



Date: March 11, 2020

To: State Health Officers

From: Sherri Berger, Chief Operating Officer  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Subject: Immediate Plans for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Supplemental Funding to Jurisdictions

On Friday, March 6, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020. The supplemental contains more than \$8 billion, of which \$950 million is specifically directed for grants or cooperative agreements to states, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, or health service providers to tribes to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with early guidance so you can begin drafting your spend plan as quickly as possible.

CDC is committed to helping ensure that jurisdictions have adequate resources for an appropriate response. The continued support for and expansion of critical public health activities at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels are essential to meet the needs in this quickly evolving response. CDC will support accelerated planning and operational readiness for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) preparedness and response, as well as develop tools and strategies, provide technical assistance and program support, and ensure ongoing communication and coordination among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial public health agencies and partners throughout the response.

CDC is working within the Administration to access funds as quickly as possible for initial jurisdiction awards, as described below. CDC's plan is to use the "Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response" (CDC-RFA-TP18-1802)<sup>1</sup> to provide more than \$560 million to CDC's current 62 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) recipients, allocating 90 percent of your fiscal year (FY) 2019 award<sup>2</sup>, plus the three additional jurisdictions with current awards through the above cooperative agreement. Congressional direction also states CDC must allocate these initial awards within 30 days of the bill's passage and jurisdictions must submit their spend plan to CDC within 45 days of the bill's passage.

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<sup>1</sup> This cooperative agreement's recipients include all PHEP jurisdictions plus: Philadelphia, Houston, and the Cherokee nation.

<sup>2</sup> See attachment A for a list of FY 2019 awards.

Spend plans must be submitted to CDC with signatures from your preparedness director, laboratory director, and state epidemiologist (or their designees). The spend plan must include a plan for implementation and scale-up of laboratory testing and data collection to enable identification and tracking of COVID cases, and a plan for immediate implementation of real-time reporting. The spend plan should describe the use of award funds for up to twelve months from the date of award and may include reimbursement of allowable costs incurred beginning on January 20, 2020.

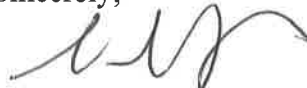
Funds from this initial award will be made available for a variety of activities including, but not limited to:

- Epidemiology
- Surveillance
- Laboratory
- Case identification
- Public health management and risk assessment of travelers and other persons with potential COVID-19 exposures and confirmed diagnoses
- Travelers health
- Data management
- Equipment, supplies, and shipping
- Infection control
- Surge staffing
- Distribution and use of medical material
- Emergency operations and coordination
- Risk communication

On Monday, March 16, 2020, CDC will make guidance available for jurisdictions to use the funding. Your jurisdiction's project officer at CDC for the "Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response" will be the main point of contact.

We look forward to working with you to make this initial award process as efficient as possible.

Sincerely,



Sherri Berger, MSPH  
Chief Operating Officer, CDC

Enclosure

**FY 2019 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Award Amounts**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019 Awards</b>	<b>90% of Total Award</b>
Alabama	\$9,054,221	\$8,148,798.90
Alaska	\$5,447,600	\$4,902,840.00
American Samoa	\$411,385	\$370,246.50
Arizona	\$12,446,524	\$11,201,871.60
Arkansas	\$6,894,830	\$6,205,347.00
California	\$41,896,344	\$37,706,709.60
Colorado	\$10,368,137	\$9,331,323.30
Connecticut	\$7,842,523	\$7,058,270.70
Delaware	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
District of Columbia	\$6,831,442	\$6,148,297.80
Florida	\$30,329,229	\$27,296,306.10
Georgia	\$16,429,205	\$14,786,284.50
Guam	\$532,702	\$479,431.80
Hawaii	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
Idaho	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
Illinois	\$16,296,979	\$14,667,281.10
Indiana	\$11,527,724	\$10,374,951.60
Iowa	\$7,053,143	\$6,347,828.70
Kansas	\$6,600,607	\$5,940,546.30
Kentucky	\$8,293,772	\$7,464,394.80
Louisiana	\$8,672,294	\$7,805,064.60
Maine	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
Marshall Islands	\$408,616	\$367,754.40
Maryland	\$11,399,141	\$10,259,226.90
Massachusetts	\$12,943,677	\$11,649,309.30
Michigan	\$16,185,611	\$14,567,049.90
Micronesia	\$467,114	\$420,402.60
Minnesota	\$11,164,582	\$10,048,123.80
Mississippi	\$6,527,773	\$5,874,995.70
Missouri	\$10,987,397	\$9,888,657.30
Montana	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
Nebraska	\$5,329,627	\$4,796,664.30
Nevada	\$7,258,599	\$6,532,739.10
New Hampshire	\$5,447,600	\$4,902,840.00
New Jersey	\$15,400,178	\$13,860,160.20
New Mexico	\$6,638,183	\$5,974,364.70
New York	\$18,544,755	\$16,690,279.50
North Carolina	\$15,356,128	\$13,820,515.20
North Dakota	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
Northern Marianas	\$410,851	\$369,765.90
Ohio	\$17,356,642	\$15,620,977.80
Oklahoma	\$7,693,590	\$6,924,231.00

Oregon	\$8,109,807	\$7,298,826.30
Palau	\$374,215	\$336,793.50
Pennsylvania	\$18,782,276	\$16,904,048.40
Puerto Rico	\$6,522,620	\$5,870,358.00
Rhode Island	\$5,447,600	\$4,902,840.00
South Carolina	\$9,917,925	\$8,926,132.50
South Dakota	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
Tennessee	\$11,198,104	\$10,078,293.60
Texas	\$39,141,025	\$35,226,922.50
Utah	\$7,157,125	\$6,441,412.50
Vermont	\$5,447,600	\$4,902,840.00
Virgin Islands	\$465,667	\$419,100.30
Virginia	\$14,857,347	\$13,371,612.30
Washington	\$12,756,443	\$11,480,798.70
West Virginia	\$5,556,448	\$5,000,803.20
Wisconsin	\$11,333,547	\$10,200,192.30
Wyoming	\$5,075,000	\$4,567,500.00
New York City	\$18,790,865	\$16,911,778.50
Los Angeles	\$20,235,667	\$18,212,100.30
Chicago	\$9,715,194	\$8,743,674.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$622,858,200</b>	<b>\$560,572,380.00</b>