

# NEBRASKA COVID-19 FUNDING MATRIX



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# OVERVIEW:

This matrix was created as a resource for Nebraska based community collaboratives and nonprofit organizations.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and AVA Insights worked with Bring Up Nebraska partners and communities covering 81 counties in Nebraska to develop “community playbooks” to quickly identify gaps in services, develop plans, coordinate, and respond to the emergent needs of youth and families across the state. Summaries of the playbooks findings on issues like housing food security, connectivity, and mental health can be found on the Bring Up Nebraska website under “tools and resources”: <http://www.bringupnebraska.org/tools-resources> . While the philanthropic and the private sector has partnered with public agencies and local collaboratives to find solutions to specific COVID-19 needs from the playbooks, communities have requested a way to track which federal funding is coming into Nebraska and for what purposes dollars are being allocated. Local communities want to see the big picture to fit the puzzle pieces together to meet local needs.

The Matrix, while continually updated, is organized into categories for navigation based on needs. It is designed as tool to be able to maximize collective impact in COVID-19 response at the local level. For example, if a community collaborative has local government officials, public health, economic development, local school districts, and community response housing support at the table, they can use this tool to identify local touch points of contact for funding streams to those entities. They can ask question like “What is our community receiving in local government aid?” “What needs does our local Community Action Agency plan to serve with their CSBG award?” “Is our local school district planning to purchase devices for connectivity?” A local community can take the needs identified in their community playbook and match them directly with potential funding sources in the matrix and work collectively to maximize their response for children and families. This can help reduce duplication in addressing needs and identify gaps. The matrix can also be used as a conversation starter to find out what private resources are being sought or have been secured.

Before diving into the Matrix, it is helpful to understand the distinction between Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars (1.25 billion) and supplemental federal appropriations that go directly to state agencies (ex. Family Violence Prevention or K-12 Education Stabilization Funds).

## **Coronavirus Relief Fund:**

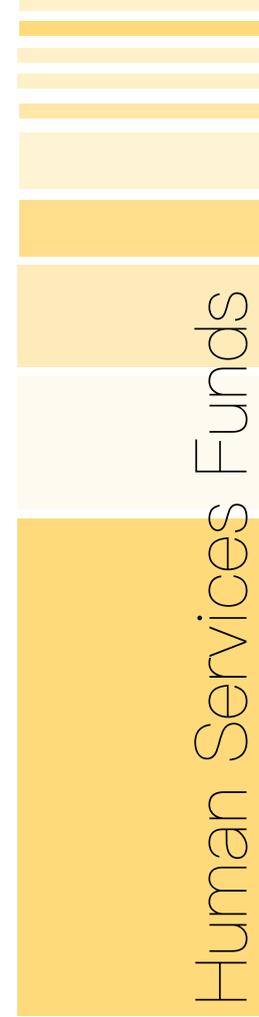
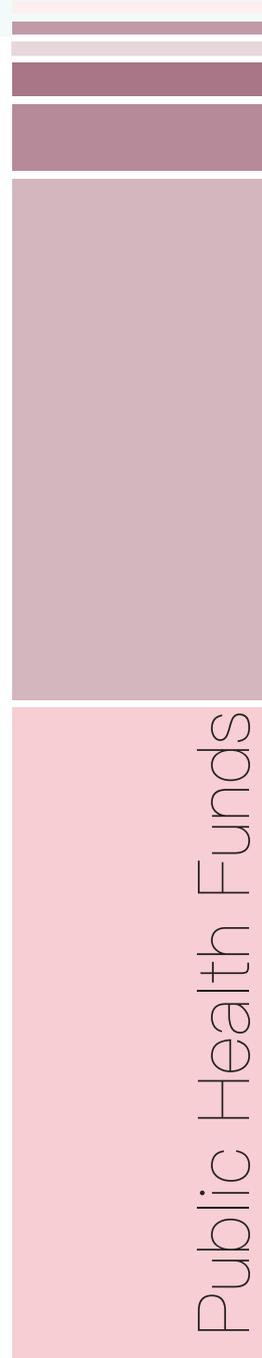
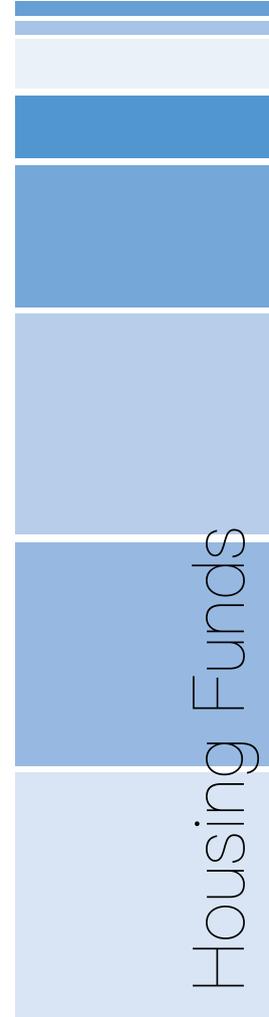
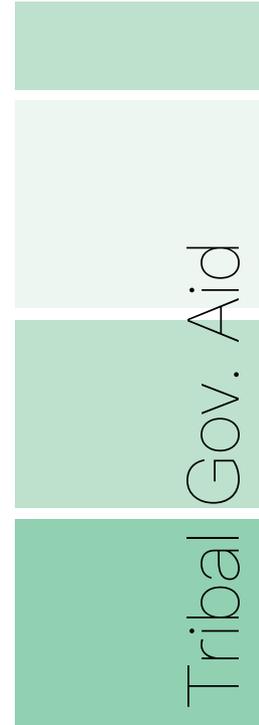
As part of the CARES Act, every state received at least \$1.25 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund split between state government and local governments. In Nebraska, Douglas County is the only local entity that qualified to receive CRF dollars through direct allocation (\$166 million) because the population meets the 500,000 person threshold. The state will receive \$1.08 million directly or 86% of the total CRF dollars coming to Nebraska. The guidance for the available uses of CRF is published by the U.S. Treasury. This matrix includes decisions Governor Ricketts has announced for dedicating State Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars as of July 8, 2020. The Governor’s decisions to date do not account for the entirety of the state CRF. Nebraskans could see changes and additions to the uses of the CRF as the state continues to respond to the pandemic into the future.

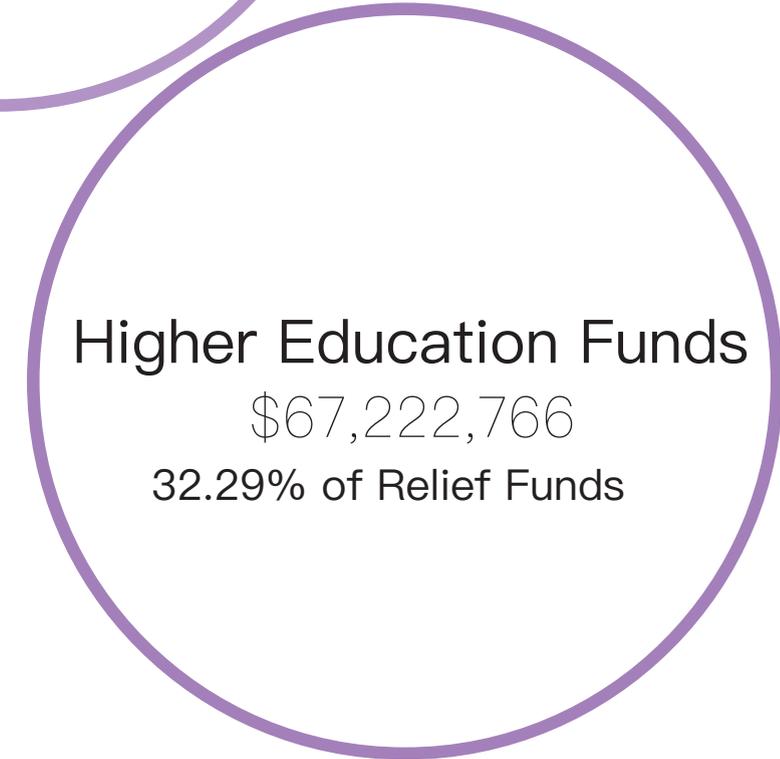
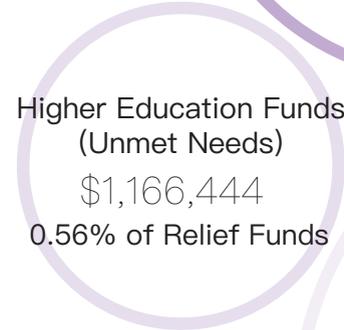
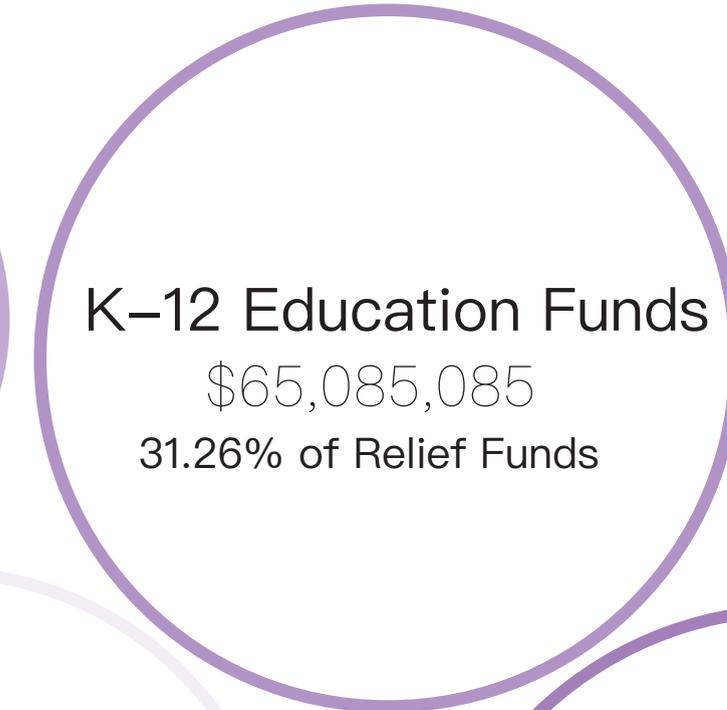
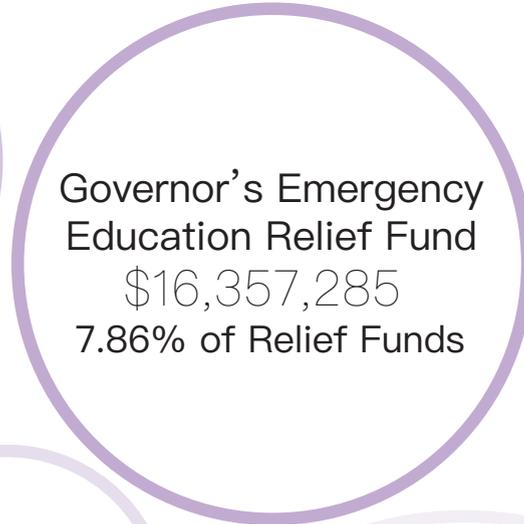
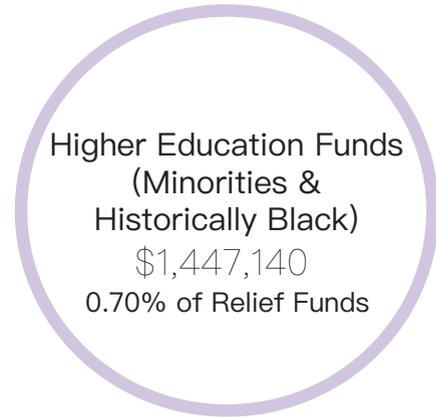
While the Governor has announced decisions for the State CRF and Douglas County has announced decisions for it’s portion of CRE, many of the funding decisions for supplemental appropriations were already baked into existing programs. This is why it is important for local communities to communicate to see the collective picture of funding support to serve children and families. To support that effort, this Matrix includes information about where there is an application process for things like Family Violence Prevention (\$202,646) or the Child Care and Development Block Grant (\$20,077,074) and who might be eligible to apply. Housing is by far the most complex area of funding to map. Funding for housing needs have different deadlines for expenditure, different restrictions, and an array of agencies involved in allocating funds. If a community or nonprofit is serving housing needs, you may want to start with the housing section of the Matrix and then navigate to the Community CARES program under the State CRF section.

