
FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDING

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

Senate Committee on Finance, Rhode Island General Assembly



AGENDA

- General Overview of Federal Funds to States for COVID-19
- State Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds
- Education
- Small Business Provisions
- Stimulus 4.0 ???



COVID-19 Federal Legislation

March 6 - Round 1

\$8.3 billion - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020

March 18 – Round 2

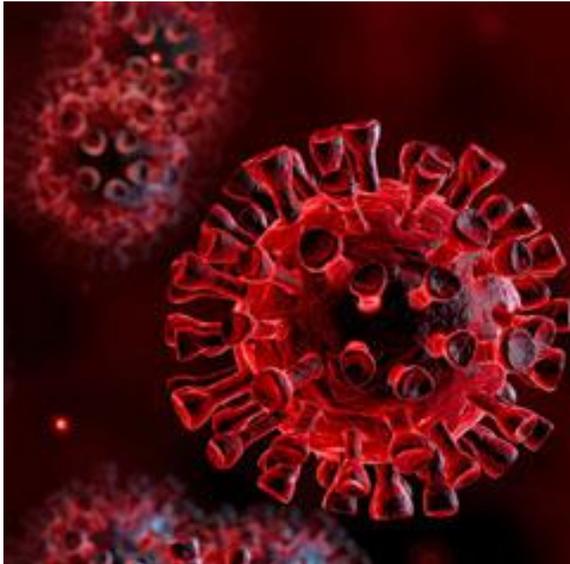
Families First Coronavirus Response Act

March 27: Round 3

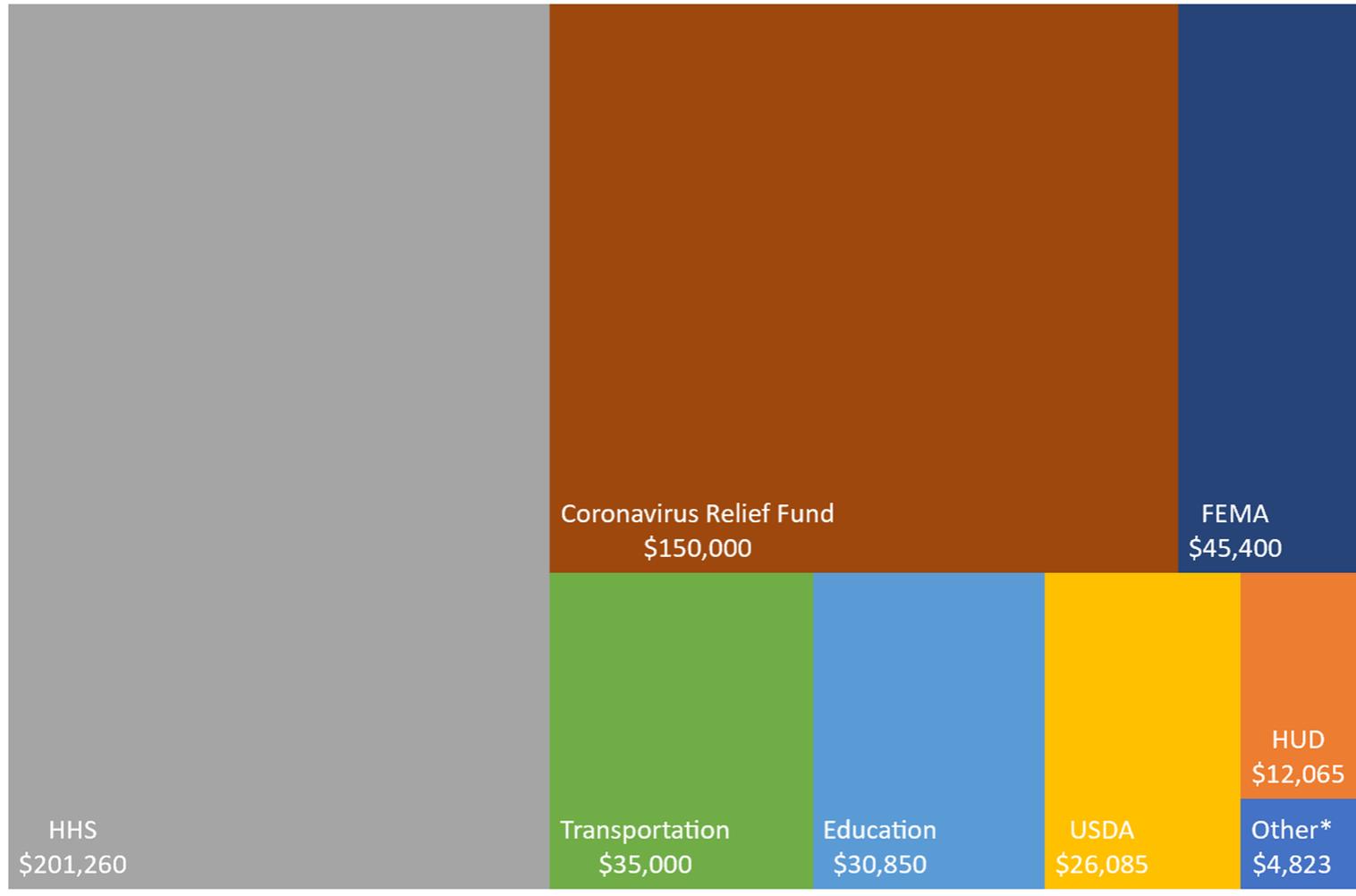
\$2.2 trillion - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act

