

## Possible Grants from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (HR 266)

[Another stimulus bill \(HR 266\)](#) with additional grant funding has passed both the House and Senate and is on its way to the President. This is a summary of possible grant-related measures within the bill. Some funds are designated specifically for grants, but it appears that all of the additional funding added in Division B of the bill may be used for grants. This bill also amended CARES in some ways, including one amendment that affects grants.

- Amended CARES to increase the authorization level for the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster (EIDL) Grants from \$10 billion to \$20 billion. The eligibility criteria were also amended.
- Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$75,000,000,000 for coronavirus to reimburse, through grants or other mechanisms, eligible health care providers for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus.
- An additional amount for “Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$25,000,000,000 [...] for COVID–19 tests shall be allocated within 30 days of this Act:
  - Amount appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used for grants for the rent, lease, purchase, acquisition, construction, alteration, renovation, or equipping of non-federally owned facilities to improve preparedness and response capability at the State and local level for diagnostic, serologic, or other COVID–19 tests, or related supplies; purchase of medical supplies and equipment, including personal protective equipment and testing supplies to be used for administering tests, increased workforce and trainings, emergency operation; centers, and surge capacity for diagnostic, serologic, or other COVID–19 tests, or related supplies.
  - Within 30 days of enactment of this Act, the Governor or designee of each State, locality, territory, tribe, or tribal organization receiving funds pursuant to this Act shall submit to the Secretary its plan for COVID–19 testing according to criteria outlined in the Act
    - Not less than \$2,000,000,000 shall be allocated to States, localities, and territories according to the formula that applied to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2019
    - Not less than \$4,250,000,000 shall be allocated to States, localities, and territories according to a formula methodology that is based on relative number of cases of COVID–19
    - Not less than \$750,000,000 shall be allocated in coordination with the Director of the Indian Health Service, to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health service providers to tribes
  - Not less than \$1,000,000,000 shall be transferred to the “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—CDC-Wide Activities and Program Support” for [...] COVID–19 testing
  - Not less than \$306,000,000 shall be transferred to the “National Institutes of Health—National Cancer Institute”
  - Not less than \$500,000,000 shall be transferred to the “National Institutes of Health—National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering”
  - Not less than \$1,000,000,000 shall be transferred to the “National Institutes of Health—Office of the Director”

- Not less than \$1,000,000,000 shall be available to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority
  - \$22,000,000, shall be transferred to the “Department of Health and Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses” to support activities associated with diagnostic, serological, antigen, and other tests, and related administrative activities
  - \$600,000,000 shall be transferred to “Health Resources and Services Administration—Primary Health Care” for grants under the Health Centers program, as defined by section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, and for grants to federally qualified health centers
  - \$225,000,000 shall be used to provide additional funding for COVID–19 testing and related expenses, through grants or other mechanisms, to rural health clinics as defined in section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act,
  - Up to \$1,000,000,000 of funds provided under this paragraph in this Act may be used to cover the cost of testing for the uninsured
- Specific to the Small Business Administration
    - “Emergency EIDL Grants” for the cost of emergency EIDL grants authorized by section 1110 of division A of the CARES Act ([Public Law 116–136](#)), \$10,000,000,000

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