

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:**
 - **Education - \$91 Billion**
 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - \$54.3 Billion
 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund - \$4.1 Billion
 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - \$22.7 Billion
 - Early Childhood Education - \$10 Billion
 - **Healthcare - \$62.6 Billion**
 - COVID Testing, Vaccines, & Research- \$58.3 Billion
 - Mental Health - \$4.25 Billion
 - **Small Business Aid - \$325 Billion**
 - Payment Protection Program 2 - \$284 Billion
 - 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
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- 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.