



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE Cares Funding Distributed to Communities & The Community Assistance Program

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CARES Act RPLs for Community Relief

ADN	Title	Amount	Approved	Notes
08-2020-0250	COVID-19 Community Distributions	\$257,548,754	05/11/2020	CARES Act
08-2020-0260 through 08-2020-0385	COVID-19 Community Direct Costs	\$311,024,132	05/11/2020	CARES Act

- RPLs provided for mitigation and recovery efforts.
 - 08-2020-0250 distribution was based on population as distributed through the Community Assistance Program (CAP).
 - 08-2020-0260 through 0385 distribution was based on economic activity data.
- Required a signed grant agreement with an approved resolution from the governing body before first payment is disbursed.
- Second and third payments upon confirmation of expending 80% or more of previous funds.

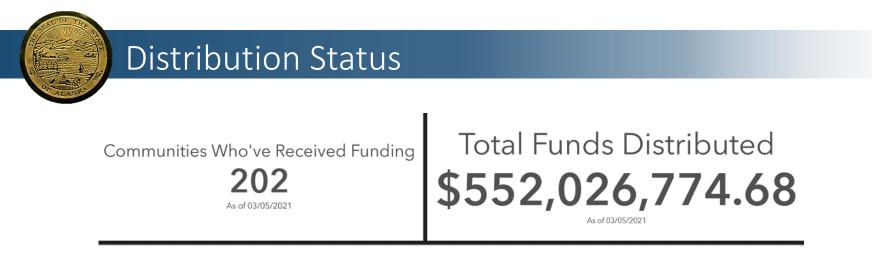
CARES Act Guidelines

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Fund) may only be used to cover costs that:

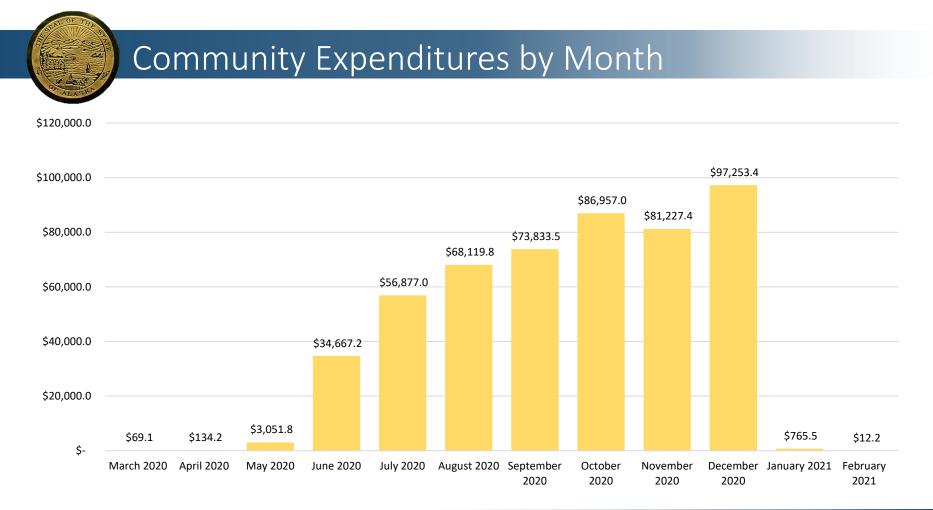
- Were necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19).
- Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government.
- Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.*
- State Governments must return unspent or unallowable expenditures to the Treasury, including those transferred to a local government.

Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.

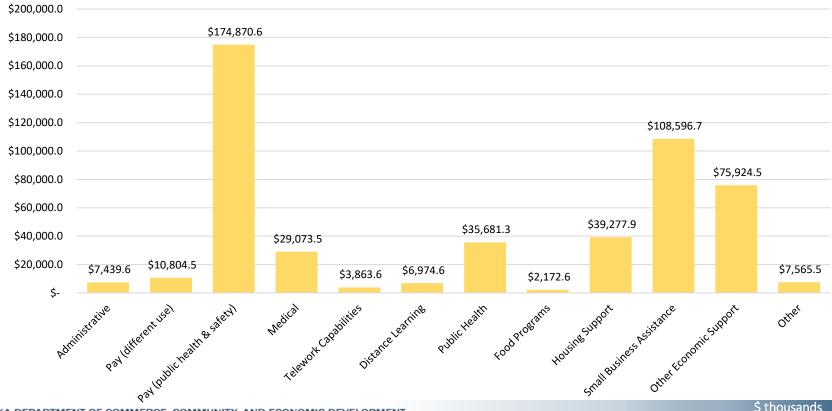
*deadline for expenditures was extended through CY2021.



- Of the \$552 million distributed, the Office of Management and Budget has spend reports for \$503 million (as of February 17, 2021).
- 26 communities still pending grant agreements.
- Community grant data is available online: <u>www.Commerce.Alaska.gov/web/DCRA/LocalGovernmentResourceDesk/COVID19</u>



Reported Spending Categories (totals over \$1 million)





Community Assistance Program

Sec. 29.60.850. Community Assistance Fund

(a) The community assistance fund is established in the general fund for the purpose of making community assistance payments to municipalities, reserves, and communities for any public purpose. The fund consists of appropriations. Income earned on money in the fund may be appropriated to the fund. Money in the fund does not lapse.

