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All local board of health COVID-19 related funding will be distributed from the Public Health Trust Fund
(4500-1334)

1. Allowable Expenses:

Applicable funding areas:

- Surveillance and case identification (including, but not limited to, public health epidemiological investigation activities such as contact follow-up).
 - Monitoring of travelers.
 - Public Health Nurses
 - Data management.
 - Isolation and quarantine (including, but not limited to, housing; wrap-around services; security; environmental control, clean-up and waste management; and behavioral health services).
 - Surge public health staffing.
 - Risk communications support.
 - Public health coordination with healthcare systems.

Non- applicable funding areas:

- City/town municipal activities (law enforcement etc.)
- Food and other sundries

2. Resource Areas:

Staff that are needed immediately:

- Nurses
- Administrative support (supporting local government operations)
- Call center support (answering local phone calls from constituents)
- Contact tracing / epidemiology (contact tracing and personal quarantine guidance, working for MA State Epidemiologists)

Tentative plans to help increase capacity to address these immediate needs:

The COVID19 Command Center has connected with the 6 Graduate Schools of Public Health in MA. We will leverage their communities of students, alumni and faculty to meet the key resources identified (i.e. Nursing support, phone banking, and data management for contact tracing.)

More on this soon.

3. **MAVEN**

New User Requests to be sent to ISISHELP@state.ma.us.

Approved users will be sent a MAVEN user request form, which once completed and sent back to ISISHELP@state.ma.us, is then submitted to the VG. Simultaneously, MAVEN staff will then contact the users to have them register for one of the 3 scheduled weekly trainings. Once they have completed the training and the VG has processed their account, they are granted access to MAVEN.

Please note that the VG has specific requirements as to the email addresses that will be approved. The email must be affiliated with city/town or organization (i.e. VNA) email account. They will not accept any personal email accounts.

<http://www.masslocalinstitute.info/diseasesurveillance/diseasesurveillance7.html>

4. **PPE**

- How cities and towns should make requests for PPE: is [in this chart](#).
- Demand for PPE is vastly outpacing the supply. As such, PPE is being optimized by need category and is outlined [here](#).
 - We are aware that some municipalities and other groups have been able to obtain PPE while others have not. The intent of the processes linked above is to create consistency and clarity moving forward.
 - We are actively working to source PPE with domestic and international suppliers in an effort for supply to catch up with demand.