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On March 18, 2020, the President signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Act). This Act includes \$160 million for home delivered meals and \$80 million for congregate meals provided through the Older Americans Act (OAA) to be distributed nationally. The Act is specific in stating matching requirements at the state and local level do not apply to these funds.

The Office of Management and Budget must distribute funds to all of the federal departments included in the Act, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS then allocates funds among its programs including the Administration for Community Living which is responsible for distributing OAA funds to the states. The award notice to states will include any other limitations or specifics related to the funding.

Please be assured HHSC will make every effort possible to expedite these funds to the Area Agencies on Aging once the funds are received from ACL.

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