

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act



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CARES Act Program

Overall, the Commission paid \$28,057,705.89 to 1,589 applicants under the CARES Act program.



CARES Act 2.0

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 was signed into law on December 27, 2020. The Act provided an additional \$300 million for fisheries disaster assistance. The funding was intended to respond to fishery related COVID-19 impacts previously authorized under section 12005 of the CARES Act.

Texas	\$ 7,795,841
Louisiana	\$12,477,165
Mississippi	\$ 3,000,000
Alabama	\$ 3,000,000
Total	\$26,273,006

Alabama

Alabama approved 65 applications for 63 applicants during their CARES Act 2.0 application period.

The Commission paid \$2,948,417 to these 63 applicants on November 3, 2021.

Mississippi

Mississippi held their CARES Act 2.0 application period from October 20 through November 19, 2021.

If applicants were not fully compensated for their losses from the original CARES Act, their application was automatically enrolled in the CARES Act 2.0 program.

MDMR approved 419 applications for 277 applicants.

The Commission sent out \$2,923,033.59 in payments to these 277 applicants on January 25, 2022.

Louisiana

Louisiana sent their first CARES Act 2.0 approved applicant list representing 657 applications to the Commission on November 10, 2021.

LDWF sent their second approved applicant list to the Commission on December 2, 2021.

An additional 22-person applicant list and a final payment list were sent to the Commission on February 14, 2022.

In total, the Commission sent out \$12,171,131.52 in payments to 697 applicants.

Texas

Texas did not open a new application period for their CARES Act 2.0 program since their first application period was for losses that occurred between January 1 through December 31, 2021.

Using CARES Act 2.0 funds, TPWD proposed to pay in full all remaining claims that were not paid during the CARES Act.

On November 1, 2021, the Commission sent \$946,234.76 in payments to 99 Texas applicants.

Texas

In January, TPWD decided to give applicants a second chance to qualify for CARES Act 2.0 funds.

During the initial CARES Act application period, some applicants did not provide all qualifying documentation or missed deadlines for submitting required documentation.

Any remaining CARES Act 2.0 funds will be used by TPWD and the Texas Department of Agriculture to support marketing efforts in support of the Texas seafood industry. The goal of the project will be to unite popular seafood sectors by collectively expanding their marketing, tourism, and consumer education platforms.