

Revised Proposal submitted by the Administration			
11/14/2020			
The Administration requests JFC approval for the following CRF reallocation proposal:			
ACCD/Tax		\$ 75,000,000	Additional economic development grants per Act 137 to enable the food and accommodations sector (as identified in NAICS) a grant award equalling 100% of their unmet need up to a maximum award of \$300,000 as calculated and verified in the current grants system of ACCD and the Department of Taxes. All other applicants will receive a percentage of their unmet need based on the remaining available money in the program.
AHS - DCF		\$ 6,450,000	Supplemental payment to specified 3SquaresVT households to cover COVID related expenses and impacts, as specified in attached memo from Commissioner Brown.
Total		\$ 81,450,000	
Initial available		\$ 117,948,506	
JFC approval 11/5		\$ (32,883,795)	
JFC approval 11/14		\$ (3,581,880)	
New request		\$ (81,450,000)	
Balance available		\$ 32,831	

To: Vermont Joint Fiscal Committee
From: Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
Re: CRF Request for \$6.5 million appropriation for Supplemental Payment to Specified 3SquaresVT Households
Date: November 13, 2020

The Department for Children and Families (DCF) requests the following CRF reallocation.

Total Amount Requested: \$6,500,000. DCF seeks funding to issue a supplemental payment to specified 3SquaresVT Households to cover COVID related expenses and impacts.

Response to the Pandemic: In response to COVID-19, Vermonters' have suffered both income loss, increased expenses, and household supply impacts. 3SquareVT's low-income households have faced a significant impact from COVID. These households have faced additional costs with the purchasing of COVID supplies, including masks, hand sanitizer, household cleaners, and increasing grocery costs.

Proposed Use of Reallocation: DCF proposes to reallocate funds to cover the following:

Supplemental payment to 3SquaresVT households who have not received additional benefits under the emergency allotment benefit or who received less than a \$50 increase to their benefit under the emergency allotment.

The appropriation will be split amongst the eligible households (approximately 23,000), with an expected supplemental payment between \$270-290 per household.

Confirmation Proposal Complies with CARES Act CRF Guidelines: The 3SquaresVT caseload is comprised of low-income Vermonters who have had substantial financial impact associated with the COVID pandemic. This impact is realized through incurred costs associated with the purchasing of COVID supplies, including masks, hand sanitizer, household cleaners, and increasing grocery costs.