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## 5/26/2020 COUNTY LOBBYIST CALL

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- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act; P.L. 116-136), signed into law on March 27, 2020, created the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides \$150 billion in direct assistance for domestic governments.

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## STATE OF FLORIDA ALLOCATION

The CARES Act stipulates that the \$150 billion provided to the Coronavirus Relief Fund is allocated to governments in states, territories, and tribal areas as follows:

\$139 billion is allocated for governments in the 50 states based on their populations (as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2019), with no state receiving less than \$1.25 billion.

**Florida's Allocation = \$8.328 Billion or 6% of total funds set aside for states although its population is approximately 6.6% of the total U.S. population.**



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## STATE SHARE versus LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE

The legislation provides that of each state allocation 55% is reserved for the state and 45% of the allocation is reserved for direct payments to eligible local government jurisdictions (that exceed 500,000 in population). However, if the 45% reserved for eligible local government jurisdictions is not completely distributed, any remaining balance of this sub-allocation reverts to the state, in addition to the original 55% reserved for use at its discretion.

<b>FLORIDA ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$8.328 BILLION</b>
<b>55% Reserved for State of Florida:</b>	<b>\$4.580 BILLION</b>
<b>45% Reserved for Eligible Local Governments:</b>	<b>\$3.747 BILLION</b>

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## FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH POPULATION GREATER THAN 500,000

Coronavirus Relief Fund assistance is generally provided to state governments. Local governments serving a population of at least 500,000, as measured in the most recent census data, may elect to receive assistance directly from Treasury.

Jurisdiction	2019 Census Population	% of State	Jurisdiction Allocation
Miami-Dade County	2,716,940	12.65%	\$ 474,085,078.51
Broward County	1,952,778	9.09%	\$ 340,744,702.29
Palm Beach County	1,496,770	6.97%	\$ 261,174,822.76
Hillsborough County	1,471,968	6.85%	\$ 256,847,065.02
Orange County	1,393,452	6.49%	\$ 243,146,628.49
Pinellas County	974,996	4.54%	\$ 170,129,283.39
Duval County	957,755	4.46%	\$ 167,120,861.84
Lee County	770,577	3.59%	\$ 134,459,744.25
Polk County	724,777	3.37%	\$ 126,467,997.43
Brevard County	601,942	2.80%	\$ 105,034,237.17
Pasco County	553,947	2.58%	\$ 96,659,479.78
Volusia County	553,284	2.58%	\$ 96,543,791.39
			\$ 2,472,413,692.32

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**Based on the above chart, eligible Florida local governments would be able to receive approximately \$2.472 billion in direct federal assistance. However, this sum is approximately \$1.275 billion less than the total sub-allocation reserved for eligible Florida local governments of \$3.747 billion (See STATE SHARE versus LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE above). According to the text of the law, the remaining balance of approximately \$1.275 billion would revert to the State of Florida for use at its discretion.**

## OTHER FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The text of the legislation is silent with regard to local government jurisdictions with a population under 500,000. However, it is assumed that these local government jurisdictions would be eligible sub-grantees to their respective State and its use of its share of allocated funds.

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Due to the large number of Florida local governments that did not receive funding, FAC and the Florida League of Cities (FLC) have agreed to work collaboratively to achieve the goal of securing the remaining dedicated local government funding for the **55 counties and approximately 410 cities** with a respective population that is less than the 500,000 threshold stipulated by the CARES Act.

**The Florida Association of Counties and the Florida League of Cities respectfully requested that the remaining \$1.275 billion be earmarked to provide direct assistance to local governments that were not direct beneficiaries of CARES Act dollars.**

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## Funding distribution for eligible local governments

FAC and FLC jointly proposed that all municipal and county governments that did not receive direct or indirect funding as a result of the CARES Act are deemed “eligible” local governments to receive distribution from the total requested allocation of \$1.275 billion. The distribution methodology, similar to the federal formula, would utilize each eligible jurisdiction’s total population as a share of the total state population to create a factor that would be applied to the total dedicated allocation.

### **Example:**

A)  **$(\text{Jurisdiction Population} / \text{Total State Population}) = \text{Allocation Factor}$**

B)  **$\text{Allocation Factor} * \text{Total Dedicated Allocation} = \text{Jurisdiction Distribution}$**

a.  **$100/1000 = .10$  or 10%**

b.  **$10\% * \$1,000,000 = \$100,000$**

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**Under this distribution, a summary distribution of the dedicated allocation would be as follows:**

<b>A) Florida's Cities would receive an approximate sum of:</b>	<b>\$590,154,219.95</b>
<b>B) Florida's Counties would receive an approximate sum of:</b>	<b>\$430,726,697.19</b>
<b>C) Remaining unspent funds to held for "Contingency Purposes":</b>	<b>\$254,404,872.99</b>
<b>D) Total Local Government Allocation:</b>	<b>\$1,275,285,790.12</b>

The identified contingency funds could be made available to "eligible" local governments that have incurred expenses that are greater than their jurisdiction distribution, or a number of other eligible uses that would also address the Governor's mitigation and recovery priorities at the local level.

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## ACTION NEEDED

Contact the Governor's Office as soon as possible and provide support for the FAC/FLC request to provide Coronavirus relief Funds targeted for local governments to those local governments that were **NOT** directly funded by the federal government. These funds are critical for local governments to assist in mitigating unforeseen expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to aid local governments in providing necessary local economic relief to its citizens and business communities, within the guidelines set for by the U.S. Treasury Department.

[May 1, 2020 FAC/FLC Letter to the Governor](#)

[Example: Small County Coalition Letter to the Governor](#)

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**QUESTIONS**

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