



Peace Corps CARES Act Funding Plan June 24, 2020

As required in Section 15011(b)(1)(B) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), this document represents the Peace Corps' plan to the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) describing how the agency will use "covered funds". The CARES Act defines "covered funds" as any funds, including loans, that are made available in any form to any non-Federal entity, not including an individual, under the CARES Act; the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020; the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127); or any other Act primarily making appropriations for the Coronavirus response and related activities.

Overview: The Peace Corps received \$88,000,000 under the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (herein referred to as the agency's coronavirus response). The Agency's coronavirus response activities include but are not limited to:

- Evacuating Peace Corps Volunteers (herein referred to as evacuated Volunteers) and United States Direct Hire (USDH) employees worldwide;
- Providing support measures to Volunteers and USDHs after evacuation;
- Providing supplies and services required to mitigate COVID-19 infection at Peace Corps Headquarters and posts worldwide; and,
- Evaluating and returning to posts as is feasible.

It is important to note that many of the Peace Corps coronavirus response activities are not considered covered funds, as defined by the CARES Act.

Guidance: The Peace Corps will track all direct costs of the aforementioned coronavirus response activities. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) will provide guidance internally via e-mail communications and conference calls. Communications will primarily include guidance regarding (1) estimating and documenting expenses directly related to the Peace Corps coronavirus response and (2) reimbursing other Peace Corps appropriation accounts for obligations incurred for coronavirus response activities prior to March 27, 2020 (see Section 21002 of the CARES Act).

Updating the Peace Corps CARES Act Funding Plan: CARES Act funding remains available to the Peace Corps until September 30, 2022 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. If the Peace Corps materially revises its coronavirus response activities, it will update this plan accordingly.

Questions regarding this plan should be directed to the Chief Financial Officer at CFO@peacecorps.gov.

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