

# COVID-19 Grant Opportunities

## Funding Opportunities Identified as Available to Counties *and* Important Agency Guidance and Information

**Dollars Available Through the CARES ACT** (3<sup>rd</sup> coronavirus relief bill, enacted end of March 2020)  
U.S. Treasury will play a key role in:

\$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund, including direct aid for states, tribes, territories and units of local government above 500,000 population. Other local governments are eligible through their state allotment. These funds can be used for "necessary expenditures" related to Coronavirus that occurred between March 1 and Dec 31, 2020. Further guidance on how those dollars can be expended is [here](#) and [here](#).

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### **CDBG**

All counties in Nevada will be eligible for additional CDBG funds to support their Coronavirus response activities. The State of Nevada CDBG Non-Entitlement Program (for rural communities) will receive \$2,049,574 for Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response. Click [here](#) for more information.

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### **Federal Transit Administration**

FTA is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds, with \$22.7 billion to large and small urban areas and \$2.2 billion to rural areas. Funding will be provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

For more information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/cares-act>

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### **JAG-Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 Formula Grant Solicitation**

Funding available for urban communities

For more information: <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-18553.pdf>

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### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

**FEMA's Disaster Relief Funds** - All counties are now eligible to apply for the 75% federal cost share for eligible activities under the [Public Assistance Program](#), Category B.

**Other FEMA Programs Related to COVID-19** – [Emergency Food & Shelter Program](#)  
[Assistance to Firefighter Grants](#)  
[Emergency Preparedness Performance Grants](#)

**Additional Guidance & Information** – [Major Disaster Declaration Listings](#)  
[Guidelines for Emergency Medical Care](#)  
[Memo](#) on short term administrative relief recipients & subrecipients of FEMA assistance directly impacted by COVID-19 due to loss of operations.

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### **US Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

The USDA has funding available to support COVID-19 programs under the CARES Act. Click the links below for more information.

**[Rural Development](#)** – Rural Business Cooperative Service  
[Distance learning & Telemedicine](#)  
[Reconnect Broadband](#)

**[Food & Nutrition Service](#)** – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC).

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## **Economic Development Administration**

Assistance for development of public facilities, public services, business development (including funding for revolving loan funds to provide supplemental business lending), planning, technical assistance, training and any other assistance to alleviate long-term economic deterioration and sudden and severe economic dislocation. *Under current law, the agency may waive or reduce local cost share requirements for distressed areas and those suffering from severe economic dislocation.*

For more information: <https://www.eda.gov/contact/>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

EDA's CARES Act Recovery Assistance is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of this pandemic.

For more information: <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2020/05/us-department-commerce-announces-availability-15-billion-cares-act>

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## **Election Assistance Commission**

Funds to assist with vote by mail, expand early voting, online registration, safety of in-person voting and other needs. Under this provision, states are required to provide a 20 percent match. The EAC is required to make payments to states by April 27, 2020. Any portion of the state's COVID-19 election funds that are not used by December 31, 2020 will be returned to the U.S. Treasury. *The law is silent on the issue of sub-allocation of state funds to counties.*

For more information: <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>

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## **Department of Energy (DOE)**

[Weatherization Assistance Questions Related to COVID-19](#)

[DOE's COVID-19 Resource](#)

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## **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

[List of disinfectants for use against COVID-19](#)

[EPA's COVID-19 Resource Site](#)

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## **Health & Human Services (DHHS)**

**CDC** - Funds will be used to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications and other preparedness and response activities.

**SAMSHA** - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinical Expansion Grant Program

[Emergency Response Activities](#)

Suicide Prevention

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid** – [Federal Medical Assistance Rates](#) (counties required to provide the non-federal share)

[Medicaid & CHIP Disaster Toolkit](#)

[Flexibilities for Telehealth & Telemedicine](#)

**Administration for Children & Families** – [Childcare & Development Block Grant](#) Support for childcare for essential workers.

[Head Start Coronavirus Prevention & Response](#)

[Community Services Block Grant](#) – States MUST distribute 90% of CSBG funding as grants to local entities including local governments and Community Action agencies.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

[Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#)

**Administration for Community Living** – Older Americans Act Funding

Congregate Nutrition Services & Home-Delivered Nutrition Services

On May 21, 2020 HHS announced \$225M for COVID-19 testing in rural communities. Estimates provided indicate that in Nevada 16 Rural Health Centers with existing provider numbers will receive approximately \$791K in funding.

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## **Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**

**CDBG** - Information on this program's funding can be found at the top of this document.

Important Waivers - [Funds for staff costs and utilized space.](#)

[Activities to support infectious disease response.](#)

[Moratorium on Evictions & Foreclosures](#)

[Mortgage Payment Relief](#)

**Public Housing Operating Fund** - Expanded eligibility to support the health and safety of assisted individuals and families and to support education and child-care of impacted families.

[Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, & Native American's](#)

**Homeless Assistance Grants** - Funding to current grantees, distributed within 30 days of enactment. Funds awarded by HUD Secretary to states and units of general local government, according to a formula prioritizing the increased number of homeless persons, sheltered and unsheltered due to COVID-19.

[Search Tool for Homeless Assistance](#)

[Actions & Resource Guides for Homelessness](#)

**Other Resources** - [Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids](#); Tenant & Project based rental assistance.

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## **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**

**COVID-19 Telehealth** - Provide eligible health care providers support to purchase telecommunications services, information services and devices necessary to enable the provision of telehealth services during this emergency period.

[Additional relief for rural healthcare program participants.](#)

[Connected Care Pilot Program](#)

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## **Transportation Department**

**Essential Air Service** - Additional FY 2020 appropriations to remain available until expended to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus."

**FAA Improvement Program** - Using five different funding formulas, including eligible county-owned and county-supported airports, as 100% federal share money (except \$500 million used to increase federal match on current program\*). Money is available "for any purpose for which airport revenues may lawfully be used." \*

**FTA Transit** - Grants to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. The CARES Act provides almost three times (280 percent) more than the annual funding for these formula programs.

[Apportionment Tables](#)

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## **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) & National Endowment for Humanities (NEH)**

**NEA** - 40 percent reserved for state arts agencies and regional arts organizations and 60 percent for competitive grants. Funding may be used for general operations, which is typically limited under NEA's regular grant programs. NEA may also waive match rates.

**NEH** - 40 percent for state humanities councils and 60 percent for competitive, direct grants. NEH funds may be used for general operations and match rates may also be waived.

## **Opportunities Curated by the Nevada State Grant Office**

Some of the grant's on this page may be duplicative, however, this is still a vital resource for funding opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information.

*Federal Updates and Guidance for Available Resources*

## **OMB Memorandum M-20-17**

U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum on March 19, 2020, M-20-17, Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations. This memorandum provides similar administrative relief offered in M-20-11 to an expanded scope of recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 emergency. Grant recipients should direct questions on how these memos impact individual federal awards to the appropriate federal awarding agency.

For more information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/memoranda/>

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## **Mental Health Resources to Respond to COVID-19**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is committed to providing regular training and technical assistance on matters related to the mental and substance use disorder field as people deal with COVID-19.

For more information: <https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/responding-covid-19>

List of TTA resources: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/training-and-technical-assistance-covid19.pdf>

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## **COVID-19 Guidance for State Medicaid and CHIP Agencies**

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) play a critical role in helping states and territories respond to public health events, as well as natural and human-made disasters. To assist states and territories in their preparedness efforts, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed a Disaster Preparedness Toolkit that is a longstanding resource that has been available to states and territories on CMS' website, Medicaid.gov.

For more information: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf>

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## **HRSA Releases COVID-19 Funding to States**

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) announced the release of \$100 million in fiscal year 2020 COVID-19 funding provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020. This includes \$515,162 to support eight health centers in Nevada.

Nevada awards: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-covid19-FY2020-awards/nv>

For more information: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html#funding>

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## **COVID-19 Information for SAMHSA Discretionary Grant Recipients**

SAMHSA is allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis.

For more information: <https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus/discretionary-grant-recipients>

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## **EAC Clarifies Allowable Use of HAVA Funds for Disinfection**

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) responded to inquiries from state grantees about using Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funding to pay for disinfecting wipes, masks, and other cleaning supplies in the COVID-19 pandemic. The EAC considers these allowable costs purchased to protect the health and safety of poll workers, staff, and voters during federal elections. The EAC did caution grantees to follow federal grant regulations or circulars to ensure the costs covered are reasonable and allocable. The costs can be allocated to the grants in the proportion to which they are related to the improvement of the administration of federal elections. So, if grantees buy wipes for general use in the office, the portion that can be allocated to the grant should be related to federal elections. The costs must also be reasonable.

For more information: <https://www.eac.gov/news/2020/03/17/eac-announces-additional-resources-election-officials-concerning-coronavirus-covid>

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### **Researchers Invited to Submit COVID-19-Related Research Proposals**

President Donald J. Trump announced a new, unique public-private consortium, spearheaded by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and IBM, including government, industry, and academic leaders to unleash the power of America's supercomputing resources to combat COVID-19. The launch of the COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium will provide COVID-19 researchers with access to the world's most powerful high-performance computing resources that can significantly advance the pace of scientific discovery in the fight to stop the virus. Researchers are invited to submit COVID-19-related research proposals to the consortium via the online portal which will then be reviewed and matched with computing resources from one of the partner institutions. An expert panel of top scientists and computing researchers will work with proposers to quickly assess the public health benefit of the work and coordinate the allocation of the group's powerful computing assets.

For more information: <https://www.energy.gov/articles/president-trump-announces-new-effort-unleash-us-supercomputing-resources-fight-covid-19>

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### **FEMA COVID-19 Guidance: Procurements Under Grants During Periods of Exigent or Emergency Circumstances**

After the President's March 13, 2020 Nationwide Emergency Declaration for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is issuing a fact sheet addressing procurements made during periods of exigent or emergency circumstances.