The Nebraska Legislature is schedule to resume session July 20, 2020 after a recess called by the Speaker due to public health concerns. The Nebraska COVID-19 Funding Matrix is a continuously evolving document as more information is provided by state agencies and more decisions are made by policymakers and the Governor to help Nebraska whether the impacts of the pandemic.

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# Education Funds:

total: \$208,212,293

# Education Relief Funds

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## Higher Education Funds:

32.29%

Federal Administrator: ED  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$67,222,766

## K-12 Education Funds:

31.26%

Federal Administrator: ED  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$65,085,085

### Local Education Agency Resources = \$59 Million, Statewide = \$6.5 Million

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) conducted a prioritization survey of stakeholders across the Nebraska and the following priorities were identified:

- Enhance technology infrastructure (e.g., broadband, devices, platforms, data privacy, etc.) for students and families.
- Build supports for planning for possible interruptions upon returning to school and student and staff reentry.
- Ensure student nutritional needs are met.
- Provide professional learning to support an inclusive remote learning environment and engagement, along with best practices for different student groups.
- Create or expand mental, behavioral, and social emotional supports (e.g., telehealth). In addition, the Nebraska governor has determined the following for use of GEER funds:
  - Address the digital divide and related issues to support remote learning for students in K-12 schools.
  - Focus on providing equitable access to technology for all students and improving parity in access to all schools.
  - Hardware purchases for use of school students and improving access to reliable, high-speed internet for students.
  - Reserve some funds to provide flexibility to address additional COVID-19 issues.

The NDE and Office of the Governor are committed to coordinating and aligning these priority efforts to ensure an effective and efficient approach in providing technology supports for all Nebraska students and schools. The NDE's creation of a "Hierarchy of Digital Learning Needs" serves as an organization model for planning and determining resources at the state level. The areas of focus include:

- Infrastructure (Broadband), Devices, Software Systems, Digital Content, and Professional Development/Training. Information about the Hierarchy and prioritized state-level projects is available at <http://www.launchne.com/>.
- The next important statewide projects phase includes collecting specific status and technology-based needs of public and nonpublic schools. This will be accomplished through an online submission of a "Digital Learning Profile and Plan." **All public and nonpublic schools that desire to be considered for GEERS and ESSER funds, resources, and supports addressing digital inequities and gaps highlighted by COVID-19 should promptly complete the Digital Learning Profile and Plan at <http://www.launchne.com> by July 6, 2020.**
- As a reminder, public and nonpublic schools interested in participating in the statewide pricing for a Learning Management System should view and complete the information available at: <https://www.launchne.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/Why-a-Learning-Management-System.pdf>. **The deadline for submission for a fall implementation of the Canvas LMS is June 19, 2020.**

# Education Relief Funds

total: \$208,212,293

## Child Nutrition Funds:

27.34%

Federal Administrator: ED  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$56,933,600

## Governor's Emergency Education Relief:

7.86%

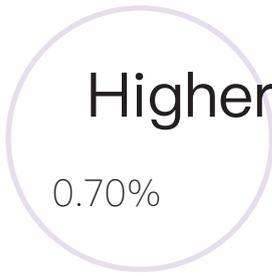
Federal Administrator: ED  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$ 16,357,258

**\$56,933,600** - Child Nutrition

**\$ 16,357,258** - Education Stabilization Funds (GEER):

- Address the digital divide and related issues to support remote learning for students in K-12 schools.
- Focus on providing equitable access to technology for all students and improving parity in access to all schools.
- Hardware purchases for use of school students and improving access to reliable, high-speed internet for students.
- Reserve some funds to provide flexibility to address additional COVID-19 issues.



### Higher Education: (Minorities & Historically Black)

Federal Administrator: ED  
State Agency Contact: HHS, Peggy Trouba

total: \$1, 447,140



● **\$1,447,140** - Higher Education for Minorities & Historically Black



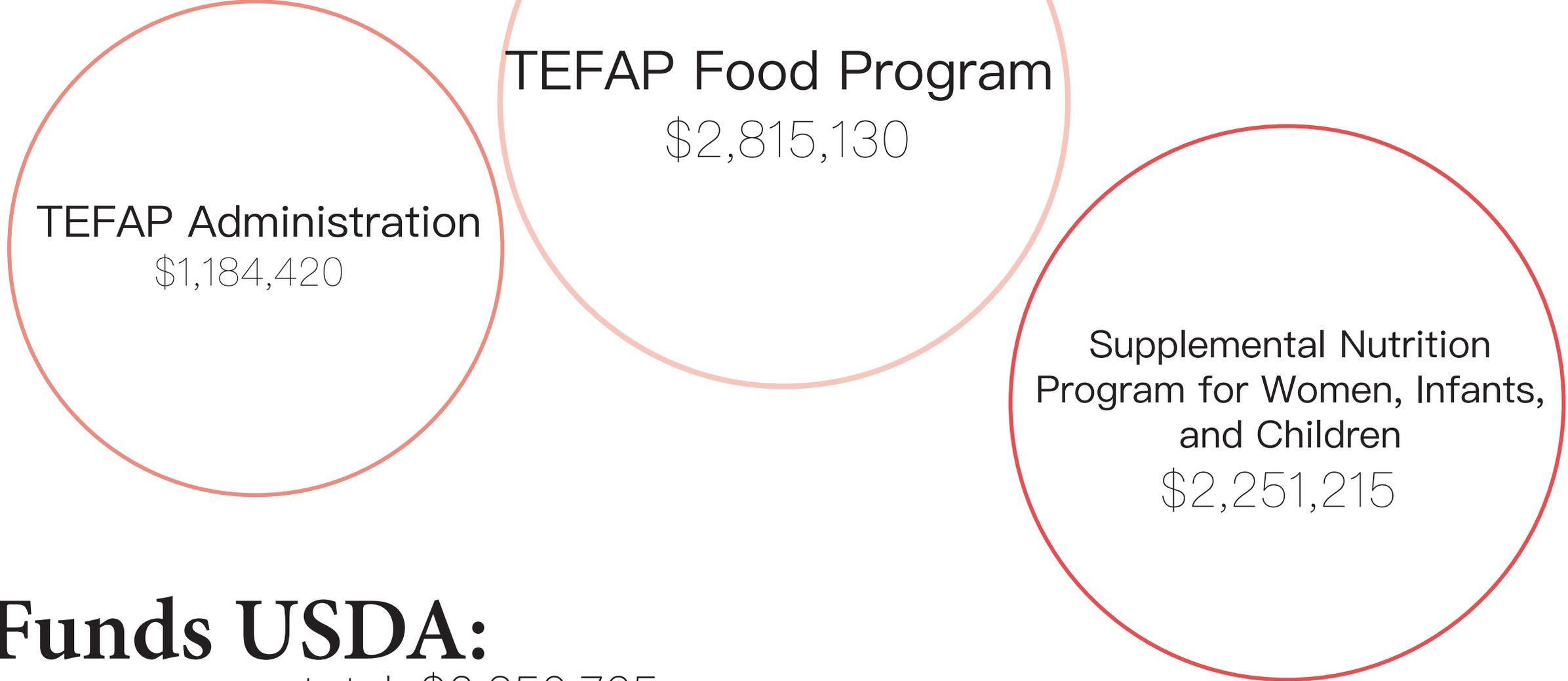
### Higher Education: (Unmet Needs)

Federal Administrator: ED  
State Agency Contact: HHS, Peggy Trouba

total: \$ 1,166,444



● **\$1,447,140** - Higher Education & Unmet Needs



**Food Funds USDA:**  
total: \$6,250,765

# Food Relief Funds

total: \$6,250,765

## Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

total: \$2,251,215

Federal Administrator: USDA  
State Agency Contact: HHS, Peggy Trouba

## TEFAP Administration

total: \$1,184,420

Federal Administrator: USDA  
State Agency Contact: HHS

## TEFAP Food Program

total: \$2,815,130

Federal Administrator: USDA  
State Agency Contact: DHHS, Melissa Weyer/Chad Mohr

Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

- Funding goes to state WIC agencies for services to individuals

Has the funding been distributed?

