June 9, 2020

# Overview of Coronavirus Federal Stimulus Measures

David Schumacher, Director Nona Snell, Assistant Director for Budget



# Four federal stimulus packages since March

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: \$2.3 trillion

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act: \$8.3 billion

### Families First Coronavirus Response Act: \$3.47 billion

Key Element: Federal COVID-19 Paid Family/Medical and Paid Sick Leave

# Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act: \$484 billion

Key Element: \$11 billion for state COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, treatment efforts

# **CARES Act: Key elements for Washington**

#### New disbursements administered by state

### Coronavirus Relief Fund (\$2.1 billion)

Covers COVID-related expenses not addressed in budgets passed before March 27 through December 31

### **Unemployment Insurance**

Additional \$600/week, expanded eligibility, and additional 13 weeks of eligibility

# Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (\$56 million)

Flexible block grant issued to each state governor to support education services amid COVID-19 at the "most significantly impacted" districts and higher education institutions

# **CARES Act: Key elements for Washington**

## Disbursements through new or existing formulas:

- Child care and development block grant (\$58.6 million)
- Dislocated workers' grants (\$24 million)
- K-12 education stabilization (\$216 million): COVID-19 funding for SEA, LEA.
- Transit funding (\$696 million)

# **CARES Act: Key elements for Washington**

#### Disbursements to in-state recipients without state intervention

- Economic injury disaster loans: \$1.42 billion through May 30
- **Education stabilization higher education:** \$231 million
- Hospital "provider relief funds": \$855+ million (includes rural, "high-impact" hospitals)
- Paycheck Protection Program: \$12 billion through May 30

# Progress toward next stimulus package

# House passed Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act in May

### \$3 trillion in federal relief, including:

- > \$915 billion in *direct, flexible* state & local funding (\$500 billion for states alone)
- Funds may be used for revenue replacement, retroactive to March 27
- Washington estimate: \$10.7 billion state; \$7.4 billion local (through 2021)

## Education funding (K-12 & higher education): \$90 billion

➤ Washington estimate: \$1.7 billion (65% to K-12 districts)

# **Progress toward next stimulus package (HEROES Act)**

- Second round of economic impact payments (utilizes tax identification #s)
- Extends most CARES Act UI provisions into first quarter of 2021
- Waives 25% cost-share for FEMA disaster assistance
- Multi-billion funds for housing, small business, COVID testing, broadband
- > STATUS: Awaiting action in the Senate

#### **COVID** relief funds decision framework

#### **Decision process**

- ➤ Public health activities such as testing capacity, PPE, local government and Tribal assistance.
- Medical needs such as nursing beds for COVID patients.
- Economic support for employment and business closures.

#### FEMA reimbursement

- <\$1 billion FEMA reimbursement requires 25% cost share</p>
- > >\$1 billion FEMA reimbursement requires 10% cost share

#### Coronavirus Relief Fund

- State and local government cost share portion of FEMA
- Less restrictive than FEMA
- Cannot match federal Medicaid/increased FMAP

# **Coronavirus Relief Fund uses to date**

Agency	Description	Amount
University of Washington	Testing equipment, staff, and supplies	\$25 million
Commerce	Local government assistance	\$298 million
DSHS	Nursing beds to isolate COVID patients	\$16 million
Department of Agriculture	Food, supplies, distribution	\$51 million
TBD	Strategic uses to respond to COVID including local government assistance	\$240 million
Total		\$630 million

# **Coronavirus Relief Fund uses -- planned**

Purpose	Description	Amount
Immediate need and COVID-specific	Health response, PPE, health equipment, testing, telehealth, opening courts, food	\$94 million
Economic recovery	Rent assistance, small business assistance, foreclosure assistance, nonprofit assistance, Tribal assistance	\$177 million
Closing fiscal year	Additional agency expenses	\$31 million
Total		\$302 million

# FOR MORE INFORMATION:

ofm.wa.gov