For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/186350>

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### **Using HOPWA Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response**

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grantees may use HOPWA funds for a range of eligible activities to prepare for and respond to infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

For more information: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Using-HOPWA-Program-Funds-for-Infectious-Disease-Preparedness-and-Response.pdf>

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### **Batched HHS COVID-19 Information from OCS**

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is batching up information provided from U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) divisions on key issues to keep grantees up to date. OCS highly values ongoing partnership with grantees and hopes to continue to be a resource as grantees implement community mitigation techniques.

For more information: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/partnership-to-address-covid-19-spread>

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### **Flexibility for CCDF Spending**

The Office of Child Care (OCC) recognizes that state, territory and tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Lead Agencies are concerned about the impact the coronavirus may have on their programs and other programs they work with. Childcare providers should take steps to prevent the introduction and spread of coronavirus among their staff, children, and families. Through collaboration and coordination with local health departments, programs can take steps to disseminate information about the disease and its potential transmission. In addition, CCDF Lead Agencies can adopt subsidy policies that promote continuity of childcare services to impacted children and families, and that maintain support for childcare businesses during closures or other disrupters.

For more information: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/info-about-covid-19-for-ccdf-lead-agencies-relevant-flexibilities-in-ccdf-law>

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### **\$100 Million in Dislocated Worker Grants**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of up to \$100 million for Dislocated Worker Grants to help address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency related to COVID-19. The Nevada Dept. of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) confirmed they had a pre-award call for with DOL, who will be issuing additional guidance to states. DETR will share that information when it becomes available.

For more information: <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200318>

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### **FNS Response to COVID-19**

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve its Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program participants across its fifteen nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants.

For more information: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>

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### **FTA Increases Flexibilities to Help States Address COVID-19**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) expanded eligibility for federal assistance under FTA's emergency relief program. This includes allowing all transit providers to use federal formula funds for emergency-related capital and operating expenses and raising the cap on the federal share of those expenses.

For more information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/us-department-transportation-announces-increased-flexibility-help-transit-agencies>

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## **Additional Funding Available**

**Federal Reserve** - Announced new action to provide up to \$2.3 TRILLION in loans including helping state and local governments manage cash flow stresses caused by the coronavirus pandemic by establishing a Municipal Liquidity Facility that will offer up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities. Counties above 2M population will have more direct access. Counties under 2M population will work through the state.

[The Municipal Liquidity Facility](#) will help state and local governments better manage cash flow pressures in order to continue to serve households and businesses in their communities. The facility will purchase up to \$500 billion of short-term notes directly from U.S. states (including the District of Columbia), U.S. counties with a population of at least two million residents, and U.S. cities with a population of at least one million residents. Eligible state-level issuers may use the proceeds to support additional counties and cities. In addition to the actions described above, the Federal Reserve will continue to closely monitor conditions in the primary and secondary markets for municipal securities and will evaluate whether additional measures are needed to support the flow of credit and liquidity to state and local governments.

[Source for County Populations in 2019](#), per Federal Reserve footnote

[Source for City and Town Populations in 2018](#), per Federal Reserve footnote

For more information: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/monetary20200409a.htm>

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## **Local Grants Available**

### **Community Foundation of Western Nevada**

The Community Foundation of Western Nevada's COVID-19 Relief Fund will distribute grants to individuals, businesses, governmental services, and charitable nonprofits. A fund advisory committee made up of city and county representatives in a position to be familiar with local needs will make grant recommendations to the grants to the Community Foundation Board of Trustees. The COVID-19 Relief Fund is intended to address the larger and long-term picture and take action where needed most.

For more information: <https://nevadafund.org/donors/covid-19-relief-fund/>

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**United Way of Southern Nevada**

Through the support of NV Energy Foundation, the Wells Fargo Foundation, and Bank of America, United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN) launched the UWSN Emergency Assistance and Community Needs Fund to assist those impacted by COVID-19. Help will be available through UWSN's vetted partners who are experienced in providing direct service assistance. To ensure accountability of the distribution of funds, UWSN is following the same stringent guidelines that they use for the administration of Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

*For more information:* <https://www.uwsn.org/COVID19>

*UWSN partners:* [https://www.uwsn.org/sites/uwsn.org/files/2020-03/UW-075%20Flyer\\_5.5x8.5%20final.pdf](https://www.uwsn.org/sites/uwsn.org/files/2020-03/UW-075%20Flyer_5.5x8.5%20final.pdf)

## **Opportunities Identified as Available to Non-Profits**

### **United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra**

With support from the NV Energy Foundation, Microsoft Reno, and Bank of America, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS) launched the UWNNS Emergency Assistance Fund to support local work in helping meet the increase of basic needs by local families and individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications for qualifying organizations will be available on their website.

*For more information:* <https://www.uwnns.org/EAF>

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### **United Way of Southern Nevada**

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