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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Assistance
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$300 million
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	NOAA Fisheries allocated \$300 million in fisheries assistance funding provided by Sec. 12005 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to coastal states, territories, and Tribes with impacted fishery participants. Funding to remain available until September 30, 2021.
<b>Funding Release Plan</b>	It will vary; however, NOAA expects that Sec. 12005 funding will be disbursed more quickly than fishery disaster assistance funds because the CARES Act language does not require the Secretary of Commerce to declare a fishery disaster. The CARES Act also allows the funds to be awarded on a “rolling basis,” which will enable NOAA Fisheries to execute the funds more nimbly in partnership with the states, tribes, and territories.
<b>Mechanism for Distribution</b>	<p>NOAA Fisheries allocated funds appropriated by Sec. 12005 to states, Tribes, and territories.</p> <p>NOAA Fisheries will obligate allocated funds to Commissions via non-competitive sole source awards. NOAA Fisheries will obligate allocated funds to Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands via non-competitive sole source awards.</p> <p>Commissions will work with states/Tribes/territories to identify eligible recipients and develop state/Tribal/territory-specific spend plans (i.e., how each state will ensure recipients had a 35% loss in revenue)<sup>1</sup>.</p>

<sup>1</sup> For certain U.S. territories/states, NOAA Fisheries would work directly with the territory/state to identify eligible recipients and spend plans. Once such spend plans are approved, NOAA Fisheries would award the allocated funds directly to the territory/state for disbursement to identified recipients.



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	<p>Once spend plans are approved by NOAA, states/Tribes/territories would provide their Commission with their list of eligible recipients and the respective amounts. Some states/territories/Tribes may choose to execute disbursement of funds themselves.</p> <p>Commissions would issue funds directly to the identified recipients.</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria for Funds</b>	<p>Each state/Tribe/territory will be required to determine how they will verify which fishery participants meet the requirements described in Sec. 12005(b)(1)-(2) within their spend plans (i.e., economic revenue losses greater than 35 percent as compared to the prior five year average or negative impacts to subsistence, cultural, or ceremonial fisheries).</p> <p>States, Tribes, and territories have the discretion to determine whether marine bait and tackle operations and marine gear and vessel suppliers are eligible for Sec. 12005 assistance in their spend plans, consistent with the requirements of the CARES Act. Businesses farther down the supply chain—including vessel repair businesses, restaurants, or seafood retailers—are not considered “fishery-related businesses” for the purposes of this funding.</p>
<b>Staffing and Resource Needs to Execute</b>	<p>Up to 2 percent may be used for administration and oversight activities.</p>



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**National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS) – Laboratory Programs
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$6 million
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	<p>Funds will be used internally to cover costs associated with COVID-19 response. Most of the funds will be used to support internal research to assure accurate testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Various commercial and lab developed assays exist for the detection of COVID-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. These have been rapidly developed for the emerging needs of public health. NIST will compare existing SARS-CoV-2 viral genome sequences with the targeted regions of the various assays. Synthetic RNA/DNA constructs will be designed to test the effect of the expected mutations on assay sensitivity. The deliverables would be dissemination of the findings in a timely manner through publications to inform and ensure accurate diagnostic testing. Additionally, NIST will participate in the Quality Control for Molecular Diagnostics (QCMD) [<a href="http://www.qcmd.org/">http://www.qcmd.org/</a>] “RESPIRATORY SPECIAL: QCMD Coronavirus Outbreak Preparedness External Quality Assessment (EQA) Pilot Study” to develop a research grade SARS-CoV-2 viral reference material in order to assure more accurate testing of the virus.</p> <p>Additional funds will be used to cover unanticipated costs incurred by NIST in response to COVID-19 (ex. contract to provide staffing to the Central Utility Plant in Gaithersburg; expanded janitorial cleaning; financial penalties from cancelled conferences; etc.)</p>
<b>Funding Release Plan</b>	Anticipate consistent expense rate over the next 2-6 months. 100% obligation by the end of 6 months.



