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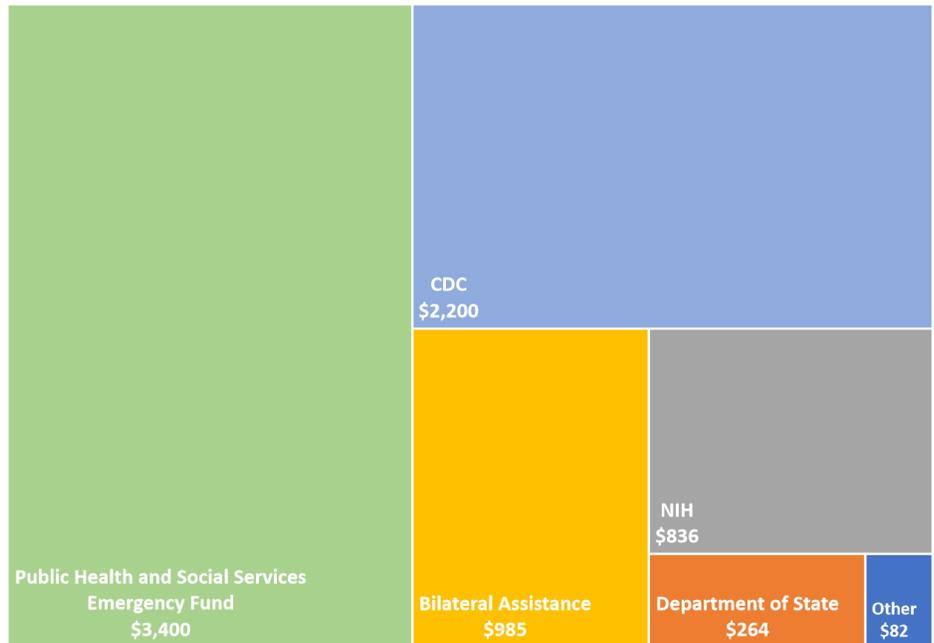
Congress Moves \$8.3 Billion Coronavirus Bill

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Summary

Congress will send to the president an \$8.3 billion supplemental spending package for coronavirus preparedness and response ([H.R. 6074](#)). The major components are shown below. The bill designates \$1.05 billion for grants to state and local governments and allows funds to be used to reimburse state and local costs already incurred. If the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reprogrammed or transferred any funds to support response efforts, the bill requires that those funds be transferred back to the original accounts.

Major Components of Coronavirus Supplemental
 (\$ in millions)



State and Local Provisions

The \$7.8 billion bill allows the secretary of HHS to permit Medicare providers to provide telehealth services to beneficiaries outside of rural communities. The provision is estimated to cost \$500 million, bringing the total cost to \$8.3 billion.

The table on the next page details the funding. The bill specifies that at least \$1.05 billion be provided to state and local governments, including:

- Not less than \$950 million in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding
- Not less than \$100 million for Community Health Centers

Half of the \$950 million in CDC grants must be allocated to states, local governments, territories, and tribes within 30 days of enactment. The bill does not specify how funds are awarded, except for two provisions:

1. Fiscal year (FY) 2019 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grantees are guaranteed to receive at least 90% of their FY 2019 awards. These minimum awards, which total \$561 million, are shown on Table 1 at the end of the brief. PHEP grantees must submit a spending plan to CDC no later than 45 days after enactment.
2. \$40 million must be allocated to tribes.

The bill provides CDC with flexibility in using various grants or cooperative agreements in meeting the bill's requirements.

Of note, the bill:

- Allows its grant or cooperative agreement funding to reimburse state or local costs incurred for coronavirus preparedness and response activities between January 20 and the date of enactment (this provision applies to state and local governments, territories, and tribes)
- Requires that any funds HHS has reprogrammed or transferred be transferred back to the original appropriation within 45 days of enactment
- Allows transferring of funds among amounts appropriated to CDC, the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Allows funding under CDC and the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to be used for construction or renovation of nonfederal facilities to improve state and local preparedness and response capabilities

Next Steps

The president has indicated he will sign the measure. In addition, the administration recently [announced](#) the following initial funding to state and local jurisdictions (state-specific awards have not been provided):

