

Summary of Key Provisions in the COVID-19 Relief Bill: H.R.133-Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

December 2020

On December 21st, 2020, Congress passed a \$900-billion COVID-19 relief measure as an amendment to the fiscal year 2021 budget agreement. See the [legislative text](#) and a [section by section summary](#). This bill includes a one-month extension of the federal eviction moratorium along with modest rental assistance and other provisions important to the HCH community summarized below. While the bill provides desperately needed resources, the provisions are mostly curtailed versions of what was provided in previous [COVID-19 relief bills](#) and fails to include important pieces such as state and local aid.

HOUSING/HUD:

- \$25B for **rental assistance** to states and local governments through the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- Extension of the current **CDC eviction moratorium** until January 31, 2021. *Learn more about the [housing provisions](#) from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.*

HEALTH PROGRAMS

- While the budget agreement extends **health center** funding slightly above current levels through September 2021, there is no additional direct funds for health centers in the COVID-19 relief package.
- \$25.4B for the **Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund** to promote testing and contact tracing, including \$3B for the **Provider Relief Fund** to provide money directly to health care providers. *Learn about the [Provider Relief Fund](#) from HHS.*
- \$8.75B for supporting **vaccine administration and distribution** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including \$300M for targeting underserved populations.
- \$4.25B for **SAMHSA programs** including the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.

ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS:

- A second round of \$600 **Economic Impact Payments** for individuals making under \$75K a year. *Learn more about [the payments](#) from the Ways and Means Committee.*

OTHER NOTABLE PROVISIONS:

- An increase to **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** by 15% through June 30, 2021. See a [summary](#) of nutrition program funding from Feeding America.
- Extends Pandemic **Unemployment Assistance** (PUA) at \$300/week through March 14th.
- Includes tax credits for business that provide **paid sick and family leave** through March 31st but notably leaves out an extension of the requirement for employers to provide paid sick and family leave that expires on December 31st. *Learn more* from National Partnership for Women & Families.