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H.R. 6201 FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Funding. Congress passed [H.R.6201](#) (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) and President Trump signed the legislation on March 18, 2020. The Act provides COVID-19 response funding and assistance for programs and supplemental appropriations.

Department of Agriculture. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) received a supplemental appropriation for the following food assistance programs:

- \$500.0 million for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- \$400 million for food banks, with \$100.0 million available for food distribution costs for the Commodity Assistance Program.
- \$100.0 million for nutrition assistance grants for United States territories.

The appropriation allows the USDA to approve state plans for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Health and Human Services. The Health and Human Services (HHS) received a \$250.0 million supplemental appropriation for elderly nutrition programs, which includes:

- \$160.0 million for Home-Delivered Nutrition Meals Program.
- \$80.0 million for Congregate Nutrition Services.
- \$10.0 million for Native Americans.

State funds matching does not apply to the supplemental appropriations.

In addition, the Act includes the following funding for COVID-19 testing:

- \$82.0 million for the Defense Health Program.
- \$64.0 million for the Indian Health Service.
- \$60.0 million for the Veterans Health Administration. This includes \$30.0 million for medical services and \$30.0 million for community care.

National Disaster Medical System. The Act includes \$1.000 billion to cover the cost of COVID-19 provider claims for testing and related expenses for patients who do not have health insurance.

Internal Revenue Service. The Act provides \$15.0 million to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax credits for sick leave and for paid family and medical leave.

State Responsibility. State and local governments that receive funds will report testing results and related data to the State Emergency Operations Center and to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Grant Estimates. [Federal Funds Information for States](#) has provided estimates for grants related to H.R. 6201. Table 1 provides information on Iowa and surrounding states.

Table 1
Federal Funds Information for States Estimated Grant Amounts
in thousands of dollars

State	USDA			HHS	
	Women, Infants, and Children Program	Administration	Commodities Assistance Program	Home- Delivered Nutrition Program	Congregate Nutrition Program
Illinois	\$ 15,557	\$ 3,902	\$ 11,707	\$ 5,596	\$ 2,796
Iowa	\$ 3,036	\$ 724	\$ 2,173	\$ 1,491	\$ 750
Minnesota	\$ 6,929	\$ 1,290	\$ 3,869	\$ 2,505	\$ 1,252
Missouri	\$ 6,474	\$ 1,730	\$ 5,191	\$ 2,874	\$ 1,436
Nebraska	\$ 2,251	\$ 444	\$ 1,332	\$ 845	\$ 422
South Dakota	\$ 1,016	\$ 239	\$ 717	\$ 761	\$ 380
Wisconsin	\$ 6,199	\$ 1,430	\$ 4,291	\$ 2,768	\$ 1,383

Source: Federal Funds Information for States

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