

## COVID-19 Supplemental (P.L. 116-136)

### NASA CARES ACT Supplemental to Safety, Security and Mission Support

On 27 March 2020, the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law P.L. 116-136. In meeting the CARES ACT requirements, the legislative language mandates under Sec. 15011 (b)(1)(B): Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each Agency shall submit to the Committee a plan describing how the Agency will use covered funds.

NASA Safety Security and Mission Support (SSMS) Appropriation received \$60M in CARES Act funding. NASA's Mission Support Directorate (MSD) is the accountable office for managing these funds. On announcement of the National pandemic, NASA immediately instituted full telework for all employees as we assessed the impact of the pandemic on our employees and contractor support personnel. NASA identified a limited amount of both mission essential and mission critical work needed to continue on-site in a safe manner. MSD identified seven institutional areas that needed the additional supplemental funds to support the continued operations of the Agency in full telework. The categories are:

1. Operation Adjustment – Cleaning
2. Operation Adjustment - IT
3. Operational Adjustment – Surge Support
4. Support related to potential mission delays
5. Restart
6. Contractor Impact/Claims
7. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

These categories are further defined below.

#### **Operation Adjustment – Cleaning**

Specific facilities that remain open need extra cleaning disinfecting and securing. In addition, some facilities require additional cleaning/disinfecting as a result of infected individuals in facilities. Actions/Activity: We procured additional cleaning services and supplies across eight NASA Centers (AFRC, ARC, GSFC, JSC, KSC, LaRC, MSFC, SSC) to clean the buildings/areas where mission critical activities were being performed.

#### **Operation Adjustment – IT**

Additional capability to support agency wide telework. Enhanced collaboration tools are required (teleconference lines, video conferencing, greater teams capability, mobile devices). Providing enhanced capabilities allows the agency to continue to operate remotely while maintaining our cyber security posture. A specific example of this is accelerating O365 capabilities which bring enhanced virtual collaboration and cyber security.

#### **Operational Adjustment - Surge Support**

Increases in specific services due to COVID-19 response. A specific need is associated with responding to contract language in the Cares Act.

**Support related to potential mission delays**

Support related to potential mission some facilities will need calibration while programs are unable to test.

**Restart**

After limiting access to centers and associated activities what additional costs will be needed to return to normal operations.

**Contractor Impact/claims**

Address contractor impacts including cost associated with equitable adjustments and Collective Bargaining Agreement provisions

**Personal Protective Equipment**

This category was setup late in April to separate out our PPE requirements from the supplies in the Operational Adjustment – Cleaning category