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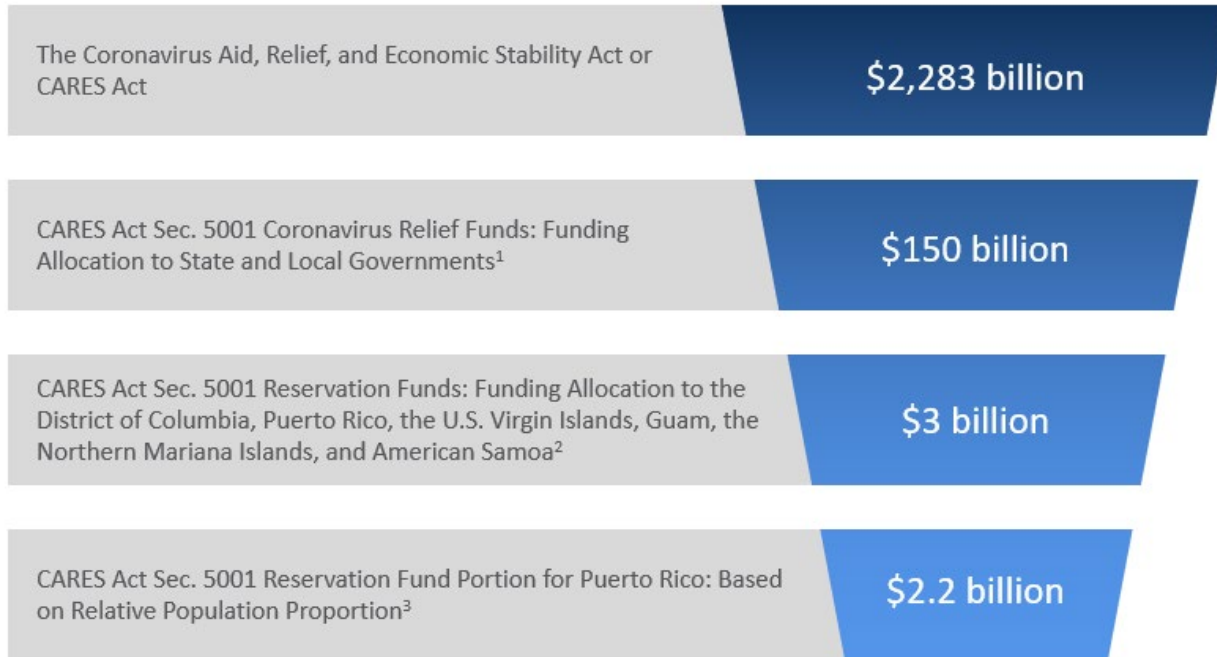
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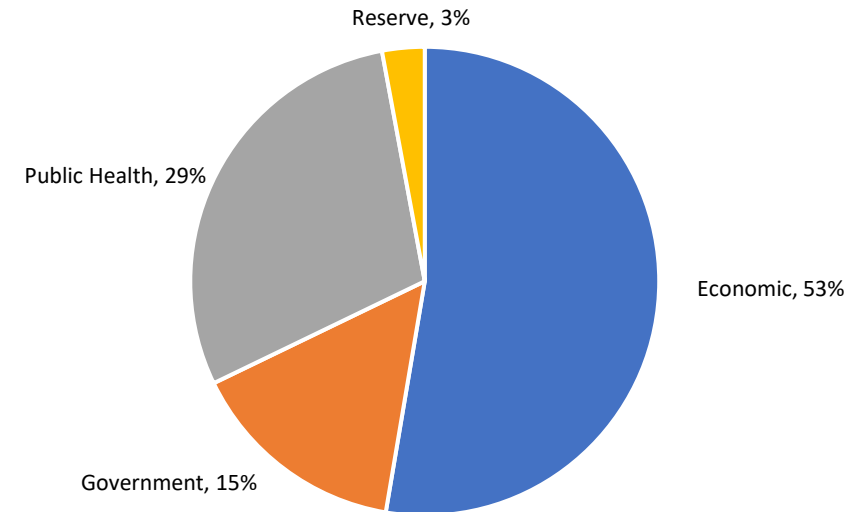




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Puerto Rico's Coronavirus Relief Fund – Current Breakdown





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Puerto Rico in Action – Coronavirus Relief Fund

Puerto Rico has been leading the way among states in disbursing CRF funds to get them in the hands of the individuals, businesses, non-profits, and public-sector agencies that need them the most. Per the latest OIG report, Puerto Rico was in the top quartile of states disbursing funds.

