

# U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

## COVID-19 Waivers & Flexibilities





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# COVID-19 Relief Enactments

**CARES Act:** Passed on March 27, 2020, this law provided relief to address COVID’s impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

**Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act:** In January 2020, the secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 and is currently set to expire May 11, 2023.

**Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021:** Passed on December 12, 2020, this law provided COVID emergency response and relief for FY 2022.

**American Rescue Plan Act:** Passed on March 11, 2021, this law provided additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19. For more on the law’s funding that impacts homelessness.

**Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act:** The president may declare a major disaster or emergency exists for one or more states at the request of the governor or a chief executive of an affected Indian tribe, and may also declare a federal emergency, without a gubernatorial request, for subject areas that are determined to be under the primary responsibility of the United States based on the Constitution or laws of the United States. Any federal agency charged with the administration of a federal assistance program may, if so requested by the applicant, state, or local authorities, modify or waive, for a major disaster, such administrative conditions for assistance as would otherwise prevent the giving of assistance under such programs if the inability to meet such conditions is a result of the major disaster.



# USICH Resources

## Expiring Federal Provisions That May Impact Homelessness

Sample Funding, Flexibilities, and Waivers Set to Expire  
With the End of the Public Health Emergency (May 11)

*(to be released)*

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