



Did you know...

At the end of April, Congress passed a \$2.2 trillion stimulus spending bill — the largest in the country's history. It was one of three coronavirus stimulus bills approved by Congress and signed into law. Under the bill, many Americans are receiving \$1,200 recovery checks, small businesses can tap a \$367 billion loan program, unemployment insurance benefits rise and industries, cities and states can borrow from a \$500 billion fund. But, what's in it specifically for federal employees and retirees?

Funding for Federal Employee Safety

The General Services Administration receives an additional \$275 million for “deep cleaning” efforts at federal facilities, as well as additional screening and unanticipated space requirements. NTEU repeatedly raises concerns that many federal workplaces lack basic supplies for federal employees including hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes, and that buildings are not properly cleaned. There is also \$178 million for the Department of Homeland Security to procure more personal protective equipment for employees on the front lines, including Customs and Border Protection personnel at the ports of entry.

Additional Funding for Agencies

The Internal Revenue Service gets \$250 million to help cover the extension of the tax filing season and to implement pieces of the stimulus bill itself. IRS employees are responsible for processing recovery checks for the American public. The Food and Drug Administration has \$80 million to support the development of medical

countermeasures and vaccines, advance manufacturing for medical products, and monitor medical product supply chains.

To Be Continued... Look for next week's email for more details about the stimulus bill and how it impacts federal employees and retirees!
