Units of Local Government

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Allocates $139 Billion to States, Tribal governments, and local units of government. There is an estimated $1.9 Billion allocated to Alabama. Local units of government with a population of at least 500,000 are eligible to request direct CRF funding from the U.S. Treasury. The amount allocated to an eligible unit of local government will be deducted from the State allocation. The total allocation to units of local government for each State is capped at 45%.

- Maximum CRF local government funding estimated to be $856 Million. Jefferson County is the only unit of local government eligible for direct funding in Alabama and ~$114.9 Million is available.
- Direct local funding requires certification (signed by Chief Executive of local unit) that the proposed uses of funds are consistent with the Use of Funds requirements below. Certification is to be provided to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury via electronic submission.
- Funding for units of local government that do not meet the population requirement may receive CRF funding allocated by the State and ~$741 Million is available.
- Use of Funds requirement:
  - Used for necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19.
  - Funds cannot be used for expenditures that were accounted for in the unit’s most recently approved budget.
  - Funds can only be used for expenditures incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending December 30, 2020.
- **Eligible governments should provide payment information and required supporting documentation not later than April 17, 2020 to ensure payments are made within the 30-day period specified by the CARES Act.**
- Anticipated Allocation Date: April 24, 2020

Housing and Urban Development Coronavirus Funding

- Community Development Fund
  - $5 Billion allocated for Community Development Block Grants
    - $2 Billion of the allocation is to be distributed according to the existing HUD formula for 2020 and allocated within 30 days of enactment.
    - $1 Billion of the allocation will be distributed directly to States to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus within the State. (includes activities within entitlement and non-entitlement communities) Allocation will be made according to public health needs, risk of transmission of coronavirus, number of coronavirus cases compared to the national average, economic and housing market disruptions, and other factors determined by the HUD Secretary. Funds will be allocated within 45 days of enactment.
    - Any amounts remaining after distributions above, will be allocated directly to States or units of local government on a rolling basis according to the best available data at the time of the allocation. This distribution will be allocated, at the discretion of the HUD Secretary, according to a formula based on factors prioritizing risk of transmission of coronavirus, number of coronavirus cases compared to the national average, and economic and housing market disruptions resulting from coronavirus.
  - Estimated State Allocation for CDBG: ~$14 Million
  - Estimated Local Allocation for CDBG: ~$12.2 Million

- Homeless Assistance / Emergency Solutions Grants
  - $4 Billion allocated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. This allocation will also support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus under the Emergency Solutions Grants program.
  - $2 Billion of the above is to be allocated to grantees that received allocations in fiscal year 2020 and will distributed with 30 days of enactment.
Remaining amounts will be allocated directly to States or units of local government according to a formula developed by the HUD Secretary. Amounts will be distributed within 90 days of enactment. Formula to allocate amounts for the benefit of unsheltered homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Amounts may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus that are incurred by a State or locality. (Including costs incurred prior to the date of enactment)

- Estimated State Allocation for ESG: ~$9.4 Million
- Estimated Local Allocation for ESG: ~$3.7 Million

Public Housing Operating Fund
- $685 Million allocated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to provide additional funds for public housing agencies to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by coronavirus.
  - Distributed to all public housing agencies pursuant to the existing Operating Fund formula.
- Estimated Allocation: ~$19.9 Million

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- $1.25 Billion allocated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to provide additional funds for public housing agencies to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by coronavirus.
  - $850 Million of the above available for both administrative expenses and other expenses of public housing agencies for their Section 8 programs.
- Estimated Allocation: ~$8.1 Million

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- $65 Million allocated to provide additional funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions, in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.
- Estimated Allocation: ~$576 Thousand

Federal Emergency Management Agency
- $200 Million is allocated to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program for the purpose of supplementing and expanding the ongoing work of local social service organizations, both non-profit and governmental, to provide shelter, food and supportive services to individuals and families who have economic emergencies.
- Estimated Allocation: ~$2.8 Million

Department of Justice / State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
- Justice Assistance Grant Program
  - $850 million allocated to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program and will be awarded pursuant to the allocation formula that was used in fiscal year 2019 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.
  - Program to provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.
    - Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.
- Estimated State Allocation: ~ $9.6 Million
- Estimated Local Allocation: ~ $4.8 Million

U.S. Treasury CARES Assistance for State and Local Governments / (Info and Electronic Submission Forms):
https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/ cares/state-and-local-governments

Population Info for Counties (2019) - US Census Bureau:
https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-counties-total.html

HUD Community Development Block Grants Info:
https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/

Alabama PHA (Public Housing Agencies) Contact Information:

CARES Act Allocation Spreadsheet (CDBG - ESG - HOPWA Grants):
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget/fy20/

FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program Info:
https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/24422

DOJ-Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation:
https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program:
https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/lets/Pages/LawEnforcement.aspx