- No, is distributed through the federal WIC funding formula as are annual appropriated funds

What can the funding be used for?

- Ongoing WIC services
- No guarantee NE WIC will receive this amount of funding through the funding formula process

When does it need to be spent by?

- The FFY in which it is provided

Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

- Food Bank for the Heartland and Food Bank of Lincoln operate TEFAP

Has the funding been distributed?

- Yes, to the food banks

What can the funding be used for?

- Used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus

When does it have to be spent by?

- September 30, 2020

Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

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Has the funding been distributed?

- Yes, to the food banks

What can the funding be used for?

- Used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus

When does it need to be spent by?

- September 30, 2020

# Food Relief Funds

total: \$6,250,765

## Pandemic EBT: Federal Administrator: USDA State Agency Contact: DHHS, NDE

- Approximately 156,257 Nebraska children can benefit from a new program, Pandemic EBT, authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The USDA has announced that Nebraska has been approved to operate P-EBT. In cross-agency collaboration, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education will operate a P-EBT.
- P-EBT provides assistance to families of children who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals and impacted by school closures. This means 156,257 children in Nebraska that were determined eligible for free and reduced-priced lunches during the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to receive a supplemental benefit. P-EBT can be used to buy good at grocery stores and farmer's markets that accept SNAP EBT and to purchase groceries online at Amazon and Walmart. It is intended to offset the loss of meals that would have been consumed in school this spring.
- Families who are already participating in SNAP **do not need to apply** and will have their benefits automatically placed on their EBT card.
- Families who are NOT currently participating in SNAP but have been determined eligible by their schools to receive free or reduced-priced lunches **will need to apply** for P-EBT through the **P-EBT online application (beginning June 22 and running through July 19)**. They will receive a specific "P-EBT" card.
- Receiving P-EBT benefits will not affect a family's ability to receive other benefits and benefits will be good for one year after receiving them.
- To learn about what information is needed, alternative methods to apply, and more details, please see the press release from DHHS, this FAQ and this P-EBT Quick Reference Guide.



**Housing Funds:**  
total: \$36,964,547

# Housing Funds

total: \$36,964,547

## Community Development Block Grant: FIRST ROUND

Federal Administrator: HUD

State Contact: [steve.charleston@nebraska.gov](mailto:steve.charleston@nebraska.gov)

LOC, Bradd Schmeichel [BSchmeichel@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:BSchmeichel@lincoln.ne.gov); Omaha: [nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org](mailto:nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org)

total: \$11,269,634

## Homeless Assistance–ESG : FIRST ROUND

Federal Administrator: HUD

State Agency Contact: HHS, Andrea Curtis

total: \$ 8,508,363

### Community Development Block Grant – CV Funds are distributed by formula.

- \$1,500,000 of Omaha's funds (\$2,784,717 ) have been awarded for short-term rent mortgage, and case management assistance for households who have been impacted by recession cause by COVID-19.
- The allocation for the City of Lincoln is \$1,141,912.
- The allocation for the City of Bellevue is \$212,000
- The allocation for the City of Grand Island is \$250,000
- Balance of State allocation is \$6,486,296.

### Has the funding been distributed?

- The funding has not been distribution. It will be a competitive application process. The distribution process and application will be publicly posted at:  
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Nebraska-Homeless-Assistance-Program-Providers.aspx>

### What can the funding be used for?

- Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, HMIS, etc. to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

### When does it need to be spent by?

- ESG funding must be spent 2 years from when the State signs the grant agreement with HUD.

# Housing Funds

total: \$36,964,547

## Community Development Block Grant: SECOND ROUND

total: \$ 4,782,338

Federal Administrator: HUD

State Contact: LOC, Bradd Schmeichel BSchmeichel@lincoln.ne.gov; Omaha: nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org

## Homeless Assistance–ESG : SECOND ROUND

total: \$ 8,484,742

Federal Administrator: HUD

State Contact: LOC, Bradd Schmeichel BSchmeichel@lincoln.ne.gov; Omaha: nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org

● **Community Development Block Grant – CV Funds are distributed by formula.**

● **When does it need to be spent by?**

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# Housing Funds

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## Public Housing Operating:

Federal Administrator: HUD  
Contacts: LOC

total: \$ 2,513,297

## Tenant-Based Rental Assistance:

Federal Administrator: HUD  
Contacts: LOC, Omaha: [nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org](mailto:nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org)

total: \$ 1,522,994

# Housing Funds

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## Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

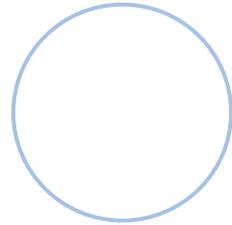
total: \$192,147

Federal Administrator: HUD  
State Agency Contact: HHS

## Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

total: \$ 88,540

Federal Administrator: HUD  
State Agency Contact: HHS



# Coronavirus Relief Funds

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

## **Coronavirus Relief Fund – Douglas County – Housing:**

As of 6/28/2020, \$10,000,000 is allocated for rent assistance, which will be administered by a local, qualified organization that will ensure the renter assistance meets CARES Act guidelines

## **Coronavirus Relief Fund – State – Housing:**

Homelessness prevention assistance is listed as a funding allowance for applications for the Response and Recover Grant under the Community CARES Program administered by DHHS.



Hospital Preparedness  
\$4,447,906  
0.71% of Health Funds

SAMISHA Funds  
\$2,000,000  
0.32% of Health Funds

First Provider Relief Funds  
\$225,027,012  
35.80% of Health Funds

CDC Testing Funding  
\$71,519,807  
11.38% of Health Funds

Second Provider Relief Funds  
\$272,150,859  
43.29% of Health Funds

Third Provider Relief Funds  
\$41,600,000  
6.62% of Health Funds

CDC Grant  
\$6,546,664  
1.04% of Health Funds

Minimum CDC Grant  
\$5,329,627  
0.85% of Health Funds

**Health (CDC & Public Health) Funds:**  
total: \$628,621,875

# Public Health Funds

total: \$628,621,875



## CDC Grant:

1.04%

Federal Administrator: CDC  
State Agency Contact: HHS

total: \$6,546,664

## Minimum CDC Grant:

0.85%

Federal Administrator: CDC  
State Agency Contact: HHS

total: \$5,329,627



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## CDC Testing Funding

11.38%

Federal Administrator: CDC  
State Agency Contact: HHS

total: \$71,519,807

## Hospital Preparedness

0.71%

Federal Administrator: CDC  
LOC contact: Eric Seargent

total: \$4,447,906

# Public Health Funds

total: \$628,621,875



## Provider Relief Funds

35.80%

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Federal Administrator:



## Provider Relief Funds

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Federal Administrator:



## Provider Relief Funds

6.62%

total: \$41,600,000

Federal Administrator:



0.32%

# SAMHSA total: \$2,000,000

Federal Administrator: --

State Agency Contact: --

On April 1, 2020, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration released a funding opportunity for Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 with an application due date of April 10, 2020. In response, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) responded to the one-time-only funding announcement with an application for \$2 million in COVID-19 related aid. Funds are restricted to direct treatment and recovery activities to Nebraskans impacted by COVID 19 and served after the date of award. The DBH proposed to take two approaches to expand capacity to behavioral health services and treatment. The larger effort will be to expand capacity across Nebraska's public behavioral health system to increase access to medication management (including medication assisted treatment for substance abuse disorder), outpatient assessment and psychotherapy and peer support for individuals who experience serious mental illness (SMI), individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), and/or individuals with co-occurring SMI and SUD. The additional expanded capacity will also be available to serve individuals with mental disorders that are less severe than SMI, including those in the healthcare professions. Additionally, reaching individuals in the healthcare professions will require a different approach than has typically been employed by DBH. DBH is proposing to build on the existing communication channels utilized by various medical associations to communicate the availability of the behavioral health services vouchers to their members.

