

The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Washington

“We have the best doctors, the best military leaders, and the best logistics professionals anywhere in the world. And we’re orchestrating a massive Federal response unlike anything our country has ever seen.”

– President Donald J. Trump

Overview: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, State managed, and Federally supported. Successful emergency management requires nationwide cooperation and unity of effort, combining the strength and ingenuity of our citizens and private sector with a sweeping, all-inclusive, and whole-of-government response. The below is a partial overview of Federal assistance provided to the State of Washington and the people of Washington to combat the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Washington. Implementation of the CARES Act is ongoing which will also bring additional support to Washington. President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have appreciated the strong State-Federal partnership with Governor Jay Inslee.

Supportive Actions by President Donald J. Trump:

- **President Trump Declares a National Emergency:** On March 13, President Trump [declared](#) a national emergency concerning COVID-19. The emergency declaration authorized direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs for all states, including Washington, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
- **Washington’s Major Disaster Declaration:** On March 20, Governor Inslee submitted a major disaster declaration request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On March 22, President Trump [approved](#) the request declaring a major disaster in the State of Washington and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, local, and tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19. For the first time in our Nation’s history, every state and territory has a presidential disaster declaration at the same time.
- **Historic Economic Relief:** On March 27, President Trump signed the CARES Act into law. The law provides unprecedented economic relief to American citizens, small businesses, workers, healthcare providers, and State, local, and tribal governments and builds on the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*. More [here](#). Additional Washington allocation information is found below.
- **National Guard Support:** On March 22, President Trump [directed](#) FEMA to fund 100% of the emergency assistance activities provided by Washington National Guard personnel in Title 32 duty status, per Governor Inslee’s request.

Testing, Resource & Logistics Support: FEMA is working with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), other Federal agencies, and private sector partners, to produce, allocate, and distribute key resources to Washington. Most notably, these include personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and the expedition of critical supplies from overseas to various U.S. locations.

- HHS, the Centers for Disaster Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are providing unprecedented regulatory flexibilities, resources, and guidance to expand the availability of testing and to assist States, including Washington, in scaling testing. Learn more from the CDC [here](#) and FDA [here](#).
- The Federal government supported mobile testing efforts to increase testing capacity and availability in Washington.
- In support of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA and HHS are coordinating a whole-of-America approach to source personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other critical resources for States, Tribes, and Territories. The effort is led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For more on the Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, read more [here](#).

- The Trump Administration is coordinating [Project Air Bridge](#), a coordinated public-private partnership designed to expedite the movement of critical supplies from other countries to the United States. The below table shows recently delivered supplies to Washington entities, including Project Air Bridge efforts to bolster private sector supply chains.

PPE	April 1 - 7	April 8 - 14	Total
N-95 Masks	200,500	67,300	267,800
Surgical & Procedural Masks	834,900	405,000	1,239,900
Eye & Face Shields	14,800	7,400	22,200
Isolation & Surgical Gowns	360,700	162,700	523,400
Surgical & Exam Gloves	18,412,400	9,602,900	28,015,300

- In addition to the Project Air Bridge efforts, as of April 21, FEMA delivered 500 ventilators, 489,960 N-95 masks, 794,428 surgical masks, 159,225 medical gowns, 3,773 coveralls, 126,201 face shields, and 681,890 gloves from the Strategic National Stockpile to Washington.
- As of April 15, FEMA obligated \$79.3 M for Washington to respond to COVID-19 and will continue to obligate additional dollars per validated State requests.
- The Federal government, including FEMA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), provided direct logistical and infrastructure support to Washington to increase State COVID-19 response capacity including a 250-bed and two 50-bed federal medical stations. USACE also established a field hospital at Seattle's Century Link Field. In addition, the Department of Defense sourced the 627th Hospital Center/10th Field Hospital to support the 62nd Medical Brigade with COVID-19 response in Washington.
- The Defense Logistics Agency awarded a contract to Battelle Critical Care Decontamination Systems for 60 N95 decontamination system units for the sanitation and reuse of N95 respirators. A system is currently deployed in Washington.

Federal Agency Support: The Trump Administration continues to provide unprecedented resources, guidance, and regulatory flexibilities for State, local and tribal governments to develop and deploy innovative solutions for addressing COVID-19.

- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**
 - Through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided \$18.9 M to the State of Washington. More [here](#).
 - As of April 21, HHS has awarded \$36.5 M in CARES Act funding to 27 health centers across Washington to assist in combatting COVID-19. More [here](#).
 - Medical providers in Washington were allocated \$553.8 M for the first round of funding from the Provider Relief Fund, with most of that provided Friday, April 10.
 - The Indian Health Service (IHS) has distributed \$23 M in COVID-19 supplemental appropriations to the State of Washington, benefiting IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Organization Health Programs within the IHS Portland Area. More [here](#).
 - As of April 20, the State of Washington has received a total of \$688 M from HHS, through the Provider Relief Fund, CDC State and local funding, HRSA health centers, and other HHS grants.
 - On March 15, the State of Washington submitted an 1135 Medicaid Waiver request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS). On March 19, CMS [approved](#) Washington's waiver request offering new flexibilities to focus resources on combatting the outbreak and providing the best possible care to Medicaid beneficiaries in Washington.
 - HHS, CMS, and FDA have issued guidance on several topics to help inform decisions made by State and local health officials and private sector partners, including operational guidance for Washington

nursing homes, telemedicine, elective surgery, and insurers. Learn more from CMS [here](#), CDC [here](#), and FDA [here](#).

- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

- As a result of the CARES Act, the SBA created four [additional loan/funding programs](#) to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19. As of April 20, the SBA issued over \$6.9 B in loans to over 30,421 Washington small businesses. Nationally, SBA executed more loans in 14 days of the CARES Act implementation than the agency had done in the previous 14 years. More [here](#).
- On March 16, SBA [declared](#) an economic disaster in Washington at the request of Governor Inslee. The disaster declaration creates access to low interest loans for small businesses across Washington. As of April 20, the SBA has approved 18,867 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances of up to \$10,000 for Washington small businesses impacted by COVID-19; these funds, as authorized by the CARES Act, do not need to be repaid and have totaled more than \$82 M in the State of Washington.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury**

- Economic Impact Payments authorized by the CARES Act have gone out to 80 million Americans in Washington and across the country as of Monday, April 13. These payments are being automatically issued to eligible 2019 or 2018 federal tax return filers who received a refund using direct deposit. More [here](#). Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More [here](#).
- Treasury is operationalizing stimulus relief to States, Tribes, and eligible units of local government as authorized under the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund. The State of Washington will receive \$2.9 B. Governmental entities in the State of Washington have already received \$1.47 B of this allocation. More [here](#).
- On April 9, the Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, states, counties, and cities in Washington and across the Nation impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The MLF will provide up to \$500 B in direct financing to states, counties, and cities across the Nation to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. More [here](#). MLF term sheet and guidance can be found [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

- HUD made \$64.7 M in COVID-19 funding [available](#) to Washington via CARES Act authorizations.
- On April 1, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide up to one year of payment forbearance for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family borrowers in Washington and across the Nation who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. More [here](#).
- On April 10, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide FHA multifamily borrowers in Washington and across the Nation with forbearance for up to three months if they agree not to evict tenants during that period. More [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)**

- As a result of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, DOL [expanded paid sick, family, and medical leave](#); the Department has offered flexibilities and emergency administrative capacity expansion grants for unemployment insurance that will help the people of Washington.
- DOL has awarded over \$23 M in emergency administrative unemployment insurance grants to the State of Washington.

- **U.S. Department of Education (DoED)**

- On March 20, DoED [suspended](#) Federal student loan payments and waived interest during the Federal emergency, which could help up to 716,300 direct loan borrowers in Washington.
- DoED has also provided unprecedented reporting flexibilities to Washington to allow the State to best meet the needs of students and teachers during the emergency. More [here](#) and [here](#).

- On April 9, DoED [announced](#) an allocation under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act totaling more than \$226 M to support postsecondary education students and institutions of higher education in Washington. More [here](#) and [here](#).
 - On April 14, DoED [announced](#) an allocation in The Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF), authorized by the CARES Act, of more than \$56.7 M for Washington. This is an extraordinarily flexible “emergency block grant” designed to enable governors to decide how best to meet the needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
- On April 17, Secretary Perdue joined President Trump in announcing the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program ([CFAP](#)) to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in Washington and across the Nation in response to COVID-19. This \$19 B relief program will provide \$16 B in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers and \$3 B in purchases of fresh produce, dairy and meat, including producers in Washington.
 - USDA has provided numerous flexibilities and resources to the State of Washington to ensure children and low income Americans have access to food during the national emergency. More [here](#).
 - USDA published a [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) for rural residents, businesses, and communities in Washington and across the country to find information about federal funding and partnership opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**
- DOT allocated \$698.9 M in Federal Transit Administration funds to help the Washington public transportation systems respond to the challenges of COVID-19. More [here](#).
 - DOT awarded \$310.3 M from the Federal Aviation Administration to help fund continuing operations and lost revenue for airports in Washington. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**
- With the \$19.6 B allocated under the CARES Act, the VA is hiring new staff and procuring additional resources to deal with the evolving needs of the pandemic. This includes expanding free or subsidized telehealth services and waiving a requirement that VA State homes maintain a 90 percent occupancy rate in order to receive federal benefits for times when the Veteran is not in the home. More [here](#).
 - The U.S. Department of the Treasury and VA [announced](#) that VA benefit recipients in Washington and across the Nation will automatically receive \$1,200 in Economic Impact Payments provided for under the CARES Act.
 - On April 3, the VA announced a number of actions to provide Veterans in Washington and across the Nation with financial, benefits and claims help as part of the VA’s COVID-19 response. The financial relief actions include – until further notice – (i) suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and (ii) suspending collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, as the Veteran prefers. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of State (DOS)**
- The State Department launched an unprecedented global effort to bring home citizens from every corner of the globe and has repatriated thousands of Americans from multiple countries. As of April 17, DOS coordinated the repatriation of nearly 70,000 Americans, including individuals from Washington. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**
- DOJ allocated \$16.7 M in funds to Washington through the [Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding \(CESF\) Program](#) to assist the State and local government response to COVID-19. This includes \$10.8 M in funding to the State and \$5.8 M to local governments. More [here](#).