



# Federal COVID Funding

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Available and Remaining Funding

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# Available Federal Funding

- OMB has identified \$1.44 billion in funding from the CARES Act and other federal relief bills that can be used for the administration's centrally coordinated response efforts. This includes:
  - \$1.25 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
  - CRF funds may not be used to backfill lost revenue, per guidance issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
  - \$187.6 million in direct grants to agencies that are flexible or that can be used to fund a portion of a larger initiative.
- This figure does not include \$159.5 million in direct grants with specific purposes and limitations, like transit funding directed to RIPTA and DOT and funding for child nutrition programs.
  - Agencies that receive such direct grants are funding initiatives within the scope of the grant with DOA oversight but with minimal central coordination.
- Additionally, OMB estimates the State will receive between \$92.7 million and \$275.1 million in FEMA funding.
  - The amount of FEMA funding the State will receive is uncertain because the State will need to submit requests for reimbursement for each project individually and federal guidance is evolving.
  - CRF funds can be used as the match for FEMA reimbursement.

# Available Funding: CRF, Flexible Direct Grants, FEMA

CRF	Agency	Amount	Notes
Coronavirus Relief Fund		\$1,250.0M	
Grants	Agency	Amount	Notes
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection	DOH	\$98.2M	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity and Crisis Co. Ag.
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	RIDE	\$46.4M	
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Institutional Portion		\$14.8M	URI: \$5.6M; CCRI: \$5.5M; RIC: \$3.7M
Human Services grants	DHS	\$13.7M	CCDBG: \$8.2M; seven Healthy Aging grants: \$5.5M
Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund	GOV	\$8.7M	
Emergency Solutions Grant	EOC	\$5.8M	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$187.6M</b>	
FEMA Reimbursement		Amount	Notes
FEMA Reimbursement		\$92.7M - \$275.1M	Depends on match rate and what is deemed eligible
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,530.3M - \$1,712.7M</b>	

# FEMA Public Assistance Program



**In accordance with section 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75% federal cost share.**

## Eligible Assistance

- Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety
- Emergency Medical Care
- Medical Sheltering (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs.
- Security and law enforcement
- Communications of general health and safety information to the public
- Reimbursement for state overtime costs.

# RI May Receive Less In FEMA Reimbursement



**FEMA may decline reimbursement for eligible expenses if it determines that other federal funds should be used.**

- FEMA indicated in 7/1 guidance that it will not reimburse for contact tracing, because CDC grant funds and CRF can be used for that expense.
- So far, contact tracing is the only category of expenses FEMA has announced it will not pay for. FEMA has indicated that it may identify more categories that will be excluded from Public Assistance funding.
- Testing could be another significant category that FEMA excludes, since the same CDC grant funds as contact tracing and CRF can be used for testing expenses. If FEMA excludes reimbursement for testing and PPE, Rhode Island would lose up to \$136.6M in potential reimbursement at (75/25), and these expenses would need to move to other funding sources.

# FEMA Estimated Eligibility Ranges



## Low End Range: \$92.7M

- Assumes 75%/25% Split Between FEMA and CRF
- Excludes Testing, PPE and Contact Tracing Items

