

How the \$1.25 Billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant will be Allocated

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The State of Vermont received the \$1.25 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) federal grant and it was accepted by the Joint Fiscal Committee on May 5, 2020. The Joint Fiscal Committee and the Administration agreed to allocate the funds into three categories with conditions.

1. The Administration is authorized to spend up to \$75 million for health and safety and other emergency response needs.

This is for emergency type expenses that do not need prior approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee. However, the expenditures must be reported to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

2. The Joint Fiscal Committee will review and approve up to an additional \$150 million for time-sensitive critical needs that cannot wait for the appropriations process.

For these expenditures, the Administration must present a plan and receive prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee. Information will be posted online, and all legislators will be sent links to the information.

3. The remaining funds, \$1.025 billion, will be subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

The remaining funds will follow the traditional appropriations process of the legislature and then will be signed into law by the Governor. Although conducted on Zoom, those legislative meetings are open and it's possible to watch live on YouTube or to view a recording after the fact. [link to committee meetings](#)

Information posted on the web

Information on the specific \$1.25 billion funding allocations to Categories 1, 2, and 3 is available here:

[*CRF Allocations*](#)

A full list of federal resources (includes CRF funds as well as other federal grants) is available here:

[*Federal COVID-19 funding as of 5/8/2020*](#)

The Administration has a similar document that is available here:

[*Administration COVID Grant Tracker 5/11/2020*](#)