

# EXHIBIT 1 – DPH COVID -19 FUNDS

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### SUMMARY OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING

Awards Received to Date*	Amount
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) (CDC)	\$10,675,691
Public Health Emergency Response (CDC)	\$9,309,998
Hospital Preparedness and Response (ASPR)	\$2,324,172
Emerging Infections Program (EIP) (CDC)	\$2,912,778
Ryan White COVID-19 Response (HRSA)	\$203,981
ELC-Enhancing Detection (CDC)	\$388,752,153
Immunization COVID19 (CDC)	\$38,030,820
Rape Prevention Education COVID19	\$38,322
APPLETREE COVID	\$61,852
Medicare CARES Act COVID – Survey Activities	\$1,128,419
WIC COVID-19	\$3,628,020
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$456,180,206</b>

#### Pre-Existing Federal Resources

- Facility Licensing & Inspections Section (FLIS) staff can charge time to a Medicare facility certification grant in support of the crisis response.
- Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response received approval from CDC to utilize unspent funds to support the COVID-19 response.

#### HIGHLIGHTS AND SUMMARY OF INTENDED USE PLANS

##### 1. **Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity - \$10,675,691**

Funds may be utilized to support community and healthcare surveillance by establishing or enhancing the ability to identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow up, infection prevention & control training, as well as implement appropriate containment measures; improve morbidity and mortality surveillance; enhance testing capacity (including funds to Yale to support seroprevalence survey testing); and work with healthcare systems to manage and monitor system capacity. These funds are also to support the following projects:

*Project Firstline*, CDC's new national training collaborative for healthcare infection prevention and control activities.

*Infants with Congenital Exposure*, funding for an enhanced surveillance activity which supports state, local, and territorial health departments to detect emerging health threats of COVID-19 related to pregnant women and babies.

Funds also support DPH staff resources dedicated to implementing the requirements of the award.

##### 2. **Public Health Emergency Response - \$9,309,998**

\$2.5 million is allocated to local health departments/districts to support emergency operation coordination, responder safety and health, identification of vulnerable populations, information

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sharing and public information and warning, quarantine and isolation, medical countermeasures, surge management and bio-surveillance.

The remaining \$6.8 million are allocated to support various COVID-19 response activities, including but not limited to: a multimedia COVID-19 prevention campaign; 2-1-1 information line and after-hours service coverage; laboratory equipment, test kits, reagents/supplies/consumables, instrumentation upgrades; IT support such as software, laptops; personal protective equipment (PPE) receiving, packaging, and shipping; Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) background checks for the CT Responds! program; repairs of ventilators; behavioral risk factor surveillance survey; vital statistic support such as review of medical records to ensure the accuracy of COVID-19 and potentially COVID-19 related reported deaths; long term care mutual aid plan and training for nurses; epidemiology and laboratory capacity support; funding to Yale to conduct active surveillance in healthcare settings, including long term care facilities; per diem nurses to provide enhanced survey and monitoring activities at nursing homes and assisted living facilities; targeted COVID-19 screening and active monitoring statewide. Lastly, funds are allocated to support DPH staff time and other expenses.

### 3. **Hospital Preparedness and Response - \$2,324,172**

Funding has been earmarked for Connecticut's two federally designated Special Pathogen Treatment Centers (\$361,895 each to Yale New Haven Hospital and Hartford Hospital); allocation of approximately \$1,367,965 will be determined based on hospital needs, including support for work already done to develop COVID-19 Alternate Care Recovery Sites. The department will utilize \$232,417 to support administration, including procurement of an enhanced asset management system to support tracking of the mobile field hospital, ventilators, trucks, etc. among other options.

### 4. **Emerging Infections Program - \$2,912,778**

Funds are allocated to Yale to primarily support various response activities including conducting "COVID-Net," a population-based surveillance program for hospitalization cases of COVID-19 in New Haven and Middlesex County; as well as "HAI-COVID-19," which involves work related to risk factors for infection among healthcare professionals with COVID-19 in healthcare facilities. Approximately \$300,000 of this award is allocated to support DPH personnel costs, and miscellaneous supplies needed to coordinate this effort.

### 5. **Ryan White COVID-19 Response - \$203,981**

Funds will support provision of direct services associated with responding to COVID-19 needs for people living with HIV in CT. This may include a wide range of services, including information technology (tele-health), infection control supplies (masks, gloves), and the provision of core medical and support services that are supported by the Ryan White Part B program. All funds are allocated to Ryan White community provider agencies.

### 6. **ELC-Enhancing Detection - \$388,752,153**

Per guidance from CDC, funds may be utilized to support activities including, but not limited to, expanded laboratory testing, surveillance, data modernization and enhanced electronic health data exchange and reporting, development of workforce capacity, and facilitation of partnerships, especially with local and district health departments.

Other initiatives supported with these funds will complement vaccine implementation activities. Additional focus has been put on three targeted areas of activity: increasing the use of Advanced

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Molecular Detection technologies, such as whole genome sequencing of SARS-CoV-2; strengthening public health laboratory preparedness; and ensuring safe travel through optimized data sharing and communication with international travelers.

**7. Immunization COVID19 - \$38,030,820**

Funds will be utilized to provide COVID-19 vaccination activities and will support local health departments and districts and other partners. Proposed activities include preparation for and implementation of vaccination services, mass vaccination supply kits, local response efforts for COVID-19 vaccination to support targeted response activities for implementing clinics including equipment for off-site vaccine administration, contracting out for vaccination services, and for data loggers and coolers for off-site clinics to ensure proper storage and handling of vaccines as well as other personnel and IT systems support activities. Also, to support local response efforts for adult influenza vaccination.

**8. Rape Crisis COVID19 -\$38,322**

This supplemental funding will be utilized and integrated into CT's COVID-19 response and recovery plans through the promotion of best practices for addressing and preventing intimate partner violence, amid the dangers that many individuals are facing, being confined at home with their perpetrators.

**9. ATSDR Partnerships to Promote Local Effort to Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) - COVID - \$61,852**

This supplemental fund will be utilized to support collaborating on drafting state guidelines for safe reopening of K-12 schools in the fall. DPH's contribution to the guidelines is focused on environmental health and safety measures designed to ensure that school building water and ventilations systems are restarted and operated safely and that schools follow safe cleaning and disinfection procedures. Compliance with these measures will reduce the risk of harmful chemical exposures in schools and the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The goal of this effort is to improve the capacity of schools to implement and sustain the safe environmental health practices recommended in the school reopen guidelines. Services provided by the consultant (Yale University) will support multiple activities in our promotion strategy.

**10. Medicare CARES Act - \$1,128,419**

This supplemental fund will be utilized to offset the costs associated with survey and certification activities related to COVID 19 response in nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

**11. WIC COVID - \$3,628,020**

This supplemental fund will be passed through to WIC Local Agencies to support normal operations of the agencies to provide low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children to age five who have been determined to be at nutritional risk, supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, and referrals to health and social services at no cost.

**12. CSTE COVID - \$20,000**

This is supplemental funding from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists to support DPH participation in a project to implement a COVID-19 survey on maternal behaviors and experiences before, during and shortly after pregnancy during the COVID-19 pandemic.