

Overview of Bipartisan COVID Supplemental Appropriations Act

This legislation will allocate \$10 billion for domestic COVID response programs. This funding is allocated for a specific and limited set of uses identified by the Administration. The language does not permit transfer authority to other agencies with the exception of NIH.

Funding Recipient	Funding Level	Purposes
BARDA	\$9.25 billion	
Vaccines		Purchasing vaccines, including additional booster shots, vaccines for children and potentially new types of vaccines.
Therapeutics		Purchasing therapeutics, such as oral antivirals. The language mandates that at least \$5 billion of the \$9.25 billion is spent on therapeutics.
Testing Capacity		Maintaining testing capacity so that manufacturing of at-home tests and lab capacity for PCR tests does not decline during the summer to the point that it cannot be fully ramped up again during a future surge.
PHSSEF	\$750 million	
		Used for research, clinical trials and development of vaccines for emerging variants. This funding can also be used to expand vaccine manufacturing capacity if needed.
Total	\$10 billion	

OFFSETS

There are 5 buckets of rescissions agreed to in order to fully offset the new COVID health response investments:

- Small Business Administration:
 - Shuttered Venue Operators Grants: All applications for initial awards and first supplementals have been fulfilled. The remaining unspent balance will be rescinded, with the exception of a small amount to cover pending appeals and reconsiderations.
 - Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Some of the unspent American Rescue Plan Targeted EIDL Advance funding that was expected to be transferred to the EIDL loan subsidy is rescinded. This rescission still leaves enough funding in the EIDL loan subsidy to accommodate pending loan modifications and the recently announced six month deferment on loan payments.
- Department of Agriculture
 - Unspent COVID funding from the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan will be rescinded.

- Department of Transportation: Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Program
 - All applications to date have been fulfilled. The remaining unspent balance will be rescinded.
- Department of Education: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
 - The remaining unspent funding for for-profit institutions and from the main formula to all public and non-profit institutions will be rescinded.
- Department of Treasury
 - State Small Business Credit Initiative: Only the third tranche of the main capital fund and some of the national technical assistance funding will be rescinded. The funding for Small and Disadvantaged and for Very Small business will be fully protected across all tranches
 - Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund: Due to a drafting error in the Rescue Plan, the Treasury has not been able to disburse any of the funding and will not be able to unless Congress passes new legislation. In order to reach an agreement, some of the money will be rescinded.

ADDITIONAL MATTER

S.3011: The bipartisan *State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act* is included to provide additional flexibility to use ARP's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for infrastructure and disaster relief and to help smaller governments comply with program requirements. This bill will also allow Tribal governments additional time to use CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations. The bill passed the U.S. Senate unanimously last year.