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<b>Mechanism for Distribution</b>	Federal labor costs and contract support
<b>Eligibility Criteria for Funds</b>	N/A
<b>Staffing and Resource Needs to Execute</b>	Existing staff



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<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Industrial Technology Services (ITS) – Manufacturing USA
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$10 million
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	NIST is working closely with the NIST National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL) institute on biopharmaceutical manufacturing for high impact projects to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including development and advanced manufacturing of medical countermeasures and biomedical equipment and supplies.
<b>Funding Release Plan</b>	100% in 90 days
<b>Mechanism for Distribution</b>	Cooperative Agreement
<b>Eligibility Criteria for Funds</b>	Existing Institute
<b>Staffing and Resource Needs to Execute</b>	Existing Staff



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<b>Funding Line Item</b>	ITS – Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$50 million
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	<p>Except for a small percentage that will be used to cover administrative costs and labor costs associated with support of FEMA Manufacturing Supply Chain efforts, the funding will be used to support MEP centers in their effort to provide services to small manufacturers in response to CoVID-19. NIST will also continue to coordinate with other parts of the Department of Commerce, in an “All of Commerce” effort to create the greatest synergy in our work on behalf of the nation’s manufacturing sector.</p> <p>Examples of the kinds of services and projects the MEP National Network will provide, include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Utilize MEP Center staff across the country to reach out directly to all new, present and past manufacturing clients to assess their needs;</li> <li>2. Leverage the National Network to scout for manufacturers to produce critically needed medical equipment and supplies (masks, swabs, tubes, sanitizer, etc.);</li> <li>3. Create assessment and inquiry to ask companies if they would be willing to pivot their capabilities to support critical needs;</li> <li>4. Employ NIST guidance in areas relating to both community resilience regarding disasters, as well as cybersecurity supply chain risk management that can be applied when addressing the potentially wide spectrum of impacted manufacturing supply chains;</li> <li>5. Employ each MEP Center to work within economic development ecosystems to be a resource to help manufacturers recover from</li> </ol>



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	<p>the business realities of workforce and supply chain interruptions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Design and create a national supply chain recovery portal to help the smaller and rural manufacturers address coronavirus implications to include worksheets for manufacturers to assess supply chain risk;</li> <li>7. Develop a “Roadmap to Resiliency” Toolkit and Bootcamp;</li> <li>8. Provide clearing house assistance to help the smallest manufacturers navigate resources from other state agencies, Department of Commerce Bureaus, SBA, SBDC, OSHA, PTAC and other local resources to make sure information is specifically tailored to their needs as suppliers. The MEP manufacturing experts will provide assistance with understanding of smaller or rural manufacturers’ insurance coverage scenarios; connecting with SBA’s disaster low interest loans and helping them locate the information needed to complete the loan application.</li> </ol>
<b>Funding Release Plan</b>	100% in less than 90 days
<b>Mechanism for Distribution</b>	Cooperative Agreement
<b>Eligibility Criteria for Funds</b>	Existing MEP Centers
<b>Staffing and Resource Needs to Execute</b>	Existing staff, although overtime will be required due to unfilled staffing slots in NIST grants office.



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**Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Recovery Assistance, Division B, Title II of Pub. L. 116-136.																																																
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	<p>Under the CARES Act, Congress provided EDA with \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Up to 2 percent, or \$30 million, is dedicated for salaries and expenses, and \$3 million is dedicated to DOC’s Office of Inspector General.</p>																																																
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	Through its Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, EDA will provide grants to communities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with immediate and long-term economic recovery assistance. EDA grants will support a wide range of economic planning and technical assistance, innovation, capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and construction and non-construction assistance across the nation.																																																
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<b>Mechanism for Distribution</b>	The majority of the supplemental funding will be distributed out of EDA’s six regional offices, which are responsible for reviewing the eligibility and merit of applications.
<b>Eligibility Criteria for Funds</b>	<p><b>Eligible applicants, per the EAA program include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. District Organizations;</li> <li>b. Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes;</li> <li>c. State, county, city, or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions;</li> <li>d. Institutions of higher education or a consortiums of institutions of higher education; or</li> <li>e. Public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be eligible for funding, applicants must explain clearly in their application how the proposed project would “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus” or respond to “economic injury as a result of coronavirus.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Match / Cost Share Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDA generally expects to fund at least 80%, and up to 100%, of eligible project costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Staffing and Resource Needs to Execute</b>	<p><b>Human Resources Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using special hiring authority granted EDA under the CARES Act, at least 70-80 new term hires throughout EDA’s six regional offices and Headquarters.</li> </ul>



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**Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)**

<b>Funding Line Item</b>	Minority Business Development
<b>Total Amount (\$Millions)</b>	\$10 million
<b>Proposed Use of Funding</b>	To educate, train and advise minority business enterprises concerning the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19.
<b>Funding Release Plan</b>	30 days: 70% 60 days: 100%
<b>Mechanism for Distribution</b>	Non-competitive Grant Supplementals (70%) Non-competitive Grants (30%)
<b>Eligibility Criteria for Funds</b>	MBDA Business Centers Minority Chambers of Commerce
<b>Staffing and Resource Needs to Execute</b>	Existing Staff