



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is the \$2.2 trillion package signed by President Trump on March 27th. It is the third package designed to respond to COVID-19 and geared more to ease the economic pressure it has placed on the economy. There will be additional packages passed by Congress in the coming months. The money is just starting to be allocated to states and localities. Below is the first update on the progress that has been made so far. We will keep cities updated with additional information as it becomes available.

1. CDC funding allocations to Date to fight COVID-19, note that all funding from the previous two packages has now been fully allocated to the states:
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/06/updated-cdc-funding-information.html>
2. States can also have more flexibility to use federal funding for distant learning, they can apply for waivers that will be answered within a single business day: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/secretary-education-betsy-devos-authorizes-new-funding-flexibilities-support-continued-learning-during-covid-19-national-emergency>
3. States can also apply for substance abuse disorders and mental health issues:
<https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/202004031100>
4. The Federal Transportation Administration has announced the formula apportionments to help public transportation: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/cares-act-apportionments> (Table 2 for Urban Areas and Table 3 for Rural)
5. The US Department of Transportation set minimum service levels for Air Carriers to continue to provide service to communities: <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/continuation-certain-air-service-final-order>
6. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced their allocations under the CARES ACT including direct allocations to cities under CDBG
 - a. More General Information: https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_20_049
 - b. Funding allocations: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/fy2020-CARES-allocations-AllGrantees.xlsx>

7. The Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program Loans (SBA is requesting an additional \$250 billion from Congress as the program was heavily oversubscribed, Congress is expected to provide funding)
 - a. General Information: <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/sbas-paycheck-protection-program-small-businesses-affected-coronavirus-pandemic-launches>
 - b. Frequently Asked Questions: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>
8. Treasury considering additional fund to help with State and Local Debt through the Federal Reserve more details to come....
9. Rural development Resource Guide for COVID-19 (should up shortly): <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>
10. Labor Department Guidance on Unemployment Assistance and access to state guidance, including an added \$600 benefit for residents during this time:
<https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/find-unemployment-benefits.aspx>
11. Bureau of Justice Assistance under the DOJ has released it's Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program, very similar to it's Byrne Justice Assistance Program can receive an allocation through an FY2019 awardee:
<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553>