| **Agency/Legislation/Initiative** | **HEROES ACT – HB 6800**  **6/12/2020[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **HEALS ACT – Senate – S4318-S4324**  **7/27/2020[[2]](#footnote-2)** |
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| Bureau of Indian Affairs | $900 Million overall   * $100m for housing construction and improvement * $780m for tribal government services, operations, cleaning, sanitizing Tribally operated facilities * $20m for water/sanitation |  |
| Department of Agriculture-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Program | * Eliminates tribal cost sharing for Food Distribution Programs on Indian reservations (FDPIR); and temporarily waives dual enrollment restrictions between FDPIR and SNAP |  |
| Health and Human Services (HHS) |  | Prohibits HHS from buying PPE and other medical items from foreign manufacturers |
| HHS-Administration for Children and Families-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program |  | * Provides reimbursements for increased costs for TANF programs (states and tribes) up to $2 billion * Child care program assistance for tribes and tribal organizations * $1.5b for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), includes tribes and non-tribal |
| HHS-Center for Disease Control | * At least $100m tribal set-aside for COVID public health response * Directed to coordinate with tribes in nationwide contact tracing, disease surveillance, and mitigation. * Tribal access to Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program * No matching requirement * Limited administrative and reporting burden * At least 10 cooperative agreements between CDC and tribes | Not less than $125m set aside for activities and program support |
| HHS-Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services |  | Extends telehealth waivers through 12/31/2021 |
| HHS-Indian Health Service | $2.1 Billion overall   * $1 Billion, 3rd party insurance reimbursement shortfalls * $500 Million – for healthcare services, telehealth services, personal protective equipment (PPE) * $140 Million – for broadband infrastructure and information technology (IT) to support and expand telehealth services and electronic health record * $20 Million – to address the needs of domestic violence victims, as well as homeless individuals and families * $64 Million – for urban Indian organizations * $10 Million – for safe drinking water and sanitation infrastructure development * $366 Million – to the IHS Facilities Account for the construction of new isolation and quarantine facilities, construction of shelters of opportunity, purchasing of updated equipment, and maintenance and improvement of existing facilities | $1.605 overall   * $605 million until 9/30/2021 * $1 billion for Indian Health facilities (available until 9/30/2021) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Includes acquiring modular buildings, trailers, and for domestic and community sanitation facilities |
| HHS-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration | At least $150m tribal set-aside for prevention and treatment of substance use | Not less than $15m for Surveillance Program |
| **Legislative Amendments** | * IHCIA – require VA to fully reimburse IHS/Tribes for PRC * 4 Walls - Authorizes payment outside of the “4 Walls” for Indian Health Care Providers (1 year only) | * Extends date by which CARES Act funds need to be used to 9/30/2021 * Expands uses of CARES Act funding to include revenue shortfalls (up to 25% TTL CARES Act funding) |
| **Strategic National Stockpile** | Requires tribal access to the Strategic National Stockpile | Requires guidelines for tribal access to the Strategic National Stockpile |
| **Tribal Public Health** | $25m to create a tribal advisory panel re public health surveillance and infrastructure |  |
| **Public Health** |  | Not less than $500m for contact tracing, testing, surveillance, mitigation of COVID-19 (focus on workplace, schools, long term care facilities) |
| **Unemployment** | Extends the additional $600/week in unemployment benefits[[3]](#footnote-3) | * Allows an additional $200/week in unemployment benefits * Allows up to 75% of unemployment insurance costs to be covered by CARES Act funding |

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