

CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (“CARES” ACT)

DIVISION B – EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORONAVIRUS HEALTH RESPONSE AND AGENCY OPERATIONS

Title I – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Total funding: \$48.9 billion

Assistance to Rural America and American Farmers - \$23.7 billion: Provides help for rural communities and farmers during this crisis, including –

- **Rural Business Assistance** – Up to \$1 billion in loans for the USDA Business and Industry Loan Program to assist rural businesses access credit and mitigate the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.
- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program** – \$25 million to expand investments in distance learning and telemedicine to assist in managing the coronavirus emergency. These critical investments enhance the ability for individuals to receive healthcare through telemedicine and students through distance learning.
- **ReConnect broadband grant program** - \$100 million in grants for rural broadband expansion.
- **Additional Assistance to Producers** – \$9.5 billion to assist specialty crop producers; producers who support local food systems such as farmers markets, schools, and restaurants; and livestock producers, including dairy.
- **Marketing Assistance Loans** – Includes language allowing USDA to extend the term of a marketing assistance loan for any loan commodity to 12 months.
- **Commodity Credit Corporation** – \$14 billion to replenish the borrowing authority for the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Nutrition Assistance - \$25.1 billion – Helps low-income families put food on the table through the following programs –

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** – \$15.5 billion to support anticipated increases in participation and to cover program cost increases related to flexibilities provided to SNAP by the Families First Coronavirus Act.
- **Child Nutrition Programs (CNP)** – \$8.8 billion to cover program cost increases related to flexibilities provided to Child Nutrition Programs by the Families First Coronavirus Act.

- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** – \$450 million to assist local food banks in meeting the need for food during the emergency. Of the total, \$300 million is for the purchase of nutritious foods and \$150 million is to support the storage and distribution of the foods. Including funding provided by the Families First Coronavirus Act, TEFAP’s total is \$850 million.
- **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** – \$100 million to support income-eligible households living on Indian reservations and American Indian households residing in approved areas. These households participate in FDPIR as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- **Nutrition Assistance for U.S. Territories** – \$200 million for USDA to provide nutrition assistance grants to Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Food and Drug Administration - \$80 million: Provides funding for continued work on FDA efforts to maintain our national drug and device product inventory through extensive outreach to medical product manufacturers to identify and mitigate potential supply chain interruptions. Funds will also assist FDA’s enforcement work against counterfeit and misbranded products and its review of emergency use authorizations for medical products, such as diagnostics. Additionally, funds will facilitate the development and review, both pre-market and post-market, of medical countermeasures, devices, therapies, and vaccines to combat the coronavirus.

Agency Operations - \$140 million: Funding to ensure agency services continue uninterrupted and employees are safe during this emergency, including –

- **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service** – \$55 million to ensure the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service can continue working with the Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection during the coronavirus emergency to keep foreign animal and plant pests and diseases from coming into the U.S.
- **Agriculture Marketing Service** – \$45 million to ensure adequate resources are available for commodity grading, inspections, and audit activities to avoid disruptions in the food supply chain during this emergency.
- **Food Safety and Inspection Service** – \$33 million to ensure uninterrupted meat and poultry inspections to protect the safety of the U.S. food supply during the coronavirus outbreak.
- **Farm Service Agency** – \$3 million to ensure adequate staffing is available to meet increased demand in loans and other services for American farmers.
- **Foreign Agricultural Service** – \$4 million for emergency evacuations of USDA Foreign Agricultural Service staff and dependents assigned around the world.

USDA Oversight: Includes \$750,000 for the Office of Inspector General to conduct audits and investigations to ensure transparency and efficiency within the agencies as they prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.