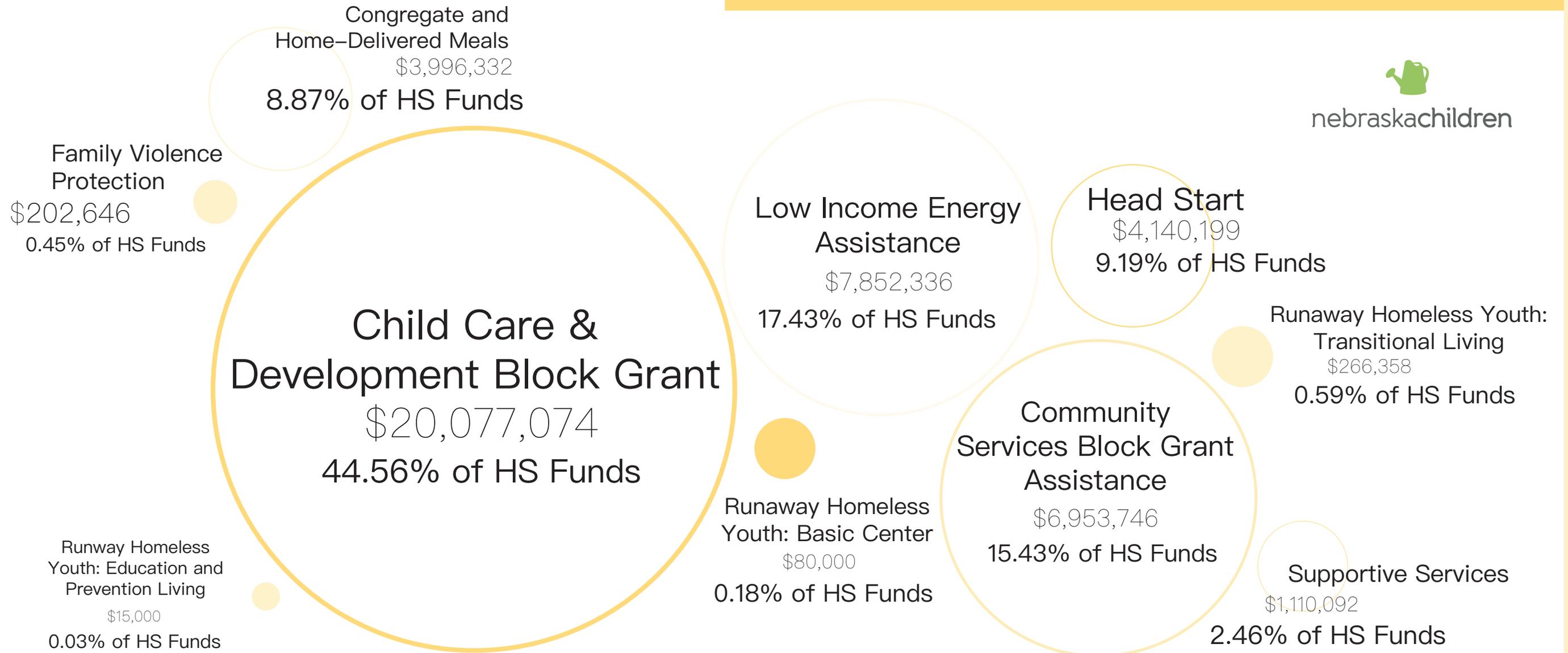
Service funds are proposed to be incorporated into contracts and subawards with Regional Behavioral Health Authorities, tribal authorities, peer-run organizations and medical and social service trade associations for healthcare providers, first responders and other essential personnel to provide access to services and supports that cannot be met with other resources such as private insurance, employee assistance programs or

Medicaid. The DBH is also proposing to expand the contracts for capacity with the four family-led organizations in the state to increase access to family navigator and peer support services to provide recovery support services, individual support services and resource assistance for childcare, vocational, educational, linkages to housing services, and transportation services; services which will improve access to, and retention in services.

Per the grant requirements, 70 percent of direct service funding from this grant has been identified to provide services to individuals with serious mental illness; those with SUDs, or those with co-occurring SMI and SUDs. Ten percent of direct service funding is allocated to healthcare practitioners with mental disorders (less severe than SMI) requiring mental health care as a result of COVID-19 and twenty percent of direct service funding has been allocated for all other individuals with mental disorders less severe than SMI.

The DBH is well positioned to manage the distribution of Emergency COVID-19 Response funds as well as ensure appropriate and effective use of those funds. The DBH is the chief behavioral health authority for the State [§71-806 (1)]. The DBH is both the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) and the Single State Substance Abuse Authority (SSA). The DBH administers, oversees, and coordinates the state's public behavioral health system to address the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. The DBH is responsible for managing both the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CMHSBG) and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG). DBH funds priority treatment and support services for individuals without Medicaid and individuals without insurance or who are underinsured, according to financial eligibility based on a sliding scale on income and family size.

**For more information regarding the Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 go to <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/fg-20-006>**

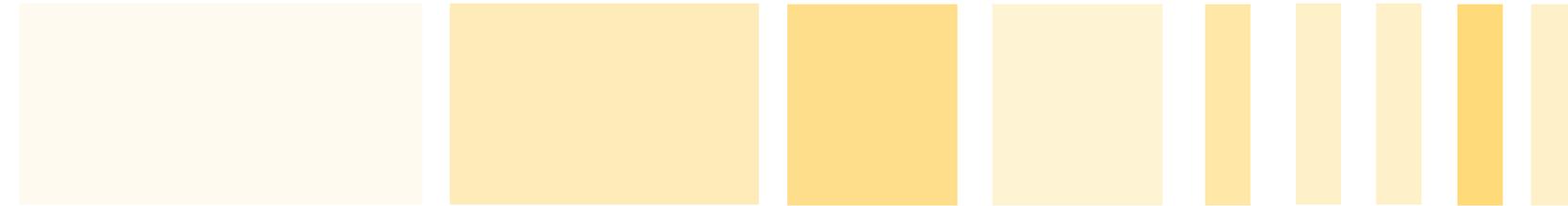


# Human Services (ACF & ACL) Funds:

total: \$45,051,884

# Human Services Funds

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## Community Services Block Grant

15.43%

Federal Administrator: ACF  
State Agency Contact: Matt Thomsen

total: \$6,953,746

## Child Care and Development Block Grant

44.56%

Federal Administrator: ACF  
State Agency Contact: Nicole Vint

total: \$20,077,074

Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

- This is for Community Action Agencies and/or Community Action of Nebraska

Has the funding been distributed?

- Yes, the funding has been distributed to the Community Action Agencies. This was not a competitive grant process.

What can the funding be used for?

- The funding can be utilized as per the CSBG Act and CARES Act for anti-poverty type programs/services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. The Community Action Agencies conduct needs assessments to determine how to best utilize the funds to serve those in their community. Funds can be utilized to serve individuals up to 200% of the federal poverty level.

Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

- Target date for the application portal is open by July 6 for providers to apply for stabilization funds and incentive funds for reopening. Letter will go out to providers through email lists and will be followed up with a mailed post card to all licensed programs.

Has the funding been distributed?

- Not distributed yet. Will be competitive application

What can the funding be used for?

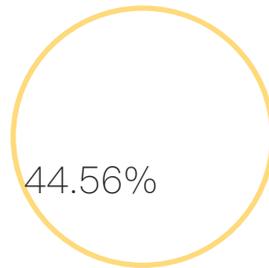
- Funding is to reimburse child care providers for allowable expenses such as utility payments, facility rent/mortgage payments, staff salaries, cleaning supplies, personal protective gear and supplies to care for children. Receipts or other proof of payment will be required.

When does it need to be spent by?

- Dec. 31, 2020 for the funds to providers. CCDF funds in the total pool of \$20M has a longer period of spending.

# Human Services Funds

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## Child Care and Development Block Grant:

Federal Administrator: ACF  
State Agency Contact: Nicole Vint

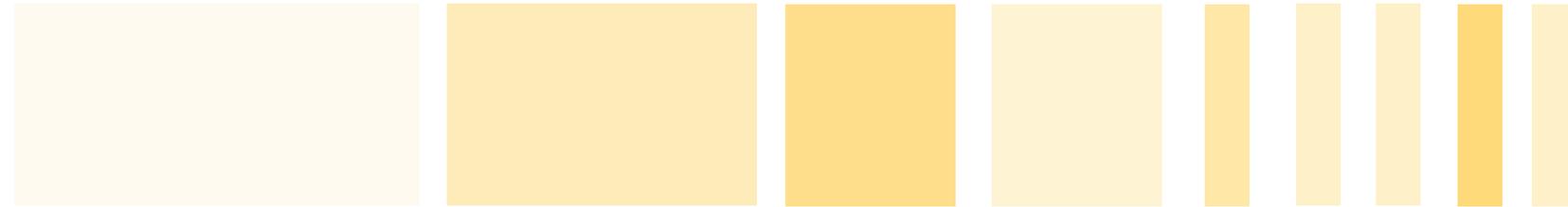
total: \$20,077,074

Nebraska DHHS has released approximate allocations of CCDF Funds:

- **Child Care Relief Fund Grants | \$267,000:** Offer relief funds to child care providers who have already applied for the grant program administered by Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and the Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative. The infusion of CARES Act dollars will fund eligible applicants still on the waitlist for relief grants.
- **Child Care Provider Stabilization Grants | \$8,705,000:** Offer one-time grant awards to family child care homes (\$3,500) and center-based programs (\$5,500) to cover operational costs, rent and mortgage, staff salaries, cleaning and personal protective supplies and related needs.
- **Incentive Grants for Reopening Child Care Programs | \$1,000,000:** Facilitate reopening of child care programs that have temporarily suspended operations during the public health emergency. Providers must commit to reopening within 30 days, participate in quality improvement initiatives and deliver care to children of low-income families or parents working in essential occupations.
- **Nebraska Child Care Referral Network | \$500,000:** Supports continued development of a newly launched online platform to connect working parents with child care providers based on program type, children's ages, location, participation in Step Up to Quality and Child Care Subsidy and other criteria.
- **Afterschool and Summer Learning for School Age Children | \$4,000,000:** Supports future collaboration between DHHS and Beyond School Bells, Nebraska's After School Network with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

# Human Services Funds

total: \$45,051,884



## Low Income Energy Assistance Program

17.43%

Federal Administrator: ACF  
State Agency Contact: Matt Thomsen

total: \$7,852,336

## Family Violence Prevention

0.45%

Federal Administrator: ACF  
State Agency Contact: DHHS Angie

total: \$202,646

- Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?
  - This funding will be administered from the state level to eligible individuals.

Has the funding been distributed?

- DHHS is developing a plan for expending these funds.

What can the funding be used for?

- The funding can be utilized as per federal and state LIHEAP regulations to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

- Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

- DV programs

Has the funding been distributed?

