Summary of Federal Stimulus Bills

Phase 5 - American Rescue Plan Act

Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund - $3.01 Billion to Louisiana

- Direct payment to the state in one or two tranches at the discretion of the Secretary of the US Treasury. First Tranche (approx. 50%) in 60 days, and second tranche 12 months later
- Funds can be used for COVID-19 response, premium pay for certain state employees and essential workers, revenue loss, and investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - $1.8 Billion to Louisiana

- Estimates predict the Louisiana local funding monies will be distributed as follows:
  - $571.9 Million for metropolitan cities (paid directly to the city)
  - $322.4 Million for non-metropolitan areas (paid to the state for distribution to such areas)
  - $901.6 Million for parishes (paid directly to the parish)
- Same allowable uses as the state fund

Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - $179.8 Million to Louisiana

- Paid to the state for critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Childcare/Early Childhood Education - $822.4 Million to Louisiana

- $298 Million in Child Care and Development Block Grants
- $48.4 Million for Individuals with Disabilities (Preschool, Infants and Toddlers)
- $476 Million in Child Care Stabilization Funding

K-12 Education - $2.6 Billion to Louisiana

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) - $2.6 Billion for response to coronavirus (formula funding) school repairs and improvements and economically impoverished, disabled, minorities, and foster care
- $49 Million allocated for emergency assistance to Non-Public Schools
**Higher Education - $599.5 Million to Louisiana**

- The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - $480.4 Million to public and private non-profit higher education institutions
- $113.9 Million estimated to HBCUs and Minority Serving Institutions

**Healthcare - $331.4 Million to Louisiana**

- $140 Million for testing and contact tracing initiatives, with emphasis on testing in schools
- $139.5 Million for distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccinations
- $40.4 Million for Behavioral Health
- $3.5 Million to track and forecast COVID-19 trends and identify variants
- Medicaid - requires coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments at no cost to the patient; provides a 100% federal match for all vaccine services
- Medicaid - gives states the option to expand coverage to mothers up to a year post-partum
- Medicaid - provides increased cost sharing for Medicaid expansion in certain areas of care

**Transportation - $58.2 Billion Nationwide**

- Transit Funding - $30.5 Billion; Aviation Funding - $26 Billion; Railway Funding - $1.7 Billion

**Veterans - $17 Billion Nationwide**

- Veterans Health Administration (VA) - $14.5 Billion
- Prohibition on Copayments and Cost Sharing - $1 Billion
- State Homes Funding - $750 Million
- Retraining and Housing Assistance - $386 Million

**Agriculture/Rural Development - $6.4 Billion Nationwide**

- Agriculture - $5.8 Billion; Rural Development - $639 Million

**Housing/Emergency Rental Assistance/Utilities – $447.8 Million to Louisiana**

- $243.7 Million to Louisiana- Housing/Rental Assistance –Emergency Rental Assistance, available until Sept. 2027
• Emergency Housing Vouchers
• Housing Counseling
• Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program
• $57.4 Million to Louisiana for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
• Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program
• $146.7 Million to Louisiana for Homeowner Assistance

Food Assistance
• $15.5 Million to Louisiana for SNAP Administrative Expenses (available until Sept. 30, 2023)
• Meals and supplements reimbursements for children under 25
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program - $490 Million Nationwide

Unemployment Benefits - Nationwide
• All provisions expire on September 6, 2021
• Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) - Extends the $300 “plus up”
• Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) - additional 53 weeks
• Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for “gig workers” extends to a maximum of 79 weeks
• Federal UI borrowing - interest free

Small Business Aid
• Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - additional $7.5 Billion in new funding
• Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) - $3.6 Billion total, $386.5 million is appropriated for advance payments on assistance to low-income communities
• Restaurants & Bars (and other eligible food/drink providers) - $25 Billion Nationwide
• Shuttered Venue Operators - $1.25 Billion Nationwide
• Community Navigator Pilot Program - $175 Million

Stimulus Checks - estimated $5.67 Billion to Louisiana
• Maximum direct payments of $1,400 per individuals and dependents

**Tax Provisions**

• Exempts $10,200 of unemployment benefits received in 2020 from federal income taxes for households with income below $150,000