One of the first governments to release a comprehensive disbursement plan.

On May 15, 2020, Governor Vázquez issued an Executive Order (OE-2020-040) establishing Puerto Rico's Strategic Disbursement Plan for the Coronavirus Relief Fund under the CARES Act.

At the time, only about a half dozen states had released similar comprehensive plans for allocating CRF funds.

AAFAF serves as the fiscal agent for COVID-19 Pandemic response programs.

AAFAF's fiscal agent role and responsibility extends over the Commonwealth funded \$787 million Emergency Measures Support Package and the federally funded \$2.2 billion CRF.

AAFAF's primary objectives are focused on the effective and efficient disbursement of these COVID-19 Pandemic response program funds and program compliance.

Maintaining rigorous compliance with CARES Act standards.

Puerto Rico has instituted a multi-stage review process, as well as a rigorous reporting and auditing process, to deter waste, fraud, and abuse.

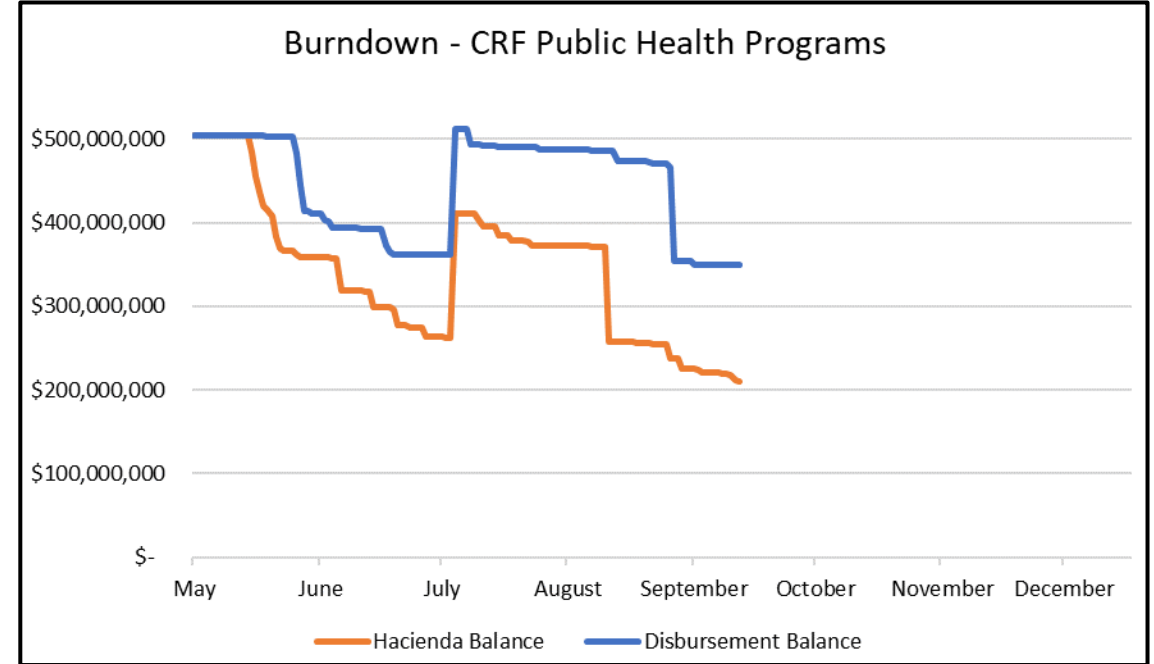
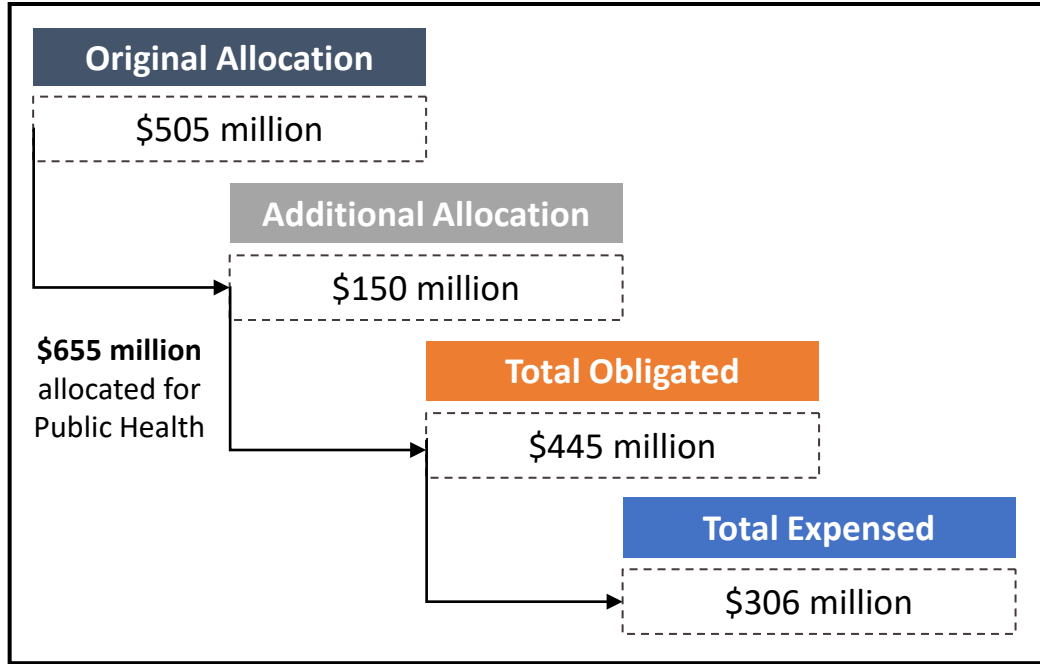
Transparent reporting around fund recipients.