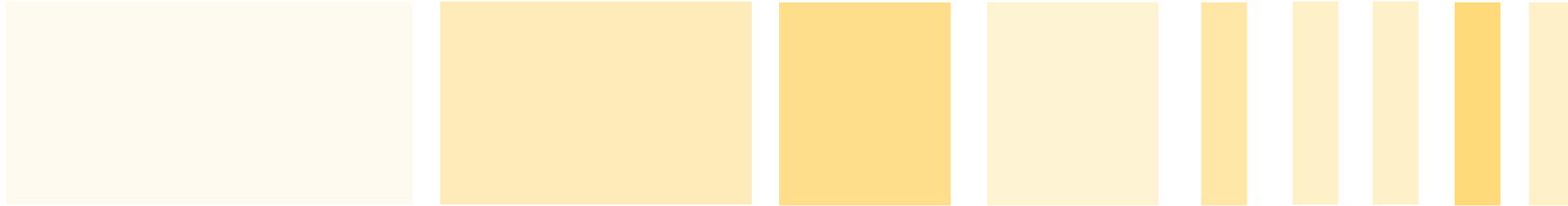
- DHHS is required to distribute the money within 60 days of receiving the award. Currently, the subawards are out for signature.

What can the funding be used for?

- Funding may support a wide range of in-scope activities including counseling, mobile advocacy, telehealth, peer support, shelter and temporary housing, rental assistance and nominal relocation expenses, supplies, and equipment and software to assist in carrying out remote services.

When does it need to be spent by?

- 9/30/2021



## Child Welfare Services

total: \$277,744

Federal Administrator: ACF  
State Agency Contact: Director Beasley



● **Not available for competitive application. Dollars will cover child welfare COVID related expenditures.**



## Runaway Homeless Youth: Basic Center

total: \$80,000

Federal Administrator: ACF

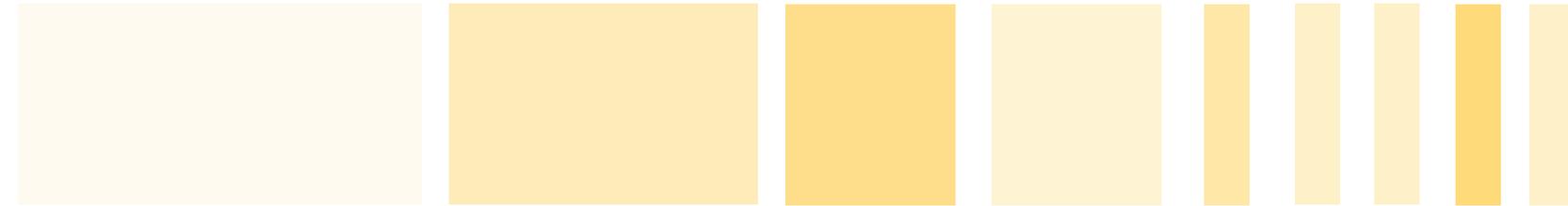


● The CARES Act funding that was appropriated for the RHY program was awarded to existing grantees as supplements to their discretionary grant awards. RHY grantees are largely non-profit organizations rather than state agencies.

You can find a list of Nebraska RHY grantees at the following web address: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants/nebraska-rhy>.

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## Runaway Homeless Youth: Transitional Living

0.59%

Federal Administrator: ACF

total: \$266,358

## Runaway Homeless Youth: Education & Prevention

0.03%

Federal Administrator: ACF

total: \$15,000

The CARES Act funding that was appropriated for the RHY program was awarded to existing grantees as supplements to their discretionary grant awards. RHY grantees are largely non-profit organizations rather than state agencies.

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# Human Services Funds

total: \$45,051,884

## Supportive Services

total: \$1,110,092

2.46%

Federal Administrator: ACL  
State Agency Contact: Cynthia Brammeier

## Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

total: \$3,996,332

8.87%

Federal Administrator: ACL  
State Agency Contact: Cynthia Brammeier

Is this for individuals to apply or for community agencies?

- Area Agencies on Aging only

Has the funding been distributed?

- Subawards based on Intrastate Funding Formula

What can the funding be used for?

- Older Americans Act access & in-home services

When does it need to be spent by?

- 9/30/2021

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Has the funding been distributed?

- Subawards based on Intrastate Funding Formula

What can the funding be used for?

- Older Americans Act nutrition programs

When does it need to be spent by?

- 9/30/2020



# Head Start total: \$4,140,199

Federal Administrator: ACF

State Agency Contact: --

CARES Act funds are now distributed by a formula based on each grantee's funded enrollment.

Office of Head Start Funding for Head Start Summer Programs and Response to COVID-19:

## **Initial Funds for Head Start Grantees:**

**April 14, 2020 Office of Head Start (OHS) receives \$750 million from CARES Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-136) :**

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/pi/acf-pi-hs-20-03>

- \$500 million is available for programs to operate supplemental summer programs for Head Start children ages 3-5 with the priority for those transitioning to Kindergarten and also for children being served with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- \$250 million is available for one-time activities in response to COVID-19.
- Notice on how much a grantee would need for summer programs was required immediately to estimate costs.
- Applications were due May 15, 202

In the meantime due to fluidity of evolving circumstances during COVID-19 pandemic with states passing shelter in-place mandates and cases rising OHS updates the funding guidance for the CARES Act and sends out an amended P.L. 116-136 as follows::

**May 21, 2020 Office of Head Start (OHS) Update to CARES Act (CARES) Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-136) \$730 million**

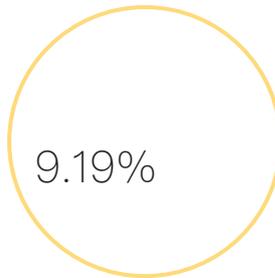
<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/pi/acf-pi-hs-20-04>

The CARES Act funds will now be distributed by a formula based on each grantee's funded enrollment rather than in two separate awards. Funds are still targeted for summer programs, if possible, and activities in response to COVID-19 but grantees will maintain the flexibility to repurpose those funds for other one-time activities related to COVID-19, if needed. A new application is required due June 15, 2020.

**June 10, 2020**

**Head Start COVID-19 CARES Act Funds**

**Input from Head Start Directors on Indent Use of the One-time Funds**



# Head Start total: \$4,140,199

Federal Administrator: ACF

State Agency Contact: --

**Summer Programs:** Decisions are based on surveying families willingness to allow children to return, staffing availability (many are off in the summer and have their own children; they can offer higher salaries for summer) local Health Department guidance, discussion with their Policy Councils, and the activity rate of the coronavirus in their regions.

**CHALLENGES to Summer Programs:**

1. Majority 65%-75% (Anecdotal information varies by region) of families say they will send their child to a summer program and a smaller percentage are not ready to have their child in group setting. Some areas with meatpacking companies are not opening for summer due to high health risks.
2. A grantee with several public school partnerships using their classrooms is waiting for school to decide if they will open for the summer programs.
3. It varies but about 75% (anecdotal) said they have difficulty getting local Health Dept. guidance for reopening in writing which they need for Head Start required documentation on decisions to reopen. They say local health departments overwhelmed and if you can reach them they refer you to CDC for guidance. Many will not put anything in write even in an email. Some HS programs work with more than one health department.

**Months for summer programs:** July only and it was chosen again for reasons with safety, getting staff, parents not ready to return in June, getting a space for some, etc.

**Weeks Open:** Two (most) to four weeks. A couple grantees with year round Early Head Start programs.

**Time/Days:** All are half day (3.5-4 hrs.) and vary from two – four (most) days Mon.-Thurs weekly

**Classroom Size:** Usually will be Head Start 7-9 children. Mainly 5 year olds transitioning to school but may be 3 and 4 as well. Want ratio to be higher so teacher and para if possible.

**Parental Options:** Virtual class with fewer days and time per week.

**One program:** along with a few summer classes in July will Providing EHS and HS (year round classrooms) essential workers only at this time.

**Home Visits:** Not occurring in person in the home yet. Following local health dept. guidance.

- Contacting families weekly by zoom/call on phone if possible or phone many times outside of home,
- Leaving learning materials or books at home for them to keep.

**Policy and Procedures for Summer Programs and Home Visitation:**

Guidance for drive through drop off and pick up and reopening adhering to local health dept., Head Start COVID-19 Safety, and CDC guidance. HS will be doing daily health care checks. Using phone survey to do conduct simple health care check before arrival to save time at drop off and so child does not arrive and have to return.

