



## Florida MIECHV Initiative

### TEMPORARY POLICY: USE OF MIECHV FUNDS DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriates Act, 2021 ([P.L. 116-260](#)). The legislation includes new statutory authorities to MIECHV awardees to assist in their response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. These authorities are only available until the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency period.

[P.L. 116-260](#) allows awardees to use MIECHV funds during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency period to:

1. Train home visitors in conducting virtual home visits and in emergency preparedness and response planning for families;
2. Acquire the technological means as needed to conduct and support a virtual home visit for families enrolled in the program; and
3. Provide emergency supplies to families enrolled in the program, regardless of whether the provision of such supplies is within the scope of the approved program, such as diapers, formula, non-perishable food, water, hand soap, and hand sanitizer.

As with all other costs paid using MIECHV grant funds, funds must be used for authorized purposes in compliance with applicable statute, regulations, policies, program requirements, and terms and conditions of the award. Programs must comply with the MIECHV Implementation Policies and Fiscal Policies, as well as federal requirements such as:

- [45 CFR §75.302](#) – Financial management and standards for financial management systems.
- [45 CFR §75.303](#) – Internal controls.
- [45 CFR part 75, Subpart E](#) – Cost Principles
- [2 CFR §200.216](#) – Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

If an LIA wishes to spend MIECHV funds on technology or emergency supplies directly related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, that are not otherwise allowable costs with MIECHV funds, the LIA must contact the MIECHV contract manager to request prior approval.