Puerto Rico is one of a select number of states that is regularly publishing a public report detailing fund recipients every week and maintains compliance with federal OIG reporting.

Puerto Rico has disbursed over \$1 billion of Coronavirus Relief Funds across all programs.



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Coronavirus Relief Fund – Public Health Programs	Allocated	Obligated
Assistance Program to Private Hospitals	300,000,000	251,481,361
COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Program	150,000,000	79,743,548
Acquisition of Materials and Personal Protective Equipment	100,000,000	39,686,534
Emergency Assistance – Public Hospitals	50,000,000	36,271,052
Telemedicine Program in Puerto Rico	40,000,000	30,234,984
COVID-19 Emergency Expenses in Prisons	10,000,000	7,421,859
Program of Assistance and Care - Homeless Population	5,000,000	297,629
TOTAL	655,000,000	445,136,967



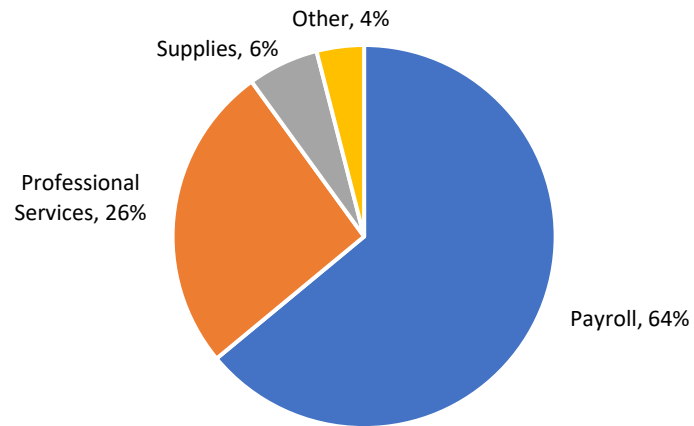


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Assistance Program to Private Hospitals – Use of Funds Highlights

In the early stages of fund deployment to the Hospitals, they demonstrated a significant need to help ensure they could secure the clinical staff necessary to respond to the pandemic. Now, we are seeing Hospitals shift focus to key facility improvements, equipment purchases, and special projects that provide both short and long-term value. Additionally, we expect to see significant expansion of existing and creation of new Telemedicine programs over the coming weeks.

