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# COUNTY & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS GUIDE TO

# CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING



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# CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF & ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING

The \$330 billion in emergency appropriations for programs and initiatives in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act are intended to provide states and local governments with the funding necessary to properly respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Funding is made available through newly authorized programs under the Act, through supplemental funding for existing programs that states and local governments already receive on a formula basis, and through the ability for states and local governments to receive a reimbursement from the federal government for certain emergency management and health care expenses. This guide provides information on the major programs funded under the CARES Act and where available, identifies the Maryland share of the federal funding and specific local government allocations.

**PLEASE NOTE: The funding allocations listed in the guide are based on initial estimates from federal agencies, the actual amounts awarded to Maryland jurisdictions under the CARES Act may vary slightly depending on federal agency interpretation of the CARES Act.**

# CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

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\$150 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

*Treasury funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The newly authorized Coronavirus Relief Fund makes available \$150 billion to States, Indian tribes, territories and units of local government for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. Eligible expenditures are those made between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020, and must not have been accounted for in the most recently approved budget.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

Funds are allocated proportionally based on state population. No state that is one of the 50 states will receive less than \$1.25 billion. Localities with more than 500,000 people can apply directly to the Department of the Treasury for their relative share by population (compared to the state's total population) of 45 percent of the total allocated to a state. This requires no state or local matching requirement.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Overall, Maryland will receive \$2.344 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Five localities in Maryland, including Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel County, are eligible to receive direct payments from Treasury. Below is a rough estimate of the funding expected to be available to Maryland.

- State of Maryland - \$1,651,734,760
- Montgomery County - \$183,218,760
- Prince George's County - \$158,641,920
- Baltimore County - \$144,296,640
- Baltimore City - \$105,058,080
- Anne Arundel County - \$101,049,840

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of the Treasury will automatically award each state its share within 30 days. Once the State of Maryland receives its share of the funding, it will work to distribute funding throughout the state. Localities of any size can still work with the State to access funding through a yet undetermined process to be established by the State. The CARES Act does not prohibit the State from providing additional funding to the five largest counties depending on their public health needs. Qualified localities must apply to the Department to access their share of state funds. The Department of the Treasury has yet to issue an application process for Maryland's eligible localities to apply for their share of this funding, they are estimated to do this by Monday, April 13th. This section will be updated as additional information becomes available.

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# PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND (PHSSEF)

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\$100 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

*HHS Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The CARES Act established a new program, the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) to provide direct aid to health care institutions and providers to cover non-reimbursable expenses related to COVID-19 care and treatment. All non-reimbursable expenses attributable to COVID-19 qualify for funding. Examples include building or constructing temporary structures; leasing of properties; purchasing of medical supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), and testing supplies; increasing staffing or training; and retrofitting ICUs.

It is important to note that this fund can only be used for non-reimbursable expenses. Any expenses reimbursed or obligated to be reimbursed by insurance or other mechanisms are not eligible. Should the entity subsequently receive reimbursement for expenses from any other source after receiving funding for the same expenses from the PHSSEF fund, the entity will be required to re-pay the funding it received from the PHSSEF fund.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

These funds are not distributed on a formula basis, instead, HHS will reimburse allowable emergency expenses to all health care entities that provide health care, diagnoses, or testing for COVID-19. Health entities wishing to apply for this direct funding must submit an application that includes justification for payment and include a valid tax ID number.

The \$100 billion PHSSEF fund is designed to be immediately responsive to needs. HHS will review applications and make payments on a rolling basis, in order to get money into the health system as quickly as possible.

(cont.) This is in contrast to a more traditional competitive grant process, under which HHS would solicit applications by a certain deadline and review all applications together – a process that would take considerably more time. HHS will release the funds to health care entities on a rolling basis as qualified applications are received.

***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Since these funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis, this number cannot be calculated.

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

All health care entities that provide health care, diagnoses, or testing for COVID-19 can apply for this funding. HHS will release the funds to health care entities on a rolling basis as qualified applications are received.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

No, this is a new program.

