

S. 3548 The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

DIVISION B – Emergency Appropriations For Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations

The appropriations division of the Senate’s bipartisan coronavirus aid and economic relief agreement contains \$330 billion in new funding to address the needs of the American people as we confront the coronavirus pandemic. The bill provides new resources to help strained state, local, and tribal governments as they combat this pandemic; support for hospitals and health care workers on the front lines of this public health crisis; funding to purchase personal protective equipment and much needed medical equipment; support for law enforcement and first responders; funding for scientists researching treatments and vaccines; support for small businesses; support for local schools and universities; and funding for affordable housing and homelessness assistance programs.

Highlights include:

- **\$100 billion for a new program to provide direct aid to health care institutions** on the front line of this crisis—hospitals, public entities, not-for profit entities, and Medicare and Medicaid enrolled suppliers and institutional providers—to cover costs related to this public health crisis.
- **\$16 billion to replenish the Strategic National Stockpile** supplies of pharmaceuticals, personal protective equipment, and other medical supplies, which are distributed to State and local health agencies, hospitals and other healthcare entities facing shortages during emergencies.
- **\$3.5 billion for BARDA to expand the production of vaccines**, therapeutics, and diagnostics to help combat this pandemic.
- **At least \$250 million to expand the Hospital Preparedness Program’s** support of emergency preparedness, including the National Ebola and Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC), regional, State and local special pathogens treatment centers, and hospital preparedness cooperative agreements.
- **\$1 billion for the Defense Production Act** to bolster domestic supply chains, enabling industry to quickly ramp up production of personal protective equipment, ventilators, and other urgently needed medical supplies, and billions dollars more for federal, state, and local health agencies to purchase such equipment.
- **\$4.3 billion to support federal, state, and local public health agencies** to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, including for the purchase of personal protective equipment; laboratory testing to detect positive cases; infection control and mitigation at the local level to prevent the spread of the virus; and other public health preparedness and response activities.

- **\$200 million for CMS to assist nursing homes** with infection control and support states' efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus in nursing homes.
- **\$45 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund** to provide for the immediate needs of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to protect citizens and help them recovery from the overwhelming effects of COVID-19. Reimbursable activities may include medical response, personal protective equipment, National Guard deployment, coordination of logistics, safety measures, and community services nationwide
- **\$400 million for FEMA grants, including :**
 - \$100 million Assistance to Firefighter Grants to provide personal protective equipment, supplies, and reimbursements.
 - \$100 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants which focus on emergency preparedness
 - \$200 million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program which provides shelter, food, and supportive services through local service organizations.
- **\$200 million for CMS to assist nursing homes** with infection control and support CMS and states as they work to save lives and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes.
- **\$30.75 billion for grants to provide emergency support to local school systems and higher education institutions** to continue to provide educational services to their students and support the on-going functionality of school districts and institutions.
- **\$260 million for Navy operations and maintenance, including funds to support the deployment of the USNS Comfort hospital ship to New York City and the USNS Mercy to Los Angeles.**
- **Nearly \$1.5 billion for National Guard** support to States and territories to support Title 32 operations, which have been ordered to commence in New York, California, and Washington.
- **\$3.5 billion in additional funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant** to provide child care assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential during the response to the coronavirus.
- **More than \$7 billion for affordable housing and homelessness assistance programs. This funding will help low-income and working class Americans avoid evictions and minimize any impacts caused by loss of employment, and child care, or other unforeseen circumstances related to COVID-19, and support** additional assistance to prevent eviction and for people experiencing homelessness.
- **\$25 billion in aid to our nation's transit systems** to help protect public health and safety while ensuring access to jobs, medical treatment, food, and other essential services.
- **\$10 billion in grants to help our nation's airports** as the aviation sector grapples with the most steep and potentially sustained decline in air travel in history.

- **More than \$6.5 billion in Federal funding for CDBG, the Economic Development Administration, and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership** to help mitigate the local economic crisis and rebuild impacted industries such as tourism or manufacturing supply chains.
- **Funding to strengthen response capacity and support tribal communities**, including:
 - \$1.03 billion to the Indian Health Service to support tribal health care system response efforts;
 - \$100 million more for the USDA Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations;
 - \$453 million to assist tribes through the Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - \$69 million to help tribal schools, colleges and universities through for the Bureau of Indian Education
 - \$300 million more to the HUD Indian Housing Block Grant program.
- **\$900 million for LIHEAP** to help lower income households heat and cool their homes.
- **\$15.85 billion for to help our nation's veterans**, including to help treat COVID-19, purchase test kits, and procure personal protective equipment for clinicians, and \$590 million in dedicated funding to treat vulnerable veterans, including homeless veterans and those in VA-run nursing homes
- **\$850 million in Byrne-JAG grants** for state and local law enforcement and jails to purchase personal protective equipment, medical supplies, and overtime.
- **\$562 million to help small businesses** by ensuring SBA has the resources to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to businesses that need financial support. This will help businesses keep their doors open and pay their employees.
- **\$450 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** to assist food banks across the country.
- **\$425 million to increase access to mental health services in communities.**
- **\$400 million in election assistance** for the states to help prepare for the 2020 election cycle, including to increase the ability to vote by mail, expand early voting and online registration, and increase the safety of voting in-person by providing additional voting facilities and more poll-workers.