

# A Comprehensive Insider Discussion

Local Governments' Challenges in Working With the State and Federal Government As They Navigate through the COVID-19 Crisis

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- The legislation designates \$339.8 billion for programs that will go to state and local governments. It is divided up to put \$274 billion toward specific COVID-19 response efforts, including \$150 billion in direct aid for those state and local governments.
- It also includes \$5 billion for Community Development Block Grants, \$13 billion for K-12 schools, \$14 billion for higher education and \$5.3 billion for programs for children and families, including immediate assistance to child care centers.

- **CDBG: \$5 billion** to address COVID-19 (services for senior citizens, the homeless, and public health services). Of this, **\$2 billion** will be distributed using the normal formula (70 percent to entitlement cities and counties, and 30 percent to the states). **\$1 billion** will go to the states based on a formula developed by HUD for COVID-19; the states will allocate the funds to entitlement and non-entitlement communities. And **\$2 billion** will go to the states and localities based on a formula to be developed by HUD in 30 days.
- **Homelessness Assistance Grants: \$4 billion** to state and local governments to address coronavirus among the homeless population. Additional waiver authority is provided to more effectively target the assistance to contain the spread of coronavirus among the homeless.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: \$1.25 billion** for the Section 8 voucher rental assistance program. The funding is for seniors, the disabled, and low-income working families, who will experience loss of income from the coronavirus.
- **Public Housing Operating Fund: \$685 million** for the additional operating assistance Public Housing Agencies will need to make up for reduced tenant payments, and to help contain the spread of coronavirus in public housing properties.

- **Project-Based Rental Assistance: \$1 billion** to make up for reduced tenant payments as a result of coronavirus.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): \$65 million** to benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- **Section 202 Housing for the Elderly: \$50 million** to maintain housing stability and services for low-income seniors. Seniors are especially vulnerable to the coronavirus.
- **Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities: \$15 million** to make up for reduced tenant payments as a result of coronavirus.
- **Fair Housing: \$2.5 million** for additional fair housing enforcement.

- **Economic Development Administration: \$1.5 billion** to support economic development for states and communities suffering economic injury as a result of the coronavirus. Funds will also be used to assist local communities experiencing economic distress by helping them take control of their future, and position themselves for economic prosperity and resiliency.

**Byrne Justice Grants: \$850 million**, to be awarded using FY 2019 formula allocations to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.



- **CDC: \$4.3 billion** for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), of which **\$1.5 billion will be designated to CDC's State and Local Preparedness Grants for state and local preparedness and response activities.** Additionally, funds provided under this account can be used for grants for the rent, lease, purchase, acquisition, construction, alteration, or renovation of non-federally owned facilities to improve preparedness and response capability at the State and local level
- **Health Centers: \$1.3 billion in funding for HRSA Community Health Center Program** to expand the capacity to provide testing, triage, and care for COVID-19 and other health care services at existing health centers across the country
- **Community Services Block Grant: \$1 billion in funding for HHS' Community Service Block Grant Program** for grants to states and local community-based organizations to provide a wide-range of human, social services and emergency assistance.
- **Older Americans: \$955 million for HHS' Administration for Community Living, Aging and Disability Services Programs** which includes funding to state and local governments for aging and disability services programs, including senior nutrition; home and community-based supportive services; family caregivers; elder justice; and independent living.

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- **Head Start: \$750 million for grants** to local agencies providing Head Start services that support children's growth and development.
- **Mental Health: \$425 million to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration** to address mental health and substance use disorders as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. **This includes \$250 million for Community Behavioral Health Clinics Expansion Grant Program; and \$100 million for SAMHSA Emergency Response Grants** in flexible funding to address mental health, substance use disorders, and provide resources and support to youth and the homeless during the pandemic



# Questions?

# Thank you



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