# CDC PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP) PROGRAM

\$1.5 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*HHS Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program provides grant funding to state and local public health systems in order to better prepare for emergencies that impact the public's health. Grants can be used to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, lab capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute PHEP funding to states.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Maryland will receive at least \$11,399,141 million in PHEP grant funding. In the past, Maryland has used this funding for information sharing, public health laboratory testing, community preparedness, medical material management and distribution, and medical countermeasure dispensing and distribution.

## ***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will automatically award the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) the funding. MDH will then allocate the PHEP funding to qualified local health departments throughout the state. MDH maintains [a list of county local health departments](#).

## ***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Funds will remain available until September 30, 2024.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (CHCS)

\$1.32 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*HHS Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The \$1.32 billion is supplemental funding to support Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) like Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) for the detection, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19.

These resources will allow the health centers to continue to provide health care services to vulnerable and low-income communities as well as access testing kits, Personal Protective Equipment, infection control supplies.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute funds to Maryland's 17 CHCs.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

The CARES Act supplemental funding is in addition to the \$1,194,822 in federal funding Maryland's 17 CHCs already received on March 26, 2020. The following locations will receive funding. **This section will be updated as additional information becomes available.**

- Baltimore Medical System, Inc. (Baltimore)
- Chase Brexton Health Services, Inc. (Baltimore)
- Choptank Community Health System, Inc. (Caroline County)
- The Community Clinic, Inc. (Montgomery County)
- Family Health Centers Of Baltimore, Inc. (Baltimore)
- City Of Frederick (Frederick County)
- Greater Baden Medical Service, Inc. (Prince George's County)
- Health Care For The Homeless, Inc. (Baltimore)
- Mobile Medical Care, Inc. (Montgomery County)



***How much funding will Maryland receive? (cont.)***

- Owensville Primary Care, Inc. (Anne Arundel County)
- Park West Health Systems, Inc. (Baltimore)
- Three Lower Counties Community Services, Inc. (Wicomico County)
- Total Health Care, Inc. (Baltimore)
- Tri-State Community Health Center (Washington County)
- Walnut Street Community Health Center, Inc. (Washington County)
- West Cecil Health Center, Inc. (Cecil County)
- Western Maryland Health Care Corporation (Garrett County)

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will automatically award the Maryland community health centers with the funding.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

This funding is available for Fiscal Year 2020.

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# FEMA DISASTER RELIEF FUND

\$45 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

*Emergency Services Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The CARES Act establishes a \$45 billion Disaster Relief Fund under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide for the immediate needs of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and protect citizens and help them recovery from the overwhelming effects of COVID-19. Allowable expenses may include medical response, personal protective equipment, National Guard deployment, coordination of logistics, safety measures, and community services nationwide.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

These funds are not distributed on a formula basis, instead, FEMA will reimburse allowable emergency expenses to state and local governments. Of the \$45 billion Disaster Relief Fund, \$25 billion is reserved for states with major disaster declarations.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Since these funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis, this number cannot be calculated. Due to the Major Disaster Declaration issued for Maryland on 3/26/20, the State and local governments qualify for reimbursement from the \$25 billion allocation.

## ***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

State and local governments are able to apply directly to FEMA for reimbursable expenses.

## ***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Yes. This \$45 billion in federal funding will remain available until expended.

# BYRNE-JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (BYRNE-JAG) PROGRAM

\$850 MILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*Emergency Services Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

Byrne-JAG is the most flexible federal law enforcement grant program and will allow state and local police departments and jails to meet local needs, including purchase of personal protective equipment and other medical items and to support overtime for officers on the front lines.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute Byrne-JAG funding. Of the Maryland share, 60 percent shall be made available for the state to distribute and 40 percent shall be made available directly for local governments.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$17,797,569, with state distribution of \$11,173,909 and local distribution of \$6,623,660 with the following Maryland units of government eligible to apply for direct funding.