Areas of Early Reported CRF Spend by Hospitals



Private Hospitals

51 hospitals

Public Hospitals

13 hospitals

Examples of Recent Key Facility Improvements Reported by Hospitals

Facility Improvements

Construction and Equipping of 8 intensive care unit beds for COVID-19 patients to add additional capacity and meet requirement to treat and care of COVID-19 patients

Conversion of 7 regular pressure rooms to negative pressure and isolation rooms to serve patients with COVID-19

Equipment

Purchase of additional equipment necessary to mitigate and respond to COVID-19: Foggers, monitors, negative pressure, temperature, and sanitize UV lights

Increase capacity of washing and drying machines in order to protect personnel, patients and support staff

Special Projects

Purchase, and equip a Mobile COVID Testing Clinic. This allows hospital staff to travel to multiple locations around the Island to offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing.

Purchase of equipment and improvements for the Step-Down Unit to decongest ICU units and increase capacity necessary to respond to the COVID-19 situation





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Department of Health Measures

Investments to Enhance Healthcare Services

Hospital and health facility infrastructure

Capital expansions at public hospitals

Combat the opioid crisis

Telehealth infrastructure

Consolidating Administrative and Support Functions

Operational efficiencies

DOH and ASES consolidation

Transforming Hospital Management

ASEM revenue cycle management

Data consolidation capabilities

Improve clinical operations

Centralize procurement



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Objective

Consolidation of six of the healthcare agencies with centralized support functions.

Agencies in Future Department of Health Grouping

Department of Health (DOH)

Health Insurance Administration (ASES)

Medical Services Administration (ASEM)

Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Cardiovascular Center Corporation

Center for Research Education and Medical Services for Diabetes

Mental Health and Addiction Services Administration (ASSMCA)

Outcome

Enable efficiencies while maintaining a high-quality public healthcare system.



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The following highlights key activities and accomplishments the Department of Health has made to enhance healthcare services and achieve operational efficiencies.

Investments to Enhance Healthcare Services	Hospital infrastructure	\$158M budget allocated by hospital, priority projects identified, and high-level action plans developed
	Capital expansions	\$85M budget allocated by hospital, priority projects identified, and high-level action plans outlined
	Telehealth	In process of identifying sites for potential installation of telehealth portal and expansion of telehealth program activities using CRF funds
Consolidating Admin & Support Functions	DOH and ASES Consolidation	In process of evaluating potential data differences and performing a risk analysis to inform implementation planning
Transforming Hospital Management	ASEM revenue cycle	Revenue cycle management vendor contract pending review and approval from OGP and Fortaleza
	Data consolidation	Completed current state assessment of capabilities and developing work plan to address gaps
	Centralize procurement	ASG engaged to help coordinate centralization of medical supplies procurement



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Puerto Rico will need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its health insurance plan. Medicaid reform measures are designed to lower premium expenditures across the multiple public health programs.

Medicaid Reform Measures and Investments

Objectives

Improve Program Integrity

Improve Quality Relative to Cost

- Incorporate language requiring participation in DRG-based Payment model in MCO contract
- Define KPI's and savings target measures for fraud, waste, and abuse reduction programs and develop robust enrollment verification
- Assess the need for additional third-party vendors to develop an Asset Verification System
- Pilot CRG-based payment model and revise design based on performance
- Develop plan to incorporate Medicaid program integrity KPI's into future MCO contracts
- Complete Phase II of PRMMIS development
- Draft plans to meet PERM and MEQC requirements
- Launch DRG-based payment model
- Increase provider reimbursement rates



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