

The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Guam

“We have the best doctors, the best military leaders, and the best logistics professionals anywhere in the world. And we’re orchestrating a massive Federal response unlike anything our country has ever seen.”

– President Donald J. Trump

Overview: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, State/Territory managed, and federally supported. Successful emergency management requires nationwide cooperation and unity of effort, combining the strength and ingenuity of our citizens and private sector with a sweeping, all-inclusive, and whole-of-government response. The below is a partial overview of Federal assistance provided to Guam and the people of Guam to combat the Coronavirus. The information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Guam. Implementation of the CARES Act and other supplemental funding measures is ongoing and will also bring additional support to Guam. President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have appreciated the strong partnership with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. The Administration has also worked closely with a bipartisan group of Guam legislators.

Supportive Actions by President Donald J. Trump:

- **President Trump Declares a National Emergency:** On March 13, President Trump [declared](#) a national emergency concerning COVID-19. The emergency declaration authorized direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs for all States and Territories, including Guam, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
- **Guam’s Major Disaster Declaration:** On March 25, Governor Leon Guerrero submitted a major disaster declaration request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On March 28, President Trump [approved](#) the request declaring a major disaster in the Territory of Guam and ordered Federal assistance to supplement Territorial recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19. For the first time in our Nation’s history, every State and Territory has a presidential disaster declaration at the same time.
- **Historic Economic Relief:** On April 24, President Trump [signed](#) the *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act* into law. The law provides further unprecedented economic relief to American citizens, small businesses, workers, healthcare providers, and State, Territory, local, and tribal governments and builds on the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, and the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriation*. More [here](#). Additional Guam allocation information is found below.
- **National Guard Support:** On March 28, President Trump [directed](#) FEMA to fund 100% of the emergency assistance activities provided by Guam National Guard personnel in Title 32 duty status, per Governor Leon Guerrero’s request.

Testing, Resource & Logistics Support: FEMA is working with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), other Federal agencies, and private sector partners, to produce, allocate, and distribute key resources to Guam. Most notably, these include personal protective equipment (PPE), testing supplies, ventilators, and the expedition of critical supplies from overseas to various U.S. locations.

- HHS, the Centers for Disaster Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are providing unprecedented regulatory flexibilities, resources, and guidance to expand the availability of testing and to assist Guam and States and Territories across the country in scaling testing. Learn more from the CDC [here](#) and FDA [here](#). In addition, the CARES Act and other supplemental disbursements, alongside FEMA resources, are important avenues for States/Territories to scale testing.
- In support of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA and HHS are coordinating a whole-of-America approach to source PPE, ventilators, testing supplies, and other critical resources for States, Tribes, and

Territories. The effort is led by Rear Admiral John Polowczyk of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For more on the Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, read more [here](#).

- As of April 27, FEMA delivered 55 ventilators, 25,957 N-95 masks, 61,710 surgical masks, 10,432 medical gowns, 461 coveralls, 12,720 face shields, and 50,102 gloves from the Strategic National Stockpile to Guam.
- As of April 27, FEMA obligated \$10.1 M for COVID-19 response efforts in Guam and will continue to obligate additional dollars per validated State requests.

Federal Agency Support: The Trump Administration continues to provide unprecedented resources, guidance, and regulatory flexibilities for State, Territorial, local and tribal governments to develop and deploy innovative solutions for addressing COVID-19.

- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**

- As of April 23, through the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act* and the CARES Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided over \$1.9 M to the Territory of Guam. More [here](#).
- As of May 1, HHS has awarded over \$736,000 in CARES Act funding to the Guam Department of Administration to assist in combatting COVID-19. More [here](#).
- Medical providers in Guam were allocated more than \$9.3 M for the first round of funding from the Provider Relief Fund, with most of that provided Friday, April 10.
- As of April 27, the Territory of Guam has received over \$21.1 M from HHS through the Provider Relief Fund, CDC State and local funding, HRSA health centers, and other HHS grants.
- HHS, CMS, and FDA have issued guidance on several topics to help inform decisions made by health officials and private sector partners, including operational guidance for Guam nursing homes, telemedicine, elective surgery, and insurers. Learn more from CMS [here](#), CDC [here](#), and FDA [here](#).

- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

- As a result of the CARES Act, the SBA created four [additional loan/funding programs](#) to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19. As of April 16, the SBA issued over \$102.4 M in loans to over 500 Guam small businesses. Nationally, SBA executed more loans in 14 days of the CARES Act implementation than the agency had done in the previous 14 years. More [here](#).
- On March 21, SBA [declared](#) an economic disaster in Guam at the request of Governor Leon Guerrero. The disaster declaration creates access to low interest loans for small businesses across Guam. As of April 19, the SBA has approved 334 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances of up to \$10,000 for Guam small businesses impacted by COVID-19; these funds, as authorized by the CARES Act, do not need to be repaid and have totaled more than \$1.6 M in the Territory of Guam.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT)**