- Baltimore City - \$2,770,154
- Baltimore County - \$1,036,604
- Prince George's County - \$644,034
- Anne Arundel County - \$496,884
- Montgomery County - \$431,707
- Howard County - \$184,776
- Charles County - \$131,443
- Harford County - \$97,429
- Frederick (City), MD - \$96,923
- Salisbury, MD - \$78,445
- Hagerstown, MD - \$60,473

***How much funding will Maryland receive? (cont.)***

- o Allegany County - \$58,008
- o Cecil County - \$58,008
- o Dorchester County - \$58,008
- o Wicomico County - \$58,008
- o Annapolis, MD - \$55,434
- o Washington County - \$55,015
- o St. Mary's County - \$54,006
- o Elkton, MD - \$45,858
- o Frederick County - \$42,330
- o Cumberland, MD - \$39,559
- o Cambridge, MD - \$38,132
- o Laurel, MD - \$32,419

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has [posted the grant solicitation](#), this funding opportunity closes on Friday, May 29th. DOJ anticipates being able to award grants to eligible applicants two weeks after receipt of the application. [Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services](#) is the eligible state entity for the non-entitlement share, after being awarded funding by the Department of Justice, they will award funding to non-entitlement jurisdictions in Maryland.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

No.

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

\$5 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*HUD Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

\$5 billion is provided for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, child care centers, food banks, and senior services.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute CDBG funding. Of the amounts provided, \$2 billion will be allocated to states and units of local governments that received an allocation under the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula, \$1 billion will go directly to states to support a coordinated response across entitlement and non-entitlement communities, and \$2 billion will be allocated to states and units of local government, cities and counties based on the prevalence and risk of COVID-19 and related economic and housing disruption.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

The \$1 billion to states to support a coordinated response and the \$2 billion allocated for states and units of local government based on the prevalence and risk of COVID-19 will be distributed directly based on a formula yet to be established by the Secretary of HUD. Of the \$2 billion allocated to states and units of local governments that received an allocation under the Fiscal Year 2020 CDBG Formula, Maryland will receive \$30,749,534 overall, with the funding allocated to the following jurisdictions.

- Baltimore City - \$13,107,682
- Maryland Non Entitlement - \$4,699,844
- Prince George's County - \$3,038,427
- Montgomery County - \$2,956,531

***How much funding will Maryland receive? (cont.)***

- Baltimore County - \$2,466,365
- Anne Arundel County - \$1,248,862
- Howard County - \$770,729
- Harford County - \$641,426
- Cumberland, Maryland - \$476,457
- Hagerstown, Maryland - \$473,080
- Gaithersburg, Maryland - \$266,028
- Frederick, Maryland - \$243,541
- Salisbury, Maryland - \$228,016
- Annapolis, Maryland - \$156,727
- Bowie City, Maryland - \$116,919

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will automatically award these funds to the [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#) and respective local housing authority for qualified jurisdictions. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development maintains a list of eligible entities for CDBG Non Entitlement funding. The \$2 billion allocated under the Fiscal Year 2020 CDBG Formula will be awarded within 30 days and the \$1 billion to states to support a coordinated response and the \$2 billion allocated for states and units of local government based on the prevalence and risk of COVID-19 will be distributed directly based on a formula yet to be established by the Secretary of HUD within a 45 day period. This section will be updated as additional state and local share information becomes available.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing CDBG funding?***

Yes. In order to ensure resources are quickly deployed and meet the unique response needs to COVID-19, the bill eliminates the cap on the amount of funds a grantee can spend on public services, removes the requirement to hold in-person public hearings in order to comply with national and local social gathering requirements, and allows grantees to be reimbursed for COVID-19 response activities regardless of the date the costs were incurred. This funding builds on \$6.7 billion provided in fiscal years 2019 and 2020 by allowing grantees to combine prior year funds with new funding in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

# EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)

\$4 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*HUD funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

These Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds are utilized to address the impact of COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. Eviction prevention activities including rapid rehousing, housing counseling, and rental deposit assistance will mitigate the adverse impacts of the pandemic on working families.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute ESG funding. Of the \$4 billion, \$2 billion will be awarded through the existing formulas within 30 days, with the remaining \$2 billion will be awarded to states and qualified local governments within 90 days under a new formula developed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This formula will allocate amounts to benefit the number of unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and those at risk of homeless with the greatest risk factors of transmission of COVID-19.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Of the initial \$2 billion to be awarded in 30 days, Maryland will receive \$30,816,055 overall. Five localities in Maryland, including Baltimore City, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County, are also eligible to receive direct payments under ESG. Below is a rough estimate of the \$2 billion in funding to be available to the State and our five largest counties within 30 days. These allocations will not be the same for the second tranche of funding that will be allocated based on a new formula.