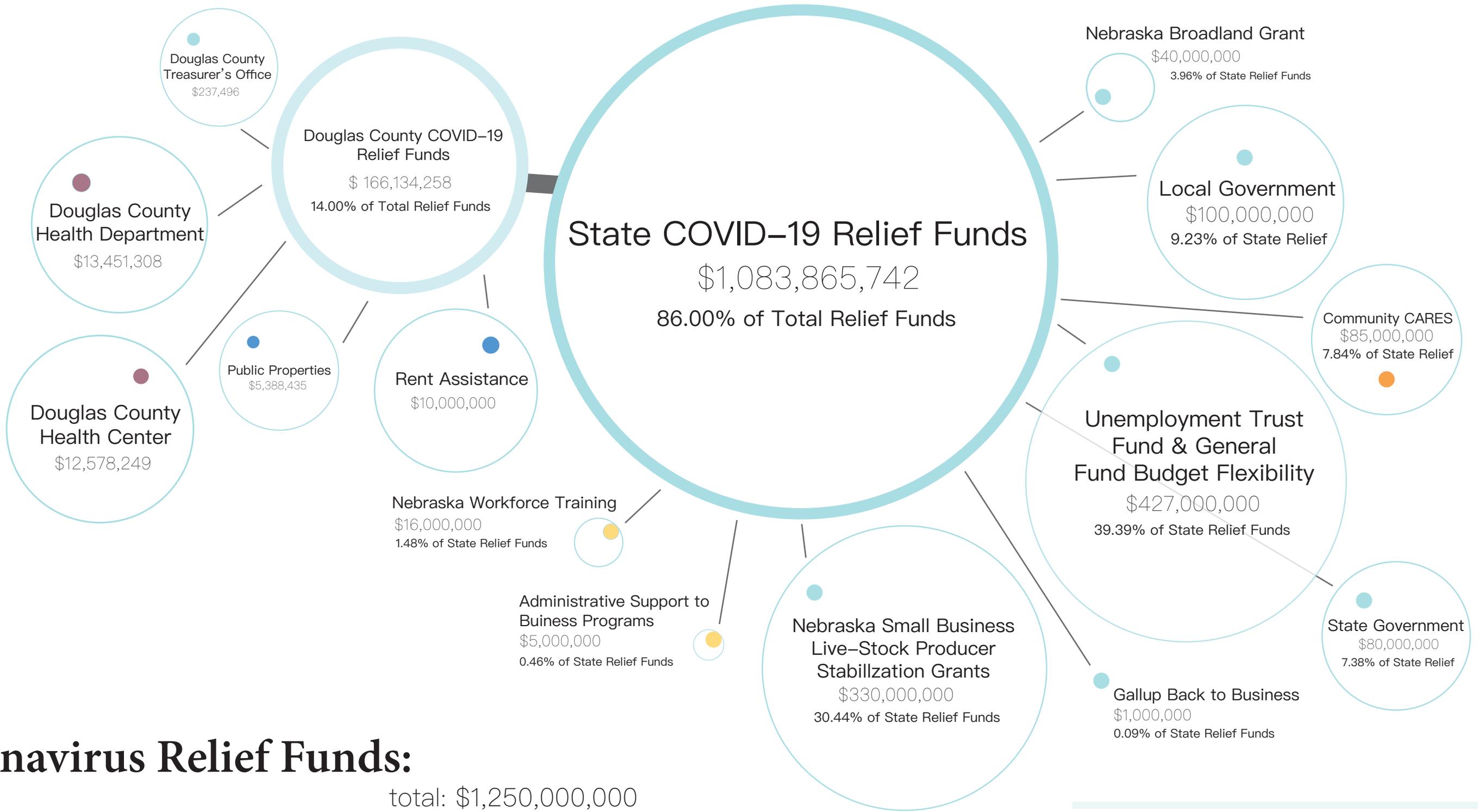
**IT Equipment Purchased:**

- Several programs Ready Rosie to all our families this upcoming year.
- More technology has been purchased for remote learning, Home Visits, and professional development such as iPad, Chrome books, and Hotspots.
- Investigating different apps to use for prior entrance into our building.
- Updating IT systems (both software and hardware).

**Health and Safety Materials Purchased:**

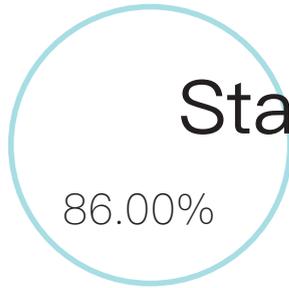
- Having professional cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing services completed on facilities prior to any staff or children re-entering the buildings.
- Purchasing masks & gloves for all staff and children if parents allow them to be used
- No touch thermometers, some face shields
- Additional cots and trays
- Many got smocks for staff which will remain at center and be washed daily
- Some bought additional washer and dryer for center
- Sanitation dispensers, hand wash containers, bleach and such
- Some put in automatic soap dispensers for staff and children•Some changed to automatic sinks for staff and children
- Barrier supplies, purchasing additional devices for loan to parents, purchasing supplies and materials to allow us to make minor modifications to classrooms to allow for social distancing

\$00.00



# Coronavirus Relief Funds:

total: \$1,250,000,000



# State COVID-19 Relief Funds

total: \$71,519,807

Federal Administrator: --  
 State Agency Contact: --



# Douglas County COVID-19 Relief Funds

total: \$4,447,906

Federal Administrator: --  
 State Agency Contact: --

**In May of 2020, Governor Ricketts announced the State’s initial plans for use of the Coronavirus Relief Funds authorized by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

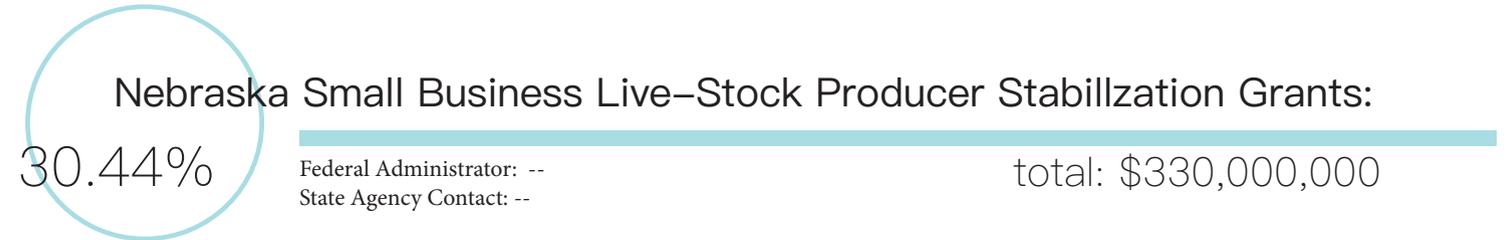
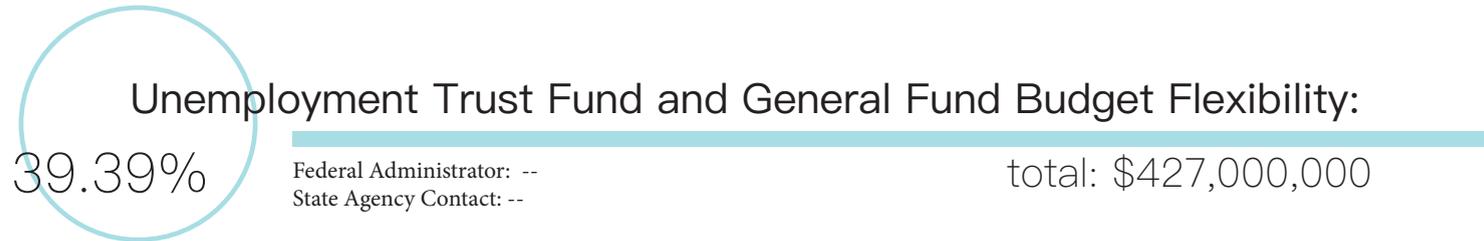
- Unemployment Trust Fund and General Fund Budget Flexibility
- Nebraska Small Business Livestock Producer Stabilization Grants
- State Government
- Local Government
- Community CARES
- Nebraska Broadband Grant (Remote Access Grant Program)
- Nebraska Workforce Training Initiative
- Administrative Support to all Business Programs
- Gallup Back to Business

● **June 17, 2020:** The Douglas County Board authorizes a contract with Deloitte for consulting and accounting services regarding the utilization of CARES Act funds. The State of Nebraska also retained Deloitte, which will allow the State of Nebraska and Douglas County to have a coordinated effort to consistently apply the U.S. Treasury Department’s guidance in the disbursement of CARES Act funds.

- **June 23, 2020:** The Douglas County Board approves the following allocations of CARES Act funding:
- **\$10 million** for rent assistance, which will be administered by a local, qualified organization that will ensure the renter assistance meets CARES Act guidelines
  - **\$13,451,308** to the Douglas County Health Department for six projects to combat the COVID-19 pandemic
  - **\$237,496** to the Douglas County Treasurer’s Office for expenses incurred due to COVID-19, including an updated phone system, personal protective equipment (PPE) and office supplies
  - **\$12,578,249** for capital projects at the Douglas County Health Center, primarily for upgrades to the air handling system to improve air flow and germ elimination
  - **\$5,388,435** to Public Properties for capital projects at Douglas County Department of Corrections to improve the air handling system to help prevent future spread of the virus

# State Coronavirus Relief Funds:

total: \$1,083,865,742



● **Pending continued review of UI Trust Fund claims and potential future Federal COVID-19 legislation.**

● **Small Business Eligibility:** Nebraska-owned for-profit businesses, with 5 to 49 employees, that have suffered a negative economic impact.

**Livestock Producer Eligibility:**

- Derive at least 2/3 of their gross income from farming or ranching,
- Have 1-10 employees (including business owner and counting part-time workers)
- Have at least 20 animal units
- Have suffered a business loss or ceased operations due to the coronavirus pandemic

Applications open on June 15th, and the deadline to complete them is June 26th. Grant recipients are anticipated to receive \$12,000. Funds will be disbursed to grant recipients, via direct deposit, by August 1, 2020.

# State Coronavirus Relief Funds:

total: \$1,083,865,742

## State Government Funds:

7.38%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$80,000,000

### Providing reimbursement for necessary COVID-19 related expenditures incurred by State Agencies:

- Necessary Expenditures:
  - Acquisition of: Personal Protective Equipment, Sanitizing Products, and other necessary COVID-19 medical supplies and equipment.
- COVID-19 Medical Leave
- Tele-work Capabilities
- Expenses for Sanitizing Public Areas
- Temporary Emergency Staffing and over-time costs for staff that is substantially dedicated to the mitigation or response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- Payroll costs for public health and public safety employees for services dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. No presumption permitted.

Any funds provided pursuant to this program cannot be used as a revenue replacement for lower than expected tax or other revenue collections.

## Local Government Funds:

9.23%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$100,000,000

### Providing reimbursement for necessary COVID-19 related expenditures incurred by Counties, Cities, Municipalities, Villages and Utility Districts.

- Necessary Expenditures include acquisition and distribution of:
  - Personal Protective Equipment
  - Sanitizing Products
  - Testing Equipment
  - Ventilators
  - Other necessary COVID-19 medical supplies and equipment
- Temporary Isolation or Quarantine Sites
- Other related necessary expenditures
- Medical Transportation
- Expenses for Sanitizing Public Areas
- Temporary Emergency Staffing and over-time costs for staff that is substantially dedicated to the mitigation or response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- Payroll costs for public health and public safety employees for services dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. No presumption permitted.
  - Douglas County and local political subdivisions, excluding the City of Omaha, within Douglas County are ineligible to receive reimbursement pursuant to this program.
  - In order for County Governments to receive funds, the County Courthouse and County Offices must be open for business to the public on a non-appointment basis by June 15, 2020.