April 24: Round 3.5

\$484 billion - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act



Coronavirus Funding for States
(\$ in millions)



* Includes Interior, Independent Agencies, Justice, Labor, and Commerce

Source: Federal Funds Information for States, May 2020



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

DIRECT AID TO STATES: CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Some Allowable Uses

- Public Safety and Healthcare
 - Convert convention center to hospital
- Funds for emergency legislative sessions
- Local governments
- Cash management tool



DIRECT AID TO STATES: CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Some Allowable Uses

- Technology related to remote working (legislature and state workers)
- Broadband (only if funds can be spent by end of year)
- Enhanced pay for health and safety workers
- Enhanced medical costs for prisons
- Education expenses for remote learning, summer learning, nutrition services



DIRECT AID TO STATES: CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Some Allowable Uses

- Renter relief programs
- Temporary housing for homeless populations
- Workers compensation
- Loans and grants to small businesses
- Animal depopulation and disposal
- Support for state unemployment trust fund



EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND: RHODE ISLAND IMPLEMENTATION

- **Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)**
 - Status: Gov. Raimondo can receive \$8.7 million
 - Application due June 1, 2020
- **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEER)**
 - Status: Funds are available to institutions, most have received
 - RI institutions receive \$64.7 million
- **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)**
 - Status: RIDE can receive \$46.3 million
 - Local Education Agencies: \$41.7 million via Title I formula
 - RIDE set-aside: \$4.6 million

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ESSER)



At-risk student populations
supporting students with disabilities, English Learners, migrant students, homeless students, low-income students, children in foster care



Distance/Remote Learning – devices, hot spots; internet service; instructional packets/resources; online learning platforms



School Meals – preparing/delivering meals; costs for meals not covered by USDA; hazard pay; transportation costs



Mental and Physical Health – counseling; telehealth; school nursing; therapeutic services; wraparound supports; training



Supplemental Learning – extended learning schedules; remediation; before/after school programs; additional pay for teachers and mentors



Facilities and Equipment – deep cleaning buildings/buses; PPE (such as masks, gloves, disinfectants) and supplies; hazard pay



Professional Development – training for school leaders, teachers, and staff; extended PD days



Continuity of Core Staff and Services – restoring potential budget reductions; offsetting need to furlough school staff

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND: ONGOING ISSUES

- **Maintenance of Effort for ESSER and GEER**
 - Waiver application process TBA
- **“Equitable Services” guidance**
 - April 30 non-regulatory guidance FAQ document: All private school students qualify
 - State and local responses vary widely



PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Created by the CARES Act to help small businesses retain their employees over 8 week period
 - 100% forgivable loans if certain requirements are met
 - Maximum of \$10 million or 250% of average monthly payroll costs
 - All businesses – including nonprofits, veterans organizations, Tribal business concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors – with 500 or fewer employees can apply
 - At least 75% of funds must be used on payroll costs to be eligible for loan forgiveness—25% can be used for rent payments, utilities, etc
- Total Loan Amounts as of May 18, 2020:
 - 4,341,145 approved loans
 - \$513.27 billion in approved dollars
- Rhode Island:
 - 15,857 approved loans
 - \$1.86 billion in approved dollars



ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS (EIDL)

- Longstanding form of disaster assistance provided directly through the SBA
- Maximum of \$2 million
- Loans are not forgivable
- Applicants are automatically eligible for \$10,000 advance grant (does not need to be repaid)
- ONLY agricultural producers can currently apply

- Rhode Island as of May 8, 2020:
 - 10,758 approved EIDL loans
 - \$36.23 million approved dollars





- Population Groups
- All Documents** 
- Cost and Quality
- Diseases and Conditions
- Federal Issues | Health and Human Services
- Health Insurance
- Medicaid and CHIP
- New and Emerging Health Issues
- Pharmaceuticals
- Population Groups

NCSL Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources for States

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Latest Updates	Census	Continuity of Government	Criminal Justice	Education
Elections	Employment	Federal Action	Federal Agencies	Fiscal
Health	Human Services	Podcasts	Webinars	Resources to Share With Constituents

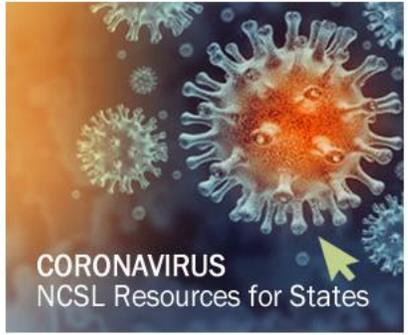
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