- Baltimore City - \$13,143,476
- State of Maryland Non Entitlement - \$8,062,903
- Prince George's County - \$3,047,807

***How much funding will Maryland receive? (cont.)***

- Montgomery County - \$2,877,593
- Baltimore County - \$2,461,738
- Anne Arundel County - \$1,222,538

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will automatically award these funds to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and respective local housing authority for qualified jurisdictions, with the first tranche of funding coming within 30 days, and the second tranche coming within 90 days. DHCD will distribute the non-entitlement share to counties and qualified non-profits. **This section will be updated as additional state and local share information becomes available.**

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing CDBG funding?***

Yes. None of the ESG funds may be used to require people experiencing homelessness to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing, or other services.



# HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

\$65 MILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*HUD Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grants can be utilized to help maintain housing, provide temporary rental assistance, and provide additional supportive services to at-risk households with an individual living with AIDS as well as expand operational and administrative flexibilities for housing and supportive service.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute HOPWA funding within 30 days. Of the \$65 million, \$50 million will be awarded through the existing formulas. \$10 million will be provided to existing HOPWA grantees with a supplemental award in addition to the competitively awarded funds they have already received.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Maryland will receive \$2,126,484 overall, with \$1,520,827 in formula funds and \$605,657 in supplemental awards to existing HOPWA grant recipients. While a specific county may not be directly awarded funding, the grantees utilize their funds to meet regional needs.

- Baltimore City – \$1,208,711
- Frederick County – \$232,275
- State of Maryland Non Entitlement – \$79,841
- AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Inc. – \$149,312
- City of Baltimore, DHCD – \$158,847
- City of Baltimore – \$156,778
- AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Inc. – \$149,312
- Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. – \$140,720

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will automatically award these funds to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), respective local housing authorities for qualified jurisdictions, and existing HOPWA grantees within 30 days. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) provides an [up to date list of grantees and the regions they serve.](#)

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing CDBG funding?***

Yes. Funds will remain available until September 2022.

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# FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

\$25 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

*Department of Transportation Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The CARES Act provides funding to five FTA formula programs, including the Urbanized Area Formula, State of Good Repair, Nonurbanized Area, Density Population, and Growing States. The funding provided under this section to public transit operators is to protect public health and safety while ensuring transportation access to jobs, medical treatment, food, and other essential services remain available during the COVID-19 response. As the revenues that sustain these essential services are severely impacted due to a reduction in fare box revenue and dedicated sales taxes, this increased Federal investment will help to sustain transit jobs, reduce pressure on state and local governments to backfill the loss of fare box revenue, and preserve access to our public service and critical workforce that are the backbone of our COVID-19 prevention, response, and recovery efforts.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

The CARES Act utilizes the existing formulas for the five programs.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Overall, Maryland will receive \$695,418,978 under the five formulas. The state and local share for each of the formulas has yet to be determined, however the following transit systems across the state will receive at least some funding from at least one of the five formulas. Note, due to the complexity of the Urbanized Area Formula, some county transit systems that receive funding may not be listed below. **This section will be updated as additional state and local share information becomes available.**

- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
- Baltimore City Transit Bureau

***How much funding will Maryland receive? (cont.)***

- Allegany County Transit
- Calvert County Public Transportation
- Carroll Transit System
- Charles County's VanGO
- Frederick County's TransIT
- Harford Transit Link
- ShoreTransit serving Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties
- St. Mary's Transit System
- Washington County Transit

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The FTA automatically awarded these funds to the Maryland Transit Administration on April 7, 2020. The MTA will now distribute funding to the respective local transit systems for qualified jurisdictions.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Yes, it provides the supplemental funding on a 100 percent federal cost share.

