

American Samoa COVID-19 Response Highlights

COVID-19 STATISTICS AND FUNDING:

As of 2020 the population of American Samoa is approximately 55,212 people.

The LBJ Hospital, the only hospital on island, has received \$4.89 million from the Rural Medical Provider Relief Fund under the CARES Act.

After testing over 383 samples AS does not have any positive tests and no cases on island at this time.

The funds from the CARES Act are being used at LBJ for coronavirus related expenditures, which totaled more than \$3.64 million and includes over \$1.35 million in medical equipment; nearly \$2 million in medical supplies; and \$326,408 in infrastructure costs. According to LBJ, the hospital anticipates more expenditures for more COVID-19 projects, supplies and equipment.

As of June 14th, total test-kits on hand is 3,396 with 1,805 test-kits for the GeneXpert testing machine — reserved to test symptomatic patients and 1,591 test-kits for the Abbott ID now being used for d community testing, according to DoH.

They also have tested 147 first responders as of June 13th. — covering DoH, hospital, local Environmental Protection Agency, Port Administration, the MV Manu’atele crew who will be sailing the vessel to Hawaii for repairs, and 14 from local stevedoring companies which provides this service at the Port of Pago Pago.

American Samoa has not reopened to island to air travel.

Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance programs for American Samoa. The combined total is now 192 loans with another weekly increase of 17 approvals, arriving at a new sum of \$10,210,623. This includes both the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the currently more narrowly targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program. To date, 92 American Samoa’s small business employers have accessed important EIDL emergency advances (differing from EIDL total loans) for a cumulative \$489,000. These advances provide much-needed assistance more quickly in smaller amounts topping out at a maximum \$10,000.

EIDL Loans: There were also ten new EIDL loan approvals, which now stands at 47 EIDL approvals, reaching \$3,166,800.

PPP Loans: Local employers have now acquired 145 PPP loans totaling \$7,043,823.

Below is a chart compiling other grants and direct funds we have received. It is not comprehensive, but contains the most important numbers as of June 15th.

<u>COVID-19/CARES ACT Funding Notable Grants/Projects</u>	
SBA	
Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program, 47 approvals	\$3,166,800
Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), 145 approvals	\$7,043,823
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HUD	
Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$796,914
(HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program	\$266,229
HUD, CBDG	\$532,457
HUD, Emergency Shelter Grants	\$269, 228
HHS	
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), discretionary grant for COVID-19 testing	\$406,084
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	\$411,385
Health and Human Services (HHS), Provider Relief Fund	\$766,000
discretionary HRSA grant	\$745,580
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	\$740,000
COMMERCE	
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) CARES Act, Sec. 12005 fisheries grants	\$2,553,194
EDUCATION	
Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) program	\$7,272,191
Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) Fund for State Education Agencies (SEA)	\$38,321,932
U.S. Department of Education, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	\$1,617,855
DOJ	
Dept. of Justice (DOJ) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) to the American Samoa Criminal Justice Planning Agency	\$2,231,620
DHS	
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Supplemental(EMPG-S)	\$259,066
DOT	
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airport Grant Program	\$1,381,262
DOI	
Direct aid to the territories by population	\$38,964,275
TOTAL	\$106,961,824