- As of April 17, the Internal Revenue Service has issued over 267,000 combined Economic Impact Payments (EIP) totaling more than \$501 M to eligible individuals in all Territories and individuals overseas. Nationally, the IRS has issued 88.1 M payments to taxpayers across the Nation. [Authorized](#) under the CARES Act, EIPs are being automatically issued to eligible 2019 or 2018 Federal tax return filers who received a refund using direct deposit. Social Security recipients who do not file tax returns will automatically receive economic impact payments. More [here](#) and [here](#).
- Treasury has completed all disbursements from the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund to States, Territories and units of local government eligible for direct allocation. Over \$117.9 M has been distributed to Guam. More [here](#).
- On April 9, the Department of the Treasury and Federal Reserve launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States/Territories, counties, and cities in Guam and across the Nation impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The MLF will provide up to \$500 B in direct financing to States/Territories, counties, and cities across the Nation to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. More [here](#). MLF

term sheet and guidance can be found [here](#). A list of frequently asked questions from the Federal Reserve can be found [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

- HUD made over \$2.6 M in COVID-19 funding available to Guam grantees via CARES Act authorizations. More [here](#).
- On April 1, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide up to one year of payment forbearance for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family borrowers in Guam and across the Nation who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. More [here](#).
- On April 10, HUD implemented the CARES Act requirement to provide FHA multifamily borrowers in Guam and across the Nation with forbearance for up to three months if they agree not to evict tenants during that period. More [here](#).

- **U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)**

- On March 26, the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) [announced](#) \$858,924 in Technical Assistance Program emergency funding assistance to the Pacific Island Health Officers Association to procure GeneXpert Testing Kits and two machines for the U.S. Pacific territories and Freely Associated States in order to support on-island COVID-19 testing. More [here](#).
- The CARES Act [included](#) \$55 M for the Insular Areas in COVID-19 funding assistance under the Office of Insular Affairs' TAP program. The funding is to support efforts to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. A reserve fund of more than \$13.7M has been set aside as a contingency in case of any unforeseen emergencies. The remaining funding was divided based on population, and Guam applied for and has been awarded more than \$12 M. Drawdowns will be paid after details are provided on what the funding will be used for and show that it is in support of the Territory's pandemic plan.

- **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)**

- As a result of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, DOL [expanded paid sick, family, and medical leave](#); the Department has offered flexibilities and emergency administrative capacity expansion grants for unemployment insurance that will help the people of Guam.
- DOL has awarded over \$1.5 M in dislocated worker grants to Guam.

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

- On April 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order, under the authority of the Defense Production Act, to keep meat and poultry processing facilities open during the COVID-19 emergency. The [CDC and OSHA provided guidance](#) to facilities to ensure employee safety, prompt reopening, and continued operation of facilities. USDA will work with meat processing facilities to ensure accordance with CDC and OSHA guidance, and with State and local officials to ensure plants are allowed to operate and continue to harden the security of the American food supply chain. More [here](#).
- USDA has provided numerous flexibilities and resources to the Territory of Guam to ensure children and low income Americans have access to food during the national emergency. More [here](#).
- USDA published a [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) for rural residents, businesses, and communities in Guam and across the country to find information about Federal funding and partnership opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On April 17, Secretary Perdue joined President Trump in announcing the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program ([CFAP](#)) to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in Guam and across the Nation in response to COVID-19. This \$19 B relief program will provide \$16 B in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers and \$3 B in purchases of fresh produce, dairy, and meat, including producers in Guam.

- **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**

- DOT allocated more than \$2.7 M in Federal Transit Administration funds to help the Guam public transportation systems respond to the challenges of COVID-19. More [here](#).

- DOT awarded more than \$20.6 M from the Federal Aviation Administration to help fund continuing operations and lost revenue for airports in Guam. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**
 - With the \$19.6 B allocated under the CARES Act, the VA is hiring new staff and procuring additional resources to deal with the evolving needs of the pandemic. This includes expanding free or subsidized telehealth services and waiving a requirement that VA State homes maintain a 90 percent occupancy rate in order to receive Federal benefits for times when the Veteran is not in the home. More [here](#).
 - The VA traditionally provides Veterans' healthcare, benefits and memorial affairs. In times of national crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic, VA provides services to the Nation based on requests from States/Territories, while being clear that Veterans are our first priority. This is known as VA's [Fourth Mission](#). The VA continues to evaluate opportunities to help States/Territories and local communities across the country.
 - The U.S. Department of the Treasury and VA [announced](#) that VA benefit recipients in Guam and across the Nation will automatically receive \$1,200 in Economic Impact Payments provided for under the CARES Act.
 - On April 3, the VA announced a number of actions to provide Veterans in Guam and across the Nation with financial, benefits and claims help as part of the VA's COVID-19 response. The financial relief actions include – until further notice – (i) suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and (ii) suspending collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, as the Veteran prefers. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of State (DOS)**
 - The State Department launched an unprecedented global effort to bring home citizens from every corner of the globe and has repatriated thousands of Americans from multiple countries. As of April 17, DOS has coordinated the repatriation of nearly 70,000 Americans. More [here](#).
- **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**
 - DOJ allocated more than \$2.9 M in funds to Guam through the [Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding \(CESF\) Program](#) to assist the State and local government response to COVID-19. More [here](#).