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# CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CCDBG)

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\$3.5 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

*HHS Social Services Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The CARES Act supports child care and early education programs by including \$3.5 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This funding will allow child care programs to maintain critical operations, including meeting emergency staffing needs and ensuring health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential by the Governor so they may access child care while they respond to the pandemic. In order to prevent the financial collapse of child care centers, funds can be paid by the state to child care providers even with decreased enrollment or closures related to COVID-19.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute CCDBG funding to states.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

In Maryland, this will provide \$45,484,102 in supplemental appropriations. Combined with the \$73,319,016 recently awarded to the state from Fiscal Year 2020 funding, this provides a total of \$118,803,118 for CCDBG.

## ***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will automatically award the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) the funding. MSDE will allocate the funding to qualified child care centers throughout the state.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Yes. Funding may be used to reimburse previously expended funds prior to the enactment of the CARES Act, state entities are encouraged to require as a condition of receipt of funds that child care centers utilize a portion of the supplemental CCDBG funds to continue to pay the salaries and wages of staff. In addition, this funding will remain available to the state for three fiscal years.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

\$1 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

*HHS Social Services Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

\$1 billion is provided for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to help communities address the consequences of increasing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19. Allowable activities include transportation services, including transportation to medical appointments, employment services, housing, and emergency services such as providing shelter and energy assistance.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

This utilizes the existing formula used to distribute CSBG funding. 90 percent of funding will be allocated to the state's designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs). There are 17 CAA's in Maryland that provide services to every Maryland county. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#) maintains a list of the state's designated CAAs.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Overall, Maryland is estimated to receive \$13,719,817 in funding.

## ***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Health and Human Services will automatically award this funding to the [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#). The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development maintains a list of the state's designated CAAs. The state will then distribute funding to the CAAs to assist qualified individuals throughout the state.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing CSBG funding?***

Yes. If a CAA does not fully exhaust their CARES Act CSBG funding, the funds shall carryover for the new two fiscal years to be utilized for the purposes of assisting individuals facing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19.



# LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

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\$900 MILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*HHS Social Services Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

LIHEAP funding can be utilized to assist low-income households with heating and cooling bills in their homes, weatherization, and energy-related low-cost home repairs or replacements. LIHEAP funds are prioritized for low-income families with household members that include the elderly, disabled, and/or a young child.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

Funding is allocated on a formula to states primarily based on the state's average weather, fuel prices, and low income population.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

This will provide \$34,145,000 in supplemental LIHEAP funding.

## ***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Health and Human Services will automatically award this funding to the Maryland Department of Human Services' [Office of Home Energy Programs](#). Funding will then be distributed by the state to qualified low-income Marylanders.

## ***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

No.

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# EMERGENCY ELECTION GRANTS

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\$400 MILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*Election Assistance Commission (EAC) funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The funding can be used to increase the ability to vote by mail, expand early voting and online registration, and improve the safety of voting in-person by providing additional voting facilities and more poll-workers. This funding can directly with the 7th Congressional District's April 28th Special Election vote-by-mail and the statewide June 2nd Primary Elections.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

Each state is provided a minimum of \$3 million, with additional funding determined by the registered voter population of the state in relation to the registered voter population of the country. As a condition of receiving funds, states must provide a 20 percent match within two calendar years of receiving federal funding.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$8,906,550, with federal funding of \$7,422,125 and the 20 percent state match of \$1,484,425.

## ***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will automatically award the funding to the Maryland State Board of Elections within 30 days. The Maryland State Board of Elections will then distribute funding to counties and local governments to assist in holding elections.

## ***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Yes, with a requirement that the State provide a report to the EAC on how the funding was spent.