## High End Range: \$275.1M

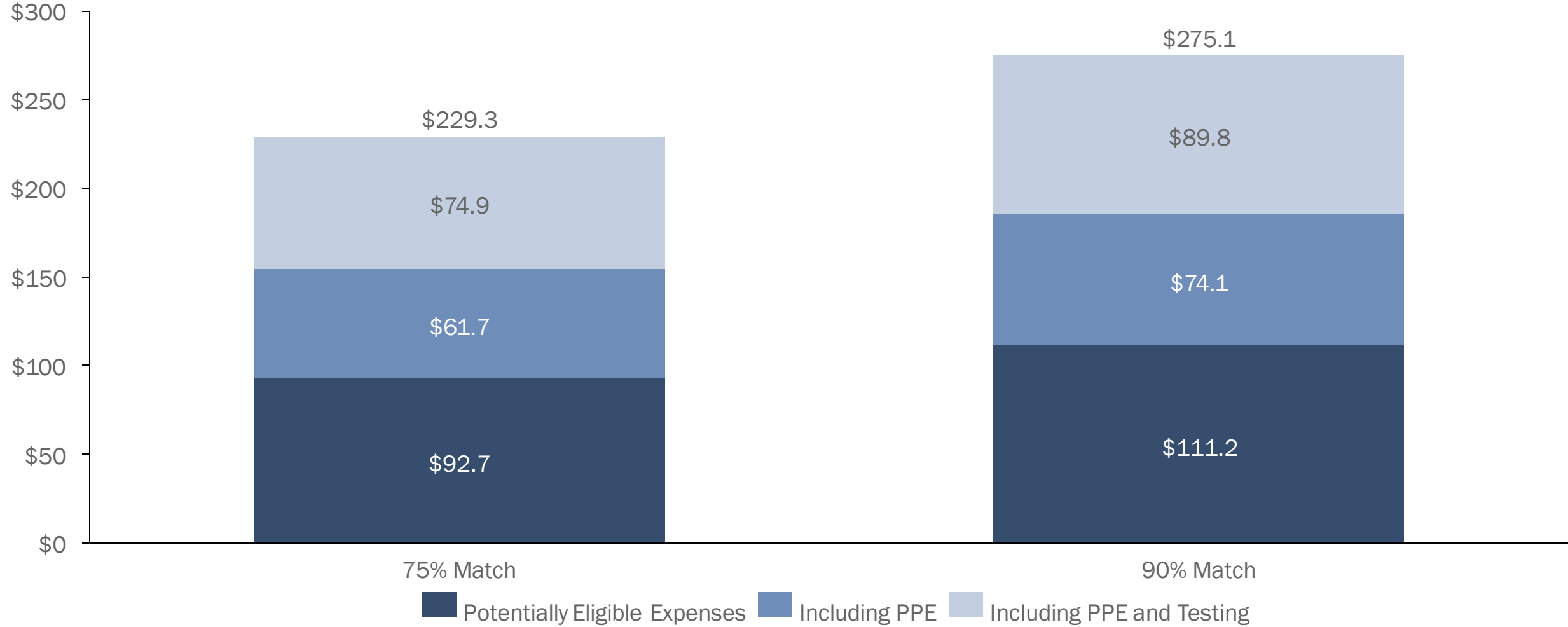
- Assumes 90%/10% Split Between FEMA and CRF
- Includes Assumed Eligible Testing and PPE Items
- Excludes Contact Tracing Items

FEMA Reimbursement Ranges	COST Through 12/30/2020 (75%) - FEMA	COST Through 12/30/2020 (90%) - FEMA
Potentially Eligible Expenses	\$92.7M	\$111.2M
Including PPE	\$154.4M	\$185.3M
Including PPE and Testing	\$229.3M	\$275.1M

\* Includes AHS, other supplies, case investigation, communications, and other COVID-related expenses considered to have reasonable likelihood of reimbursement eligibility given current information

# FEMA Funding Amount is Uncertain

Millions of dollars



# Remaining Federal Funding

- OMB estimates that there is between \$409.9 million and \$592.3 million of federal funding (prioritized to CRF) remaining for the administration's centrally coordinated response efforts.
- There is between \$1.53 billion and \$1.71 billion in funding available:
  - \$1.25 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund
  - \$187.6 million in direct grants
  - Between \$92.7 million and \$275.1 million of FEMA funding.
- There are \$1,120.4 million in expenditures and spending targets:
  - Last week's memo identified \$881.3 million in total spending targets.
  - The FY 2020 Enacted budget included a further \$35.5 million in personnel expenditures, \$41.7 million in elementary and secondary education expenditures, and \$14.8 million in higher education expenditures.
  - OMB assumes a \$147.1 million allocation for contingency in the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases and the need to enhance or extend response efforts



# Contingency Details

Contingency Details	Estimated Amount
Continued National Guard Support without State Share Waiver	\$10.3
Enhanced CI/CT	\$5.0
Expanded Sentinel Testing to Support Reopening	\$89.2
Extended Community Mitigation Efforts in Event of Surge	\$12.1
Extended Housing and Food Support in Event of Surge	\$1.9
Health System Support in Event of Surge	\$28.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147.1</b>

\* Amounts shown in millions of \$

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