# State Coronavirus Relief Funds:

total: \$1,083,865,742

## Community CARES

total: \$85,000,000

7.84%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

**1. Community CARES Stabilization Grant One-time** payment of at least \$12,000 for charitable organizations and eligible provider organizations. Applicants must have sustained increased costs and/or lower revenue/income due to COVID-19. Total allocation: \$40 million

**Applications open:** June 29-July 6, 2020

**To apply:** [dhhs.ne.gov/CommunityCares](https://dhhs.ne.gov/CommunityCares)

**2. Community CARES Response & Recovery Grant** (traditional grant) Competitive grant opportunity for non-profits and eligible provider organizations that will help children, families and communities respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Funding can be used for homelessness prevention assistance, shelters, meal delivery for individuals with food access barriers, telehealth resources, PPE, community health services, behavioral health services, sanitation of public spaces, and more. Applications must include measurable outcomes. Funding is subject to federal grant subrecipient requirements and must be expended by December 30, 2020. Awards expected to be in the range of \$50,000-\$2,000,000. Total allocation: \$43 million

**Applications open:** July 1-8, 2020

**o apply:** [dhhs.ne.gov/CommunityCares](https://dhhs.ne.gov/CommunityCares)

**3. Community CARES Healthy Places Grant for Child Care Providers & Centers of Worship One-time** payment of at least \$250 for licensed childcare providers, license-exempt subsidy child care providers, and centers of worship.

Funds will be used for the **purchase of PPE and cleaning supplies**. These health and safety supplies will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 across Nebraska. Total allocation: \$2 million

**Applications open:** July 6-12, 2020

**To apply:** [dhhs.ne.gov/CommunityCares](https://dhhs.ne.gov/CommunityCares)

**DHHS IS COMMITTED TO PRIORITIZING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING AREAS OF HIGH POVERTY AND AREAS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19.**

# State Coronavirus Relief Funds:

total: \$1,083,865,742

## Nebraska Broadband Grant (Remote Access Grant Program)

3.96%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$40,000,000

- 41 Communities; size 1,000 to 5,000 in population
- 26,285 households, 63,852 citizens impacted
- \$1,500 per household (installation), approximately 14 of 31 telecoms in Nebraska are already doing business in these communities
- All communities targeted have less than 2% fiber to the home

## Nebraska Workforce Training Initiative

1.48%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$16,000,000

### **Provides training to unemployed and underemployed individuals in skillsets that create pathways to employment in high-demand careers and industries:**

- DED will grant funds to all Nebraska community colleges for scholarships (12,363 total). Anyone who has lost work, or has been unable to find work, due to the coronavirus pandemic can apply for a scholarship (includes those who have seen a reduction in hours)
- On average, each scholarship will be around \$1,100.
- Scholarship recipients will also receive:
  - A work-based learning experience with a Nebraska-based employer (e.g. an internship, beginning a registered apprenticeship, clinical hours, On-the Job Training program, etc.). comprehensive career coaching services with the college in partnership with NDOL.
- Online scholarship applications will be available by July 10th through the month of July.

# State Coronavirus Relief Funds:

total: \$1,083,865,742

## Administrative Support to All Business Programs:

0.46%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$5,000,000

## Gallup Back to Business:

0.09%

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$1,000,000

Business Stabilization and Growth Training

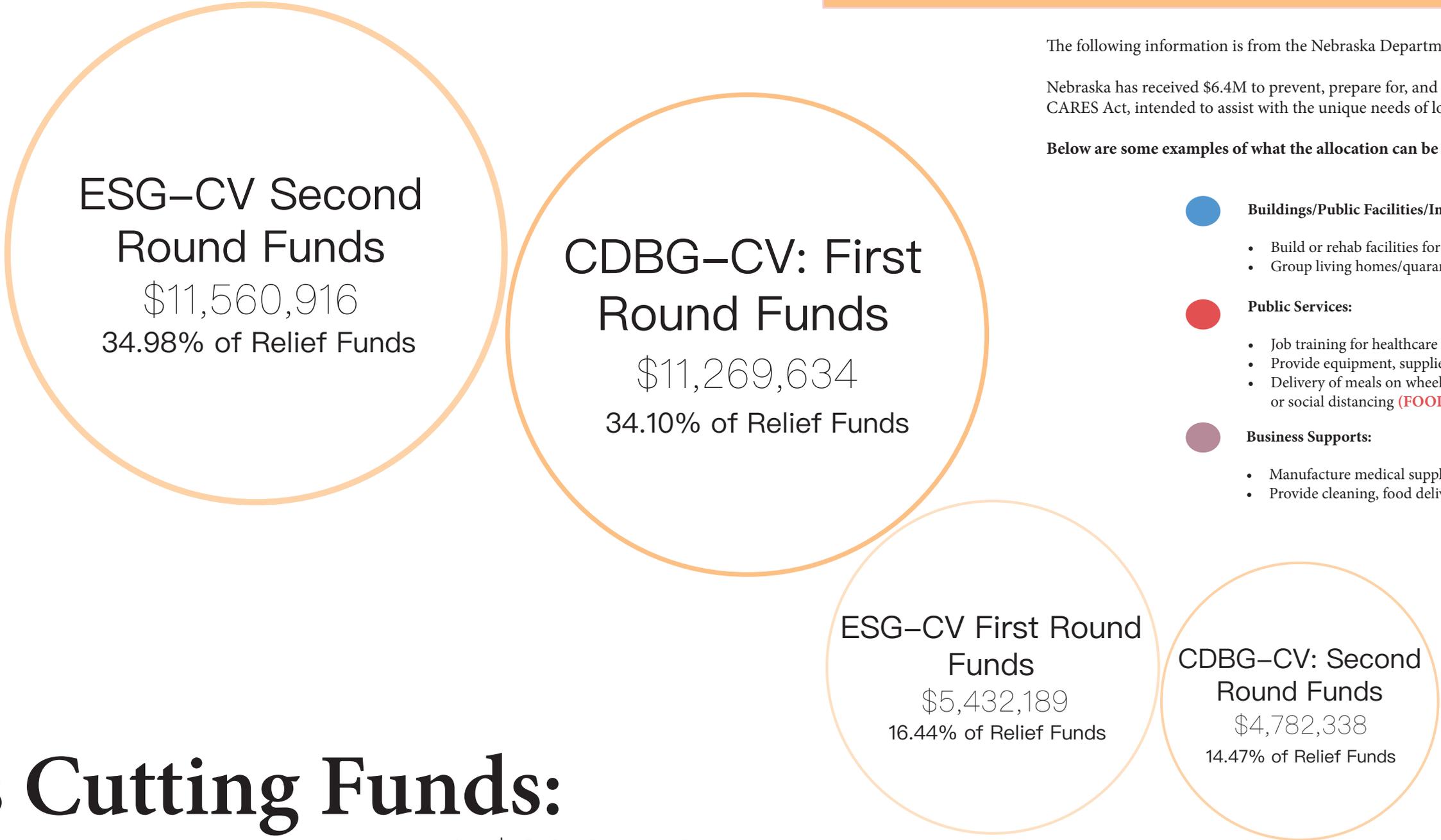
# Community Development Block Grant:

The following information is from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development:

Nebraska has received \$6.4M to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 through the CARES Act, intended to assist with the unique needs of low and moderate income persons.

Below are some examples of what the allocation can be utilized for:

- Buildings/Public Facilities/Infrastructure:**
  - Build or rehab facilities for testing, diagnosis, treatment
  - Group living homes/quarantine facilities (**HOUSING**)
- Public Services:**
  - Job training for healthcare workers and techs (lab)
  - Provide equipment, supplies, materials
  - Delivery of meals on wheels and other services to those quarantined or social distancing (**FOOD**)
- Business Supports:**
  - Manufacture medical supplies
  - Provide cleaning, food delivery, medical services (**Home Health**)



**Cross Cutting Funds:**  
total: \$33,045,077



# Community Development Block Grant:

(CDBG–CV Cross Funding)

## CDBG Application Guideline Workshops:

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) is hosting a series of ten workshop webinars to inform and assist applicants who plan to seek CDBG funding during the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 program year. The webinars are free and open to the public. The first webinar is a general application overview. The other nine will cover guidelines for the program year's individual funding opportunities.

To review the 2020 CDBG application guidelines go to: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/CDBGapplication>.

**Due to our new grant management system, AmpliFund, we are strongly encouraging everyone to attend webinars relevant to their interests because guidelines and requirements may have changed.**

All workshop webinars will occur from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CDT on the following dates:

- Water/Wastewater Application | **June 25, 2020** | Register
- Tourism Development Application | **June 30, 2020** | Register
- Youth Job Training Application | **July 7, 2020** | Register
- Public Works Application | **July 14, 2020** | Register
- Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Application | **July 15, 2020** | Register
- Planning Application | **July 21, 2020** | Register
- Downtown Revitalization Application | **July 23, 2020** | Register

**If you have any questions, please contact Anissa Rasmussen at [anissa.rasmussen@nebraska.gov](mailto:anissa.rasmussen@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-7999.**

**Webinar Recording:** located on the Department's website, <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/CDBG>, under the title "Application Guidelines". All future recordings will be placed here <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/community-development-block-grant/#guidelines>. Scroll down and click on 2020 CDBG Application Guidelines to view the webinar recording links. **Direct link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMcolqII0j0&feature=youtu.be>

**Apply Here Portal Links:** The Department has added "Apply Here" direct links to our website, <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/CDBG>, for the following opportunities: Emergent Threat, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, Tourism Development, Youth Job Training, and Water/Wastewater. Individuals are able to download a copy of the application. **On July 1, 2020 applicants can begin completing applications.**

The Department recommends using the browser Chrome while accessing AmpliFund.