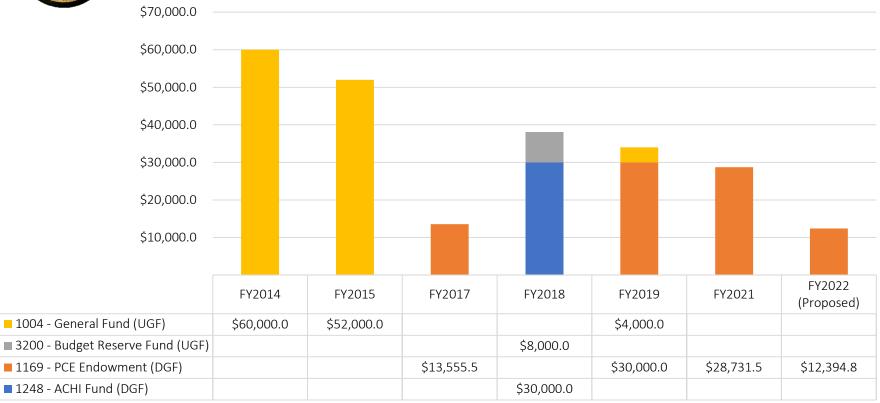
(b) Each fiscal year, the legislature may appropriate to the community assistance fund money received by the state during the previous calendar year under AS 43.20.030(c). The amount may not exceed the greater of
(1) \$30,000,000; or
(2) the amount that, when added to the fund balance on June 30 of the previous fiscal year, equals \$90,000,000.

(c) The balance in the community assistance fund shall be determined on June 30 of each year. If the fund balance is at least \$15,000,000, without further appropriation, the department shall distribute one-third of that amount as community assistance payments for the immediately following fiscal year. Otherwise, no payments may be made.

(d) Notwithstanding the guidelines in (b) of this section, the legislature may appropriate any amount to the community revenue sharing fund. Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.



CAP Fund Deposits by Capitalization Year





Community Assistance Payment Statutes

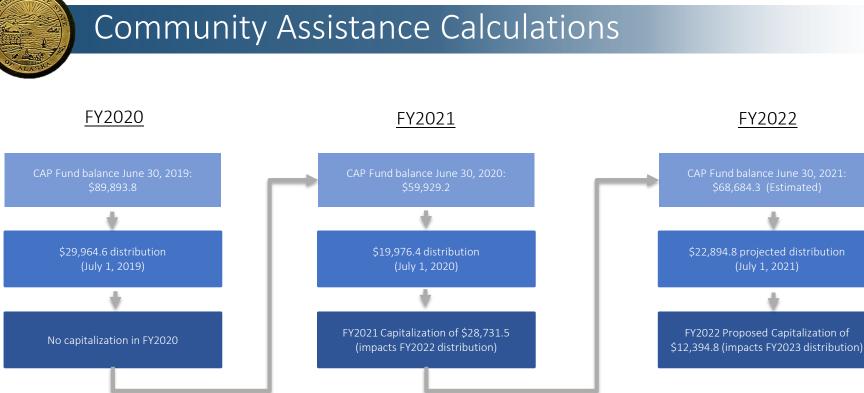
• AS 29.60.855 Basic Community Assistance:

Community Type	Base Amount
Borough (base)	\$300,000
City (1/4 base)	\$75,000
Unified Municipality (base plus city)	\$375,000
Unincorporated community in the unorganized borough (1/12 base)	\$25,000
Unincorporated community in municipality or borough (1/19 base)	\$15,789

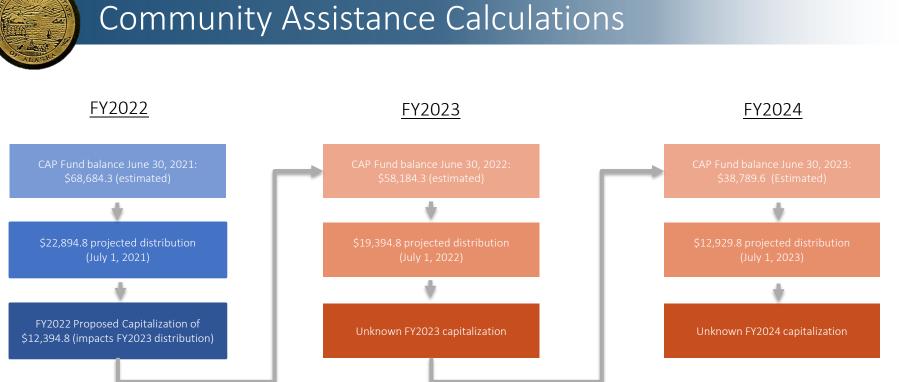
• AS 29.60.860 Per Capita Payments:

• Per-capita payments are calculated by dividing the amount of funding available after the base payments have been made by the population of Alaska. In FY2022, the per-capita calculation is estimated to be around \$4.50 per person.











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