



# U.S. Department of Agriculture CARES Act Implementation Plan September 2020

2020 supplemental funds provided to USDA for Coronavirus/COVID-19 relief, totaling \$41,417.050M under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

## Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Marketing Services Fund
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$45
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	Agricultural Marketing Services
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	This funding will be used to cover necessary expenses for salary costs associated with commodity grading, inspection, and audit activities.
<b>AMS Total</b>	<b>\$45M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>

## Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Salaries and Expenses Fund
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$55
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	APHIS
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Agency will disburse \$55 million to pay for salaries and expenses for the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Program.
<b>APHIS Total</b>	<b>\$55M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>

## Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Salaries and Expenses Fund
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$4
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FAS
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	FAS will disburse \$4M that Congress appropriated to pay for salaries and expenses as a result of COVID-19. The funding will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including necessary expenses to relocate employees and their dependents back from overseas posts
<b>FAS Total</b>	<b>\$4M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>



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## Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FNS Contingency Reserve Fund
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$15,510
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FNS Contingency Reserve Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description)</b>	This funding will be held in reserve and used as needed to supplement SNAP benefit funding when the FY2020 appropriated funds are exhausted. Funds have been provided to address unanticipated participation increases due to the COVID-19 emergency as well as additional benefits that result from waiver authorities provided in the FFCRA. Any unused funds will be available for the same purpose in FY 2021.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FNS Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$100
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FNS FDPIR
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Of these funds, \$50M will be made available for additional food purchases for the program and \$50M will be distributed as FDPIR Administrative funding to participating Indian Tribal Organizations for facility improvements and equipment upgrades.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FNS Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and American Samoa
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$200
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FNS Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and American Samoa Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Funding will be provided as block grants to Puerto Rico, CNMI, and American Samoa for additional nutrition assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 emergency.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FNS Commodity Assistance Program, TEFAP
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$450
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FNS Commodity Assistance Program, TEFAP
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	This funding is provided to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to respond to increased participation at food banks as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. Of the funding provided, a base of \$300 million is provided for food purchases and up to \$150 million is provided for the administrative costs associated with the



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	distribution of the commodities. States may elect to take a higher proportion of their allocated funding in food, rather than administrative costs.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FNS Child Nutrition Programs
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$8,800
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Funds will be used to supplement regular appropriations in either FY2020 or FY2021 to address unanticipated participation or food cost increases as a result of COVID-19.
<b>FNS Total</b>	<b>\$25,060M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>

### Forest Service (FS)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FS Capital Improvement and Maintenance
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$26.8
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FS Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	The Forest Service will have an additional amount for “Capital Improvement and Maintenance,” \$26,800,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including for janitorial services: Provided, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall be allocated at the discretion of the Chief of the Forest Service: Provided further, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FS Forest and Rangeland Research
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$3
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FS Forest and Rangeland Research Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	The Forest Service will have an additional amount for “Forest and Rangeland Research,” \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including for the reestablishment of abandoned or failed experiments associated with employee restrictions due to the coronavirus outbreak: Provided, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act



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	shall be allocated at the discretion of the Chief of the Forest Service: Provided further, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FS National Forest System  Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$34
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FS National Forest System
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	The Forest Service will have an additional amount for “National Forest System”, \$34,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including for cleaning and disinfecting of public recreation amenities and for personal protective equipment and baseline health testing for first responders: Provided, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall be allocated at the discretion of the Chief of the Forest Service: Provided further, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985..
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FS Wildland Fire Management
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$7
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FS Wildland Fire Management Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	The Forest Service will have an additional amount for “Wildland Fire Management,” \$7,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including for personal protective equipment and baseline health testing for first responders: Provided, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall be allocated at the discretion of the Chief of the Forest Service: Provided further, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.
<b>FS Total</b>	<b>\$70.8M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>



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### Farm Service Agency (FSA)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Salaries and Expenses
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$3
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FSA Salaries and Expenses Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Overtime, temps and COVID-19 related supplies.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FSA CFAP CARES
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$9,500
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	FSA CFAP CARES
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	The Secretary of Agriculture has established the CFAP Program to provide assistance to agricultural producers impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak. The program provides producers with financial assistance that helps offset sales losses and increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Income losses will be partially compensated under the CARES Act. during this pandemic, one payment application and one payment will be issued by USDA to eligible producers by combining CARES Act and CCC funds.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	FSA COVID-19 Food Assistance Program CCA
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$6,500
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136 Provided to CFAP through the CCC Charter Act
<b>Program</b>	CFAP CARES
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	CCC authorities will be used to partially compensate producers for the purchase of materials and facilities required in connection with the production and marketing of agricultural commodities and the disposal of surplus commodities from normal marketing channels that may be currently unavailable. In order to reduce the exposure of producers to COVID-19 and to reduce the workload of USDA employees during this pandemic, one payment application and one payment will be issued by USDA to eligible producers by combining CARES Act and CCC funds.
<b>FSA Total</b>	<b>\$16,003M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>



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## Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Food Safety and Inspection Service
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$33
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	Food Safety and Inspection Service Fund
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Food Safety and Inspection Service, will disburse the \$33M that Congress appropriated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including for support of temporary and intermittent workers, travel of inspectors, costs of overtime inspectors, cost of supplies and materials and other incremental costs.
<b>FSIS Total</b>	<b>\$33M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>

## Office of Inspector General (OIG)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Office of Inspector General
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$0.75
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	Office of Inspector General
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Provide oversight of USDA's COVID-19 funded programs and activities
<b>OIG Total</b>	<b>\$0.75M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>

## Rural Development (RD)

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	RD Salaries and Expenses
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$4.365
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	RD Salaries and Expense
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	SEC. 11001. Of the funds made available to the Rural Development mission area in this title, and in addition to funds otherwise made available for such purpose, not more than 3 percent may be used for administrative costs
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Broadband ReConnect Grant Program, Rural Utilities Service
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$97
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	Rural Utilities Service
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	The ReConnect Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of



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	facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas.
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	GB&I Loans, Rural Business - Cooperative Service
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$19.885
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	GB&I Loans, Rural Business - Cooperative Service
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Agency will disburse \$19,885,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, that Congress appropriated to help with preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus, for the cost of loans for rural business development programs authorized by section 310B and described in subsection (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program, Rural Utilities Service
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$24.25
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	CARES Act PL 116-136
<b>Program</b>	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program, Rural Utilities Service
<b>Funded Activity Description</b>	Agency will disburse \$24,250,000, to remain available until expended, that Congress appropriated to help with preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq.
<b>RD Total</b>	<b>\$145.5M CARES Act PL 116-136</b>