



Where's the Money?

DOI Use of CARES Act Funds as of April 28, 2020

The DOI received

\$756 million

under the CARES Act to respond to impacts from the coronavirus:

- **\$453 million** for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- **\$157.4 million** for DOI operations (Office of the Secretary (OS))
- **\$69 million** for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)
- **\$55 million** for the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA)
- **\$12 million** for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)—water resources
- **\$8.1 million** for the BOR—policy and administration
- **\$1 million** for the Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- **\$500,000** for the BOR—Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA)

On March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Among its provisions, the CARES Act provided the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) with \$756 million to support the needs of DOI programs, bureaus, Indian Country, and the Insular Areas.

This report presents the DOI's progress as of April 28, 2020. We anticipate issuing updated status reports monthly.

DOI Progress

DOI programs and bureaus are making progress in obligating and spending their CARES Act appropriations (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Funding Status as of April 28, 2020

Business Area	Appropriation (\$)	Expenditures To Date (\$)	Obligations To Date (\$)
BIA	453,000,000	156,777,505 (34.6%)	326,345,602 (72.0%)
OS	157,400,000	0 (0%)	800,000 (0.5%)
BIE	69,000,000	11,843,135 (17.2%)	19,366,910 (28.1%)
OIA	55,000,000	0 (0%)	41,250,001 (75.0%)
BOR (Water)	12,000,000	95,350 (0.8%)	121,074 (1.0%)
BOR (Policy)	8,100,000	3,802 (0%)	3,802 (0%)
OIG	1,000,000	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
BOR (CUPCA)	500,000	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Totals	\$756,000,000	\$168,719,791 (22.3%)	\$387,887,389 (51.3%)

Definitions: **Expenditures** are payments of funds, such as when the DOI receives an invoice or a drawdown submission. **Obligations** are legally binding agreements that will result in expenditures.



Details on Award Types

DOI programs and bureaus have made funds available via contracts and grants/financial assistance awards. Figure 2 summarizes the types of awards made to date.

Figure 2: Award Types Used as of April 28, 2020

Award Type	Total Number	% of Total Number	Total Value
Grant/financial assistance award	472	97.7%	\$389,777,422
Contract	11	2.3%	\$287,048
Total recipients and value	483	100%	\$390,064,470

Awards have been made for the following types of services:

- Decontamination trailer
- Rapid-response janitorial services
- Sanitation and deep cleaning
- Preparing, preventing, and responding to COVID-19

Details on Charge Card Expenditures

DOI programs and bureaus have also made expenditures using Government charge cards. As of April 28, 2020, CARES Act expenditures by charge card have totaled \$2,409,399.

Significant Milestones That We Are Closely Monitoring

The CARES Act requires agencies to submit reports by certain deadlines, and further clarification on the reporting requirements is provided in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-20-21, *Implementation Guidance for Supplemental Funding Provided in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)*, issued April 10, 2020. Below is a summary of the DOI milestones that we are monitoring.

- April 10, 2020** Effective the date of OMB Memorandum M-20-21, the DOI must identify, track, and anticipate reporting charge card spending related to COVID-19. These charge card transactions must use “COVID” as an identifier. To date, we have identified \$2,409,399 in charge card charges coded with the COVID identifier.
- April 26, 2020** By this date, the Secretary of the Treasury shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior and Indian tribes for making payments totaling \$8 billion to tribes. We learned that on April 27, a Federal judge granted a temporary restraining order to halt the distribution of coronavirus relief payments to Alaska Native corporations. A number of tribes, including three in Alaska, have argued that the \$8 billion allotment is not meant for for-profit corporations and should exclusively support tribal governments.
- June 9, 2020** By this date, the DOI needs to assess and adjust existing reporting and audit deadlines, considering how to balance existing statutory and regulatory compliance requirements with the surge in new workload associated with the COVID-19 crisis.
- June 25, 2020** Not later than 90 days after enactment of the CARES Act, the DOI must submit to the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) a plan describing how the covered funds will be spent. (The CARES Act established the PRAC to coordinate and support inspectors general in performing CARES Act oversight.)
- June 30, 2020** Starting with the June 30, 2020 reporting period through September 30, 2021, the Deputy Secretary or Chief Operating Officer must review quarterly the progress made on program performance under the CARES Act.
- July 10, 2020** Not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient of covered funds over \$150,000 shall submit a report on use of the funds to the DOI and the PRAC. As part of this requirement, the DOI in coordination with the PRAC and the OMB must provide “user-friendly” means for recipients to meet this requirement.
- July 21, 2020** The DOI must submit DATA Act files A, B, and C monthly instead of quarterly, starting with the June 30, 2020 reporting period. These submissions must be certified by the DATA Act Senior Accountable Official or Financial Representative Designee for COVID-19 related funding.
- July 30, 2020** Not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the PRAC in consultation with the DOI must make the reports by covered recipients publicly available on a website established by the PRAC to foster greater accountability and transparency in the use of covered funds.

In addition, the DOI must report monthly to the OMB, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the PRAC, and the appropriate congressional committees on any obligation or expenditure of large covered funds, starting with the June 30, 2020 reporting period through September 30, 2021. Large covered funds are any funds made available in any form (e.g., via grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, loan guarantee, award, or other mechanism) that exceed \$150,000. We are awaiting confirmation of the monthly due date for that report to add to the milestone list.