

## Award Amount: \$190,781,430

Activities beginning May 2020, funds projected to support activities through **March 31, 2021**. While the initial grant budget stretched some test and trace activities through the end of FFY 2022, **spikes in Louisiana COVID-19 cases in July and November resulted in increased expenditures across most ELC activities**. As a result, current funding is expected to be exhausted by April 2021.

**Calculated ELC Grant Monthly Burn Rate** (based on historical invoices and estimated increases resulting from rising COVID-19 case counts): **\$18.8M per month**. Projected burn rates were calculated by tying historical invoice amounts to varying amounts of COVID-19 reported in Louisiana over time, including during the July spike.

**Before Louisiana National Guard support was extended via Title 32**, sustained community-based testing was planned using funds from the ELC grant to task contracted strike teams to perform enhanced community testing statewide. **This cost to maintain community testing would have been an additional \$11.3M**, and would have impacted Louisiana's ability to support nursing home testing and collection as well as sustained partnership with Walgreens drive-through PCR testing.

### Contact Tracing Projected Expenditures: \$63,624,247

Grant funds have supported contracts with call centers located in Louisiana and currently, there are approximately 650 call center agents to cover shifts seven days/week. In addition, 42 Resource Coordinators provide short-term case management to persons who are self-isolating or quarantining and need assistance with PPE, cleaning supplies, and food delivery. Training of all call center agents and Resource Coordinators, as well as coordination and monitoring of the call centers' performance is another expenditure. Funds have also been allocated to develop and maintain the data collection software platform and a data analytics monitoring system.

### Regional Strike Team Lab Collection Expenditures: \$19,139,786

To ensure nursing homes and other congregate settings could receive regular COVID-19 testing for residents and staff, Louisiana contracted with multiple strike team vendors capable of deploying to a site, collecting samples, and processing the lab results (or submitting to a state contracted lab). In some cases these strike teams provided ancillary community based testing as well.

### Lab Analysis Expenditures: \$99,111,127

Lab expenditures include contracting with vendor labs to analyze samples collected by contracted strike teams or submitted directly from congregate settings in accordance with CMS guidelines. Additional funding is used for State Laboratory supplies, courier expenses, and staffing lab personnel. Most recently, grant funds have been directed to support community-based testing at drive-through locations around the state supported by the Louisiana National Guard, and contracted lab costs for supporting no-cost Walgreens drive-through PCR testing locations operating at the direction of LDH.

### Indirect Costs/Cost Allocation: \$8,906,270

The percentage of funds allocated for this grant are extremely low by LDH operating standards, but due to the need to extend testing and tracing activities and the speed with which the grant funds are projected to be expended, the reduced percentage was justified.

ELC Grant Percent Dedicated to  
COVID-19 Testing:  
**62%**