## AmpliFund Guidance:

- If you have questions navigating or completing an application within AmpliFund, refer to this webpage: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/amplifund/>

## Income Limits:

- HUD has updated the data for the Low and Moderate Income Persons on an Area Basis, <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-low-moderate-income-data/>. The data has shifted slightly from last year. To look up your community, please use the information within the "Local Government Summaries".
- CDBG Income Limits to qualify under LMH (Housing), LMC (Limited Clientele), and LMJ (Jobs) – this information has been released and is in effect beginning July 1, 2020. However the CPD Income Calculator has not been updated with the 2020 information. The CDBG Income Limits are located here, <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/>, however if you wish to have a friendly view of the income limits, you may use the HOME Income Limits, <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home/home-income-limits/>. The HOME and CDBG programs use the same calculation.

# Community Development Block Grant:

(CDBG–CV Cross Funding)

## CBDG–CV: First Round Funds:

34.10%

Federal Administrator: HUD  
 State Contact: LOC- Bradd Schmeichel | BSchmeichel@lincoln.ne.gov;  
 Omaha- nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org

total: \$11,269,634

**Community Development Block Grant – CV Funds are distributed by formula.**

- The allocation for the City of Lincoln is **\$1,1415,912.**
- The allocation for the City of Bellevue is **\$212,000**
- The allocation for the City of Grand Island is **\$250,000**
- Balance of State allocation is **\$6,486,296.**

The Allocation of Omaha funding is broken down on the next page.

## CBDG–CV: Second Round Funds:

14.47%

Federal Administrator: HUD  
 State Contact: LOC- Bradd Schmeichel | BSchmeichel@lincoln.ne.gov;  
 Omaha- nicole.engels@cityofomaha.org

total: \$4,782,338

## Omaha CBDG–CV:

The CARES Act Funding Budget Proposal for Omaha’s allocation of **\$2,784,717** includes the following funding decisions for CDBG-CV:

Applicant	CDBG–CV Budget	Brief Project Description
North End Teleservices	\$ 250,000	Create and retain jobs to support COVID-19 related contracts with the Nebraska Department of Labor and Nebraska Department of Health secured by NET.
Nebraska Enterprise Fund	\$ 250,000	Small business and micro-business support, training and technical assistance for businesses impacted by the recession caused by COVID-19. This program is not available to businesses who have benefited from other relief funds.
ONE World Community Health Centers	\$ 250,000	Food delivery and case management for patients/households who have tested positive for COVID-19.
Urban Indian Health Coalition	\$ 150,000	Case management focusing on behavioral health for LMI clients in Douglas County.
Charles Drew Health Center	\$ 150,000	Case management focusing on behavioral health for LMI clients in Douglas County. Includes funding for additional testing supplies.
No More Empty Pots	\$ 115,000	Meal packaging for distribution through partnering agencies to LMI clients in Omaha. This program includes a workforce development component.
Intercultural Senior Center	\$ 60,000	Food delivery to LMI clients aged 50+ located in Omaha.
City Administrative Costs	\$ 59,717	City of Omaha staff costs and PPE.
MACCH	\$ 1,500,000	Short-term rent, mortgage, and case management assistance for households who have been impacted by recession caused by COVID-19.

# Emergency Solutions Grant:

(ESG-CV Cross Funding)

## ESG-CV: First Round Funds:

16.44%

Federal Administrator: HUD  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$11,560,916

**These funds are distributed by formula:**

- Lincoln: \$557,024.00
- Omaha: \$1,392,755.00
- Balance of State: \$3,482,410.00

## ESG-CV: Second Round Funds:

34.98%

Federal Administrator: HUD  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$5,432,189

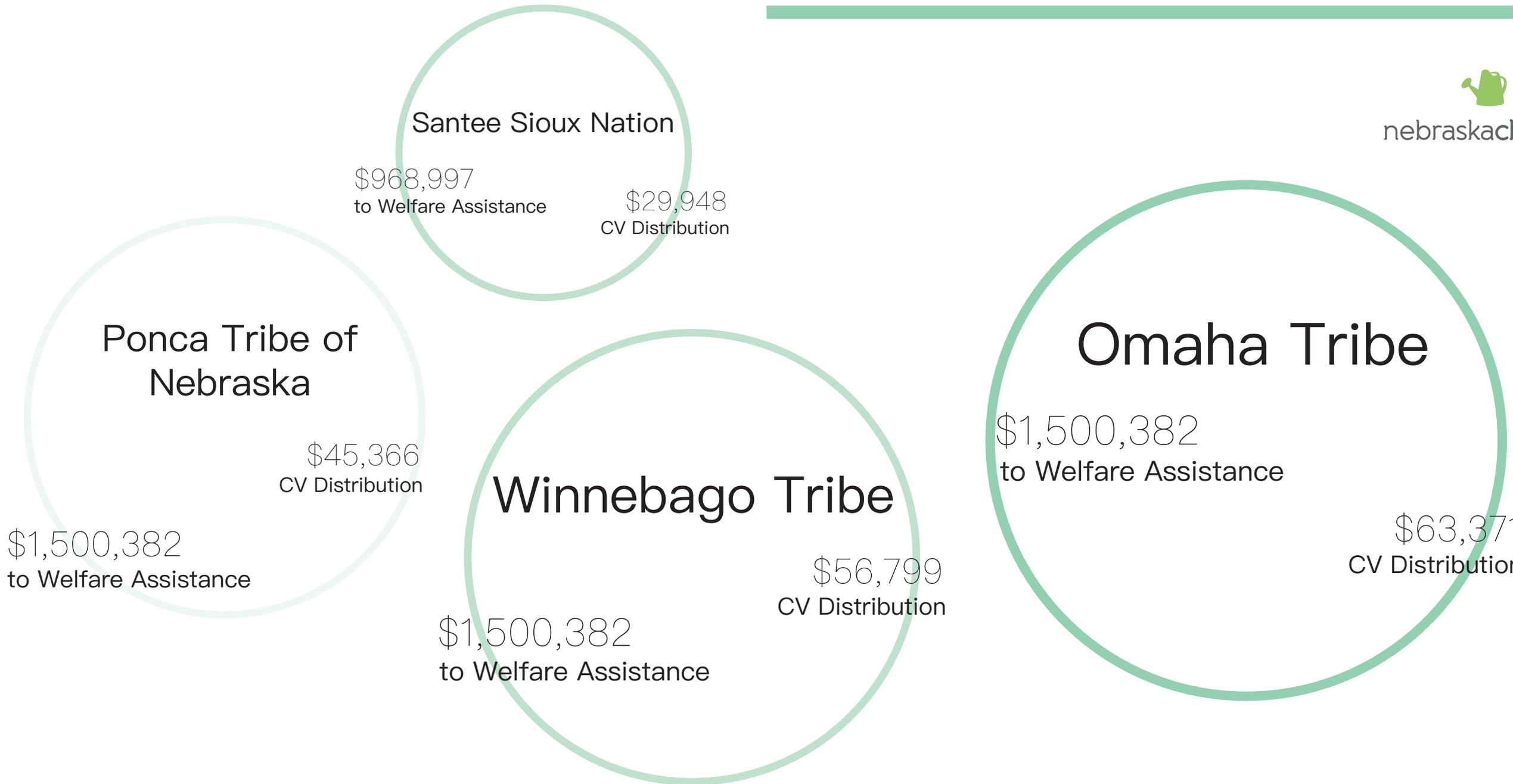
**These funds are distributed by formula:**

- Omaha: \$4,214,066
- Lincoln: \$2,320,897
- Balance of State: \$5,025,953

## Omaha ESG-CV:

The CARES Act Funding Budget Proposal for Omaha's allocation of **\$1,392,755** includes the following funding decisions for ESG-CV:

Applicant	ESG-CV Budget	Brief Project Description
Siena Francis House	\$ 220,000	Emergency Shelter Operations
Together	\$ 370,000	Rapid Re-housing
Women's Center for Advancement	\$ 210,000	Rapid Re-housing
Heartland Family Service	\$ 220,000	Homelessness Prevention
Youth Emergency Services	\$ 170,000	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
Stephen Center	\$ 68,000	Emergency Shelter Operations
Community Alliance	\$ 50,000	Street Outreach
Institute for Community Alliances	\$ 25,000	HMIS
Catholic Charities	\$ 11,000	Emergency Shelter Operations
City Administrative Costs	\$ 48,755	Funding for MACCH to provide PPE



**Tribal Government Aid Funds:**  
total: \$5,665,627

# Tribal Government Aid

total: \$5,665,627

## Omaha Tribe Funds

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$1,563,753

**These funds are distributed by formula:**

- \$1,500,382.00 to Welfare Assistance
- \$63,371.00 to CV Distribution

## Winnebago Tribe Funds

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$1,557,181

**These funds are distributed by formula:**

- \$1,500,382.00 to Welfare Assistance
- \$56,799.00 to CV Distribution

# Tribal Government Aid

total: \$5,665,627

## Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$1,545,748

**These funds are distributed by formula:**

- \$1,500,382.00 to Welfare Assistance
- \$45,366.00 to CV Distribution

## Santee Sioux Nation

Federal Administrator: --  
State Agency Contact: --

total: \$998,945

**These funds are distributed by formula:**

- \$968,997.00 to Welfare Assistance
- \$29,948.00 to CV Distribution



## Urbanized Area Formula

\$34,665,578

Federal administrator: DOT  
State Agency Contact: LOC

# Transportation Funds:

# RESOURCES:

- **NDE Digital Learning Presentation**
- **NDE Letter to Nebraska Public School Superintendents, Non-Public School Administrators, and ESU Administrators June 18, 2020**
- <https://planninghcd.cityofomaha.org/caresact>
- <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Community-CARES.aspx>
- **First Five Nebraska: <http://www.firstfive-nebraska.org/blog/article/cares-act-funds-will-support-nebraskas-child-care-system-as-state-moves-tow#.XvWEhikJd4>**
- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families: Head Start Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center**
- <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/pi/acf-pi-hs-20-04>
- <https://planninghcd.cityofomaha.org/caresact>
- [https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/CARES%20Act%20Final%20Distributions-ATG %26 WA 508.pdf](https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/CARES%20Act%20Final%20Distributions-ATG%26%20WA%20508.pdf)
- <https://www.bia.gov/covid-19/cares-act>

