COVID-19 Funding Priorities

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Coronavirus Relief Funding to Date

• The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), which provided $150 billion to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, administered by the US Department of the Treasury

• To date, DHHS has received $345,340,000 in CRF funds appropriated through the General Assembly
  − Must be expended by 12/30/2020

• All currently appropriated funding amounts have already been spent or obligated or are budgeted and in the process of being obligated

• DHHS anticipates that all funds will be spent in the categories laid out in slide 3 by 12/30/2020
## CRF Summary by Program Area

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<td>Enhanced Capacity for MH and Crisis Services</td>
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<td>Special Assistance Facilities</td>
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<td>Public Health, Mental Health, and Crisis Services</td>
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<td>Testing, Tracing, and Contact Trends</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL CRF</strong></td>
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Priorities for Additional Funding

• Access to Health Care
  − Medicaid Expansion

• Prevention Efforts to Combat COVID-19
  − **Ongoing Infection Control**: Support for local health departments to support long-term care facilities, schools, contact tracing, etc.
  − **Industrial Hygiene Technical Assistance**: Teams from DHHS, DACS & DOL will provide technical assistance to high-risk occupational settings experiencing COVID-19 clusters
  − **Public Awareness/Outreach**: Continue efforts to promote 3Ws, getting tested, participating in contact tracing, getting vaccinated

• Protecting and Serving Aging Adults
  − **Long-term Care Workforce Retention**: Increased rates for Personal Care Services, Nursing Homes, and ICF/IDD facilities
Priorities for Additional Funding

• **Supports for Rural and Underserved Communities**
  – **Wrap-Around Supports**: Access to nutrition assistance, transportation, medication delivery, etc. to individuals so they can safely quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19
  – **Community Health Workers**: Contract with community organizations to provide telehealth services and referrals to wrap-around supports for rural and underserved people

• **Prioritizing Early Childhood**
  – **PPE**: Provide additional infection control supplies to child care programs
  – **Child Care Workforce Retention**: Provide one-time retention bonuses for child care staff working onsite in open programs
  – **Operational Grants**: Stabilize child care programs who have lost significant tuition revenue due to lower enrollment with operational grants
Priorities for Additional Funding

• Supporting Mental Health and Resilience
  – **Early Childhood Mental Health Services**: School and child-care based behavioral health services, training and resiliency programs
  – **Adult Mental Health Crisis and Inpatient Services**: Mental health crisis intervention, training for law enforcement, and inpatient services for the uninsured

• Fighting the Opioid Epidemic During COVID
  – **Treatment and Support Recovery**: Leverage telehealth tools and value-based payment agreements to quickly connect individuals to treatment and supportive recovery