COVID-19: CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR JUSTICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAMS

CARES ACT, PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND HEALTH CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT, STIMULUS 4

AGENDA

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Q&A
NOTES FOR TODAY’S VIRTUAL MEETING

- Type your questions in the chat box on the right side of your screen.
- Questions will be read by the moderator.
- This meeting will be recorded. The recording, slides and related resources will be publicly posted.
BUDGET OVERVIEW

- Stimulus Bill Activity
- CARES Act - $150 Billion, Treasury guidance - no retroactivity
- Stimulus 4? All state and local government national associations are together on retroactivity
  - States are weighing in – Leaders’ Letter and video [https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=358455561799434](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=358455561799434)
    - Can you send a letter? Make a video? Tweet? Facebook post?
  - The devil is in the details. How much? What are the tradeoffs?
  - Time to answer the bankruptcy question
- NCSL is collecting data on revenue shortfalls and will release soon.
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grants (SAMHSA)

- CARES Act emergency funding –
  - $425 million for substance abuse and mental health programs
  - $4 billion community health centers
- 31 states, 1 territory and a host of tribes have applied
  - Grant applications from several states intend funding for justice-involved populations
- What’s next in stimulus 4?
Byrne/JAG funding
- CARES Act emergency funding – $850 million
  - Flexibility
  - Coronavirus awards webpage on BJA - [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/awards/list](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/awards/list)

Relaunching America’s Workforce Act (House Committee on Education and Labor)
- Among grants proposed, $350 million for justice-involved youth, young adults, formerly incarcerated adults and former offenders for employment-related opportunities.
- $1 billion to increase literacy across the board
- **Supplement not supplant**
Cybersecurity issues
- U.S. v. Van Buren – not an approps issue, but important in privacy policy debate
  - Looks at 1986 Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) – REALLY OLD LAW!!!
  - States are split on how to apply – narrowly or broadly?

Election Security
- $400 million grant to states in CARES Act. States must come up with a 20% match under HAVA.
- It’s not enough
- NCSL plus other organization have joined to ask for increased funding for Cyber/elections in next stimulus - https://www.ncsl.org/documents/taskforces/Coalition-Letter-Cyber-IT-Supp-4-request.pdf
EMERGENCY MGMT. APPROPRIATIONS

- **FEMA**
  - $45 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund
  - $25 billion for states with major disaster declarations
  - Delivered under the COVID-19 National Emergency Declaration and subsequent state major disaster declarations
- **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**: $200 million
- **Emergency Management Performance Grants**: $100 million
- **Assistance to Firefighters Grants**: $100 million
Economic Injury Disaster Loans
- CARES Act: $10 billion
- Stimulus 3.5: $60 billion
  - $10 billion for EIDL grants, $50 billion for EIDL loans

Paycheck Protection Program
- CARES Act: $349 billion
- Stimulus 3.5: $310 billion
- Disqualifies Individuals with a Criminal Record
IMMIGRATION PROVISIONS

- **Families First Coronavirus Response Act** (phase 2)
  - Medicaid testing and treatment exclusions

- **CARES ACT** (phase 3)
  - Stimulus checks
  - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

- **Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act** (phase 3.5)
  - Medicaid testing and treatment exclusions

- **Stimulus 4?**
RESOURCES

- NCSL COVID-19 webpage

- NCSL summary of The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), $2 trillion stimulus package

- NCSL brief on COVID-19 emergency powers

- NCSL Federal Announcements