

COVID-19 Updates on Non-LSC Federal Funding that can Support Legal Service Providers and Courts

This chart provides information about COVID-19 related law or agency guidance relevant to various non-LSC federal funding sources, links with contact information for various grants, and additional resources.

For more information about state-administered federal funds that can support legal aid, including legal aid examples, helpful tips, and language regarding legal aid, go to the [JGP grants matrix](#).

Name and description	COVID-19 Update	Additional information
<p>AmeriCorps is a national service program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which engages tens of thousands of members in intensive community service each year.</p>	<p>CARES Act authorizes CNCS flexibility to ensure AmeriCorps members can earn the Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that they were due to receive before COVID-19 disrupted their service activities, and allows AmeriCorps grantees receiving fixed amount awards to access their full federal funding.</p>	<p>Read more about AmeriCorps in the JGP grants matrix, linked here.</p>
<p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) works to ensure decent affordable housing, provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses.</p>	<p>CARES Act appropriates \$5 billion to respond to COVID-19 and its impact on the economy and housing. Of this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 billion to states and units of local government that received funding in FY 2020 • \$1 billion to support a coordinated response among entitlement and non-entitlement communities • \$2 billion to states and local government based on prevalence and risk of COVID-19 and economic and housing disruption. <p>There is an additional \$100 million to Indian CDBG.</p> <p>Legal services are generally considered "public services" for CDBG purposes. The CARES Act removes the usual 15 percent public services cap on CDBG funds, making funds more flexible for state and local governments.</p>	<p>To find contact information, report, awards, jurisdiction, and other data for organizations that receive HUD funding, go here.</p> <p>Read more about CDBG in the JGP grants matrix, linked here.</p>
<p>Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funding to lessen poverty, address the needs of low-income individuals, and provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition,</p>	<p>CARES Act appropriates \$1 billion to help communities address the consequences of increasing unemployment and economic disruption.</p>	<p>HHS provides a contact list of state officials and program contacts who oversee CSBG.</p> <p>Read more about CSBG in the JGP grants matrix, linked here.</p>

emergency services and/or health.		
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. Byrne-JAG is the most flexible federal law enforcement grant program.	CARES Act appropriates \$850 million for a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) . CESF will assist states, local governments, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.	Byrne JAG administrators apply for and administer the state allocation of CESF funding, following the Byrne JAG formula allocation mechanism. Allocations by state are here .
Fair Housing Initiatives Program, Education and Outreach (EOI) provides funding to qualified fair housing enforcement non-profits and state and local governmental agencies to educate the public and housing providers about equal opportunity in housing and compliance.	CARES Act appropriates \$1 million for education and outreach activities about fair housing issues related to coronavirus.	Read more about EOI on NLADA's Legal Aid Resources .
Family Violence Prevention Services (FVPSA) funds public, private, nonprofit and faith-based organizations and programs demonstrating effectiveness in the field of domestic violence services and prevention.	CARES Act appropriates \$45 million without a matching requirement for funds .	HHS lists the state administration offices and their respective websites here . Read more about FVPSA in the JGP grants matrix, linked here .
Federal Judiciary	CARES Act appropriates \$7.5 million. Of this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000 to the Supreme Court • \$6 million to the U.S. Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and other judicial services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus • \$1 million for federal defender services 	
Older Americans Act supports a wide range of social services and programs for individuals aged 60 years or older, including community planning and social services to prevent the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors.	CARES Act appropriates \$955 million to support Older Americans Act and Title III-B activities , including funding of Aging and Disability Resource Centers and Centers for Independent Living, nutrition services, supports for family caregivers, and elder justice protection activities, including the long-term care ombudsman.	Consult your State Unit on Aging for information about funds to increase legal services. Read more about the Older Americans Act in the JGP grants matrix, linked here . Learn more about how legal service organizations are

		supporting their work with Older Americans Act funding in the upcoming NLADA webinar on May 1.
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program is a " patient-centered system " that provides care and treatment services to low income people living with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission among hard to reach populations."	CARES Act appropriates an additional \$90 million to remain available until September 2022 under parts A, B, C, D and section 2692(a) of title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act.	HRSA provides main contact numbers for HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau here . Read more about Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program in the JGP grants matrix, linked here .
Section 330 for health centers is the primary funding source for health centers. Health centers, using "enabling services" language (see below), can fund legal services through medical-legal partnerships to address the social determinants of health.	CARES Act appropriates \$1.32 billion in supplemental awards for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19.	Legal aid is included in the range of " enabling services " that HHS-funded health centers can provide to meet communities' care needs. Community health centers are the recipients of these funds. Read more about Section 330 funding and access resources on medical-legal partnerships at the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership .
STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant	OVW COVID-19 guidance can be found here . OVW has waived the 25 percent match .	DOJ OVW has a STOP Administrator contact list , for each state's primary and secondary contact for STOP grants. This includes their phone and email. Read more about STOP Formula grants in the JGP grants matrix, linked here .
Title IV-E (Foster care) helps provide out-of-home care for children until the children are safely returned home, placed permanently, or placed in other planned arrangements.	Although the CARES Act does not provide new funds, the Children's Bureau has written a letter regarding the incorporation of technology in the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 Letter from CB : On March 27, 2020, Children's Bureau Associate Commissioner Jerry Milner sent a letter to Child Welfare Legal and Judicial Leaders outlining statutory requirements CB cannot waive. The letter outlines ways "courts can and should use flexible means of convening required hearings."	