

CARES ACT – FEDERAL GOVERNMENT/WORKERS PROVISIONS

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Federal agencies will receive \$340 billion in additional funding for operations and response efforts, far exceeding the administration's request of \$46 billion. Broadly speaking, additional funding will be used for overtime, new hires, the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies, improving agencies' telework capacities through network expansions and software license purchases; and repatriating American employees and volunteers serving overseas with the State Department, Peace Corps, etc.
- The Department of Health & Human Services will receive \$140 billion. Most of that money – \$127 billion – will go to the Public Health & Social Services Emergency Fund to reimburse hospitals and health care providers, replenish the strategic national stockpile with equipment such as ventilators, and fund vaccines and therapeutics.
- The Department of Homeland Security will receive \$46 billion, most of which will go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund.
- The Department of Transportation will receive \$31 billion, primarily for grants to transit providers and for airports to maintain operations during the current plunge in passengers.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs Department will receive \$20 billion, to boost health care services at its facilities and \$2 billion for veterans to receive private sector care, but the department is freezing its reimbursed private care program (expanded under the 2018 Mission Act) to protect veterans from exposure and prevent private hospitals from being overwhelmed.
- The Department of Housing & Urban Development will receive \$17 billion for various housing and development programs.
- The United States Postal Service will receive a new \$10 billion line of credit.
- The General Services Administration will receive \$300 million for "deep" cleaning services and enhanced screening at federal buildings, and to provide for unanticipated space requirements across government.
- The Transportation Security Administration and Bureau of Prisons will receive \$100 million each for overtime, more PPE, and cleaning supplies for workers.
- The Office of Personnel Management will receive \$12 million to expand telework and digitize paper-based retirement applications and case management.