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# K-12 EDUCATION

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\$16.5 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*Department of Education Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

The CARES Act provides for a total of \$16.5 billion for K-12 education through two programs, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. Together, the funding will allow local school districts to for coronavirus-response activities, such as planning for and coordinating during long-term school closures; purchasing educational technology to support online learning for all students served by the local educational agency; and additional activities authorized by federal elementary and secondary education laws.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

Of the two funds available, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund is primarily based on the number of low-income (Title 1) students a school district has, in addition to the total share of the state population of students. Every school district will get funding under this fund. The Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund provides discretion for the Governor to identify and award funding to the most significantly impacted local school systems. Since this funding is up to the Governor's discretion, there is a potential that not every local school system in the state receives funding.

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Overall, Maryland will receive \$253,515,000, with \$207,834,000 provided directly to local school systems under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and \$45,681,000 directed to the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. Local school district shares have yet to be made available for the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund. A preliminary run of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund is listed below based on staff calculations. **This section will be updated as additional state and local share information becomes available.**

**How much funding will Maryland receive? (cont.)**

- Baltimore City Public Schools – \$58,231,167
- Baltimore County Public Schools – \$41,447,751
- Prince George’s County Public Schools – \$36,562,168
- Montgomery County Public Schools – \$35,504,061
- Anne Arundel County Public Schools – \$17,908,124
- Washington County Public Schools – \$7,540,760
- Wicomico County Public Schools – \$6,850,452
- Harford County Public Schools – \$6,790,807
- Howard County Public Schools – \$6,244,809
- Frederick County Public Schools – \$5,619,316
- Charles County Public Schools – \$4,391,343
- St. Mary’s County Public Schools – \$3,393,489
- Alleghany County Public Schools – \$3,278,149
- Cecil County Public Schools – \$3,108,631
- Carroll County Public Schools – \$2,581,643
- Dorchester County Public Schools – \$2,337,258
- Worcester County Public Schools – \$2,050,667
- Somerset County Public Schools – \$1,949,677
- Caroline County Public Schools – \$1,927,321
- Calvert County Public Schools – \$1,570,398
- Garrett County Public Schools – \$1,244,465
- Talbot County Public Schools – \$1,073,887
- Queen Anne’s County Public Schools – \$944,423
- Kent County Public Schools – \$681,940

***How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Education will make the funds available within 30 days. The Maryland State Department of Education must submit an application to obtain the \$207,834,000 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, the Governor must also submit his own application to receive the \$45,681,000 from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Yes. Local school districts have expanded allowable uses for the federal funding they will receive under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

# HIGHER EDUCATION RELIEF FUND

\$14.25 BILLION AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE  
*Department of Education Funding*

## ***What can the allocated funding be used for?***

Higher Education Relief Funds may be used to defray expenses for institutions of higher education, such as lost revenue, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, and grants to students for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. 50 percent of funds received by an institution will be utilized to cover any costs associated with the changes to delivery of instruction, such as online learning, due to COVID-19. The other 50 percent shall be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. For state and local governments, this federal funding will help to backfill some of the expenses that local community colleges and public University System of Maryland schools have undertaken as a result of COVID-19 to send students home and move to online learning platforms for the rest of the semester, in turn, alleviating pressure on state and local government budgets that provide significant portions of funding for the institutions.

## ***What is the formula for state, county and city assistance?***

Funds will be distributed under a new formula, with \$12.825 billion distributed to every college in the country. The formula will allocate significant weight to schools that educate higher percentages of low-income Federal Pell Grant recipients and schools with significant populations of students. In addition, \$1.068 billion is reserved in additional funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

## ***How much funding will Maryland receive?***

Every institution of higher education in Maryland, including community colleges, public University System of Maryland colleges, private non-profit colleges, and for-profit colleges in the state will receive funding under this bill. Under the special allocation for HBCUs and MSIs, Baltimore City Community College, Prince George's Community College, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore will receive supplemental funding.

(cont.) Due to the complexity of the formula, the Department of Education has not yet released data on the overall amount of relief that will be provided to Maryland colleges or the amount each college will receive. This section will be updated as additional state and college share information becomes available.

***How can an institution of higher education apply and when can we expect funding?***

The Department of Education will automatically award these funds to institutions of higher education.

***Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding?***

Yes. No funds shall be used to pay for athletic recruitment activities, bolster endowments, or provide capital outlays associated to facilities related to athletics.

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