- \$25 million to jurisdictions with the largest burden of response and preparedness to date (the administration notes that once supplemental funding is provided, awards will be provided to all states)
- \$10 million to begin surveillance

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Coronavirus Supplemental Funding included in H.R. 6074

(\$ in millions)

Department/Agency	Amount	Purpose
Health and Human Services		
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$2,200	Support federal, state, and local public health agencies
<i>Grants and Cooperative Agreements (states, locals, territories, tribes)</i>	<i>950</i>	<i>Surveillance, testing, contact tracing, infection control, mitigation, other activities</i>
<i>Global Disease Detection and Emergency Response</i>	<i>300</i>	
<i>Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Reserve Fund</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>Immediate response activities, replenish fund</i>
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund	3,400	Prevent, prepare, and respond; develop countermeasures and vaccines; purchase vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, medical supplies; medical surge capacity
<i>Community Health Centers</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>Health services, including health clinics in underserved areas</i>
<i>Procurement</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>Vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics</i>
<i>Office of Inspector General</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Oversight</i>
National Institutes of Health	836	
<i>National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases</i>	<i>826</i>	<i>Research and development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics</i>
<i>National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Training to reduce exposure of hospital employees, first responders, others</i>
Food and Drug Administration	61	Facilitate development and review of medical countermeasures, devices, therapies, and vaccines; mitigate potential supply chain interruptions
Small Business Administration		
Disaster Loans	20	Covers administrative costs; allows \$1 billion in small business disaster loans
Department of State		
United States Agency for International Development	264	Consular operations, emergency evacuations, other preparedness
	1	Oversight
Bilateral Economic Assistance		
Global Health Programs	435	Support health systems overseas, including not less than \$200 million for Emergency Reserve Fund
International Disaster Assistance	300	Respond to humanitarian needs
Economic Support Fund	250	Economic, security, and stabilization requirements
Total	\$7,767	

Table 1**Estimated Minimum Guarantee to PHEP Grantees**

(\$ in thousands)

State	FY 2019 PHEP Award 1/	90% of Award
Alabama	\$9,054	\$8,149
Alaska	5,448	4,903
Arizona	12,447	11,202
Arkansas	6,895	6,205
California	41,896	37,707
Colorado	10,368	9,331
Connecticut	7,843	7,058
Delaware	5,075	4,568
District of Columbia	6,831	6,148
Florida	30,329	27,296
Georgia	16,429	14,786
Hawaii	5,075	4,568
Idaho	5,075	4,568
Illinois	16,297	14,667
Indiana	11,528	10,375
Iowa	7,053	6,348
Kansas	6,601	5,941
Kentucky	8,294	7,464
Louisiana	8,672	7,805
Maine	5,075	4,568
Maryland	11,399	10,259
Massachusetts	12,944	11,649
Michigan	16,186	14,567
Minnesota	11,165	10,048
Mississippi	6,528	5,875
Missouri	10,987	9,889
Montana	5,075	4,568
Nebraska	5,330	4,797
Nevada	7,259	6,533
New Hampshire	5,448	4,903
New Jersey	15,400	13,860
New Mexico	6,638	5,974
New York	18,545	16,690
North Carolina	15,356	13,821
North Dakota	5,075	4,568
Ohio	17,357	15,621
Oklahoma	7,694	6,924
Oregon	8,110	7,299
Pennsylvania	18,782	16,904
Rhode Island	5,448	4,903
South Carolina	9,918	8,926
South Dakota	5,075	4,568
Tennessee	11,198	10,078
Texas	39,141	35,227
Utah	7,157	6,441
Vermont	5,448	4,903
Virginia	14,857	13,372
Washington	12,756	11,481
West Virginia	5,556	5,001
Wisconsin	11,334	10,200
Wyoming	5,075	4,568
Puerto Rico	6,523	5,870
Virgin Islands	466	419
American Samoa	411	370
Guam	533	479
Northern Mariana Islands	411	370
Chicago	9,715	8,744
Los Angeles County	20,236	18,212
New York City	18,791	16,912
Other territories	1,250	1,125
TOTAL	\$622,858	\$560,572

1/ Reflects total award (base plus population, cities readiness, and chemical laboratory).

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