

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.

March 24 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- Labor sent a list to the Comptroller's office with 27,181 claimants.
- The following messaging is on Labor's website
 - The Comptroller of Maryland 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 Comptroller will mail eligible claimants a paper check. **If you do not receive a check from the Comptroller, you were not on the list of eligible claimants sent as of March 3.** Claimants are only entitled to receive one grant per person. This grant is in no way a determination of eligibility for benefits. **Qualifying claimants do not need to take any action to receive the grant. For more information, select the [Maryland Office of the Comptroller RELIEF Act Frequently Asked Questions](#).**
- Labor will reevaluate and run the query by April 5th to include the same criteria.

March 24 - 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.