providers to identify specific local needs.

**Distribution Date:** CDBG funds are appropriated to Connecticut in two ways: (1) Approximately $16 million is distributed directly to 22 entitlement communities, and (2) Approximately $8.1 million is for Connecticut’s Small Cities CDBG – CARES program. Applications from municipalities can be submitted beginning 30 days after DOH receives HUD approval of the Amendment to the Action plan. This funding is anticipated to be available for grant awards and expenditure on or after June 1, 2020.

**Amount:** $8.1 million State, $16 million Local


**Homeless Assistance Grants / Emergency Solutions Grants** *(Updated 4/24/20)*

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), certain municipal governments

**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 is incurred by a state or locality, including for costs incurred prior to enactment of the CARES Act. The funds are not subject to the cap on emergency shelter and outreach and are exempt from regular ESG match requirements (see page 17 of the Draft Amendment for a full list of waivers). In addition to current ESG 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.

**Distribution Date:** Initial grants based on the existing formula are known with funds to be distributed subsequent to grantees meeting the necessary requirements (i.e., HUD approval of an amended action plan). Remaining allocations and distribution not yet defined.
State Amount: $8,159,579 first allocation. Up to two additional allocations are anticipated (based on an alternative formula developed by HUD and/or based on demand/need). For information on how DOH anticipates spending these funds, still subject to change, see their Draft 2019-2020 Action Plan Amendment (page 19) at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/Draft-Amended-1920-AP-LW.pdf?la=en

Local Government Amount: $3,828,724 first allocation. Up to two additional allocations are anticipated (based on an alternative formula developed by HUD and/or based on demand/need); see existing formula-based municipal allocations at the following link https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget/fy20/

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Updated 4/15/20)
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 include 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, local public housing authorities

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. Funding from regular FY 2020 appropriations can also be used for newly eligible activities.

Distribution Date: To remain available until expended; 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 (Updated 4/24/20)
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), certain municipal governments

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, 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 to be distributed subsequent to grantees meeting the necessary requirements (i.e. HUD approval of an amended action plan).

State Amount: $38,662 (Connecticut non-entitlement)
Local Government Amount: $139,500 for Bridgeport; $171,601 for Hartford; $160,839 for New Haven

Public Housing Operating Fund (Updated 4/15/20)
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.

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: 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 will be allocated to PHAs as additional FY2020 funding based on the operating fund formula.

Distribution Date: To be available until December 31, 2020 with extensions possible; not yet defined.
Amount: $10.7 million
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.

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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

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**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:  
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: Applications will be accepted from April 27th to May 4th. Earliest announcement of grants anticipated in June.
Amount: $447,100 (Note: This figure reflects the state agency grant portion of the allocation.)
More information: https://www.arts.gov/COVID-19-FAQs

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
OTHER PROVISIONS (Updated 4/15/20)

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 4/15/20)
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)
Approximately $425 million in grants will be made available under SAMHSA to support the following:

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants (at least $250 million);
- Emergency Response Grants (at least $100 million)- This funding will provide crisis intervention services, mental and substance use disorder treatment, and other related recovery supports for children and adults impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will be provided for states, territories, and tribes to develop comprehensive systems to address these needs. Applications for funding closed on 4/10/20;
- Suicide Prevention Programs (at least $50 million); and
- At least $15 million will be allocated to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health or behavioral health service providers to tribes.

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)
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 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.'
SOURCES

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


