

**Pending Unemployment Insurance Claim Payment Grants,
Office of the Comptroller and Department of Labor**
\$32.0 Million (E00A04.01)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Comptroller's Revenue Administration Division shall provide a \$1,000 grant to any individual whose claim for unemployment benefits is pending a determination of eligibility and has been in adjudication for at least 30 days, except for a claim where the failure to determine eligibility is related to an allegation of fraud. The Secretary of Labor shall send a list of individuals eligible for a grant, along with any information necessary to distribute the grants, by March 3, 2021 (as of February 28, 2021); April 5, 2021 (as of March 31, 2021); May 5, 2021 (as of April 30, 2021); June 3, 2021 (as of May 31, 2021); and July 6, 2021 (as of June 30, 2021). An individual may not receive more than one grant under this provision.

June 2 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- As of April 5, Labor sent a list to the Comptroller's office with 30,532 total claimants, for a distribution of \$30,532,000.
- On May 5, 2021, Labor will provide the Comptroller's office with a list with 3,316 claimants, for a distribution of \$3,316,000, an increase of 10.9 percent over the April distribution.
- Labor will reevaluate and run the query by June 3, 2021 to include the same criteria.
- Supplemental Budget #5 included an additional \$8 million in federal funding to support this program, above the original Relief Now allocation of \$32 million.

June 2 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- Labor is unable to administer this grant program because our UI Division is federally funded. We are unable to utilize these federal grant resources to administer a state grant program.