• Expands the child tax credit and makes changes to the Earned Income Tax Credit

**Miscellaneous - $4.8 Million to Louisiana**

• $3 Million to Louisiana - Institute of Museums and Library Services

• $930,000 to Louisiana - National Endowment for the Humanities

• $820,000 to Louisiana - National Endowment of the Arts

**Community Support**

• Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

$5.1 Million to Louisiana for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment

**Phase 4- Consolidated Appropriations Act**

• $900 Billion in Total Coronavirus Relief Funding

• Major Areas of Funding:
  
  o **Education** - $91 Billion
  
  o Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - $54.3 Billion

  o Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund - $4.1 Billion

  o Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - $22.7 Billion

  o Early Childhood Education - $10 Billion

  o **Healthcare** - $62.6 Billion
    
    o COVID Testing, Vaccines, & Research - $58.3 Billion

    o Mental Health - $4.25 Billion

  o **Small Business Aid** - $325 Billion
    
    o Payment Protection Program 2 - $284 Billion

    o Shuttered Venue Assistance - $15 Billion
- Transportation - $45 Billion
- Agriculture - $12 Billion
- Rental Assistance - $25 Billion
- Broadband - $7 Billion
- Food Assistance/SNAP Benefits - $500M plus expanded SNAP eligibility
- Unemployment - $120 Billion
- USPS - $10 Billion
- Stimulus Checks - $600 for individuals making up to $75,000, $1,200 for couple making up to $150,000, and $600 for dependents under 17 years old

**Phase 3.5- Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**

- $321 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program
- $60 billion in loans and grants for economic disaster assistance
- $75 billion for health care providers
- $25 billion to increase testing capacity

**Phase 3- CARES Act**

- Coronavirus Relief Fund- $1.8 Billion to Louisiana for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. See U.S. Treasury Guidance for uses and restrictions.
- CDC grants to state and local governments for COVID-19 response.
- Emergency Solutions Grants to state and local governments
- Education
  - Governor’s and K-12 Education Stabilization Fund
  - Higher Education Stabilization Fund- which sets aside a portion for HBCU’s
  - Child Care and Development Block Grant
- Nutrition
  - Additional funding for elderly nutrition programs- including home-delivered meals and congregate meals.
  - Additional funding for TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) which are grants to the 5 regional food banks in Louisiana.
  - SNAP funding to support additional participation in the program
- Community and Families
  - Community Development Block Grants
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOWPA)

**Health Care**
- Reimburse Hospitals and providers for virus expenses and lost revenue attributable to COVID.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- Additional Community Health Center Funding

**Homeland Security Disaster Relief Fund**
**Funding for National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities**
**Funding included in the CARES Act for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**
**Unemployment Compensation**
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC): $600 weekly added to regular UC
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC): 13 additional weeks at regular UC amount + FPUC
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): Up to 39 weeks at regular UC amount + FPUC for those unemployed because of COVID-19, including the self-employed and those otherwise ineligible for (including having exhausted) regular UC
- Short-time compensation programs, existing and new: benefit and administrative costs, plus grants for administration and promotion

**Transportation**
- Airports
- Transit Infrastructure Grants
- Highway Safety Program

**Election Assistance Commission**
**Business/Commerce**
- Paycheck Protection Program
- Economic Disaster Injury Loans
- 180 Day Foreclosure moratorium
- 120 Eviction moratorium

**Phase 2- Families First Coronavirus Response Act**

- Funds for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- SNAP- Gives USDA authority to approve state emergency plans for households with children not receiving the free or reduced lunch program at school.
- Elderly nutrition services- including home-delivered meals and congregate meals.
- Funding for COVID-19 diagnostic testing
- Expands FMLA program for families who no longer have childcare.
- Unemployment Insurance administrative costs and eases requirements on recipients.
- Provides for a state FMAP increase of 6.2% from 66.86% to 73.06% for the state of Louisiana.
Phase 1- Coronavirus Prepared Response Act

- Authorizes Medicare providers to provide telehealth services outside of rural areas.
- Funds for state and local government response activities incurred prior to enactment in early March
- Provides funds for community health centers
- Funds to National Institutes for Health, Department of State and other federal partners for research and response efforts.