



MEMORANDUM

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CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND FINAL UPDATE Final Report (March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021)

California has spent **all** of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) allocated to the state in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. After accounting for over \$46 million in interest earned on these funds, the state and its subrecipients have spent nearly \$9.6 billion. These funds have helped mitigate learning loss for students, protect vulnerable populations, such as homeless individuals and families, and support front-line efforts to combat the virus including testing and contact tracing, vaccinations, and the purchase of necessary personal protective equipment.

The five largest categories of CRF expenditures represents about two thirds of the total spending to date in the following categories defined by the federal government:

1. Facilitating Distance Learning (\$2.8 billion)
2. Public Health Expenses (\$1.1 billion)
3. Housing Support (\$1 billion)
4. Budgeted Personnel Used for a Substantially Different Use (\$802 million), this includes over \$170 million in state staff redirected to support contact tracing and vaccine sites
5. Public Health and Safety Employees (\$753 million)

Data reported for this quarter reflect the following:

- Counties, cities and community college districts reported **all** of their funding spent, or nearly \$1.3 billion, \$500 million, and \$54 million, respectively.
- Local education agencies reported over 99 percent of their funds spent. Nearly \$11 million of the funds awarded were unspent by the May 31, 2021 statutory deadline and were returned to the state for reallocation to offset state response costs. A total of 1,951 local education agencies reported funds as fully spent.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development reported expenditures totaling \$750 million for 99 Homekey projects with 55 local entities. The projects will create over 6,000 units to support housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness due to COVID-19.
- State COVID-19 response expenditures totaling \$2.5 billion.

Detail—To find more detailed spending information by the receiving entity – such as a county, city, or local education agency – return to the Coronavirus Relief Fund Quarterly Report page and click on the “CRF Expenditures by Recipient” link.

This data set includes allocation amounts for nearly 4,400 recipients as well as expenditures reported from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in 17 categories defined by the federal government. Data can also be filtered to see spending by county. The allocations are organized using state project IDs in key areas. Definitions of these projects are included along with a brief description of the program purpose and which state department oversees the use of

the funds. A summary of total expenditures by category is also included with this data set. The data reflects aggregate expenditures for recipients of these funds. For specific details of items of expenditure within these 17 broad categories, the listed sub-recipient should be contacted directly.

Federal Reimbursement for State COVID-19 Costs—Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, state agencies have incurred substantial costs for actions taken to reduce the spread of the virus. Under the CARES Act and subsequent federal guidance, some of the costs already paid by the state are eligible for reimbursement using federal CRF monies.

Through December 31, 2021, reported costs totaling \$2.5 billion have been paid or reimbursed with CRF monies. These remaining funds supported various COVID-19 activities including contact tracing support for local public health departments, vaccination sites, support for residential care facilities, senior programs, child care centers, and food banks.