

BACKGROUND

Congress Has Passed Five Bipartisan COVID-19 Relief Packages

Each of the five COVID-19 relief bills passed the Senate with overwhelming bipartisan votes.

1. Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations [Act](#), 2020. Passed Senate on March 5, 2020, by a [vote](#) of 96-1.
2. Families First Coronavirus Response [Act](#). Passed Senate on March 18, 2020, by a [vote](#) of 90-8.
3. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security [Act](#). Passed Senate on March 25, 2020, by a [vote](#) of 96-0.
4. Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement [Act](#). Passed Senate on April 21, 2020, by voice [vote](#).
5. Consolidated Appropriations [Act](#), 2021. Passed Senate on December 21, 2020, by a [vote](#) of 92-6.

Billions of Dollars in COVID-19 Relief Still Left to in the Pipeline

In late December, Congress passed an additional \$900 billion in COVID-19 relief. Much of that funding hasn't been obligated. Additionally, some funding provided over the last year has been obligated, but hasn't been spent yet. Before authorizing additional funding, we must ensure these existing resources are being used effectively to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (as of January 22, 2021)

- Of the \$68 billion Congress has provided for K-12 schools, states have spent just over \$4 billion
- Of the \$37 billion Congress has provided for higher education, states have spent just over \$11 billion
- Of the \$7 billion Congress has provided for the Governor's Fund, states have spent just over \$1 billion
- Of the \$13.5 billion Congress has provided for Child Care and Development Block Grant program, only \$3.5 billion has been obligated
- CDC has distributed only \$3 billion of the \$8.75 billion appropriated for vaccine distribution
- For COVID-19 testing, there is still over \$14 billion that has not been obligated
- Less than 10% – just over \$400 million of the \$4.7 billion provided – of the funding for mental health and behavioral health programs has been obligated

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (as of January 19, 2021)

- None of the \$27 billion provided for the Department of Transportation in December has been obligated
- Less than 75% of the funding provided for community planning and development in the CARES Act has been obligated
- Of the over \$1 billion provided for housing programs in the CARES Act in March, more than \$200 million remains to be obligated

Agriculture (as of January 22, 2021)

- Of the \$26 billion provided for agriculture and nutrition in December, \$24.5 billion has yet to be obligated.

Financial Services, General Government (as of January 31, 2021)

- Out of \$284 billion provided for the Paycheck Protection Program in December, only \$73 billion has been obligated
- None of the \$20 billion provided for Economic Injury Disaster Loans in December has been obligated yet

Veterans Affairs (as of January 27, 2021)

- Of the \$19.6 billion Congress provided the VA, only \$8.6 billion has been obligated