



Date: March 25, 2020
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Subject: **COVID-19 State Funding Updates**

This memorandum summarizes recent COVID-19 State financial relief legislation. Governor Newsom signed two pieces of legislation into law on March 17, 2020, to address the COVID-19 pandemic: Senate Bill 89 (SB 89): Budget Act of 2019, and Senate Bill 117 (SB 117): Education Finance: COVID-19. Additional State budget allocations are being developed.

It was a priority of the State Legislature to pass SB 89 and SB 117 prior to adjourning early due to COVID-19. The State Legislature is expected to reconvene on April 13, 2020.

SB 89 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

This law appropriates \$500 million from the 2019-20 General Fund toward any purpose related to Governor Newsom's State of Emergency proclamation. Additional appropriations up to \$1 billion, in increments of \$50 million, are authorized. The law states intent for the State Legislature to collaborate with stakeholders to develop strategies to assist small businesses, individuals, and non-profit organizations experiencing economic hardship.

On March 18, 2020, Governor Newsom announced the first allocation of the \$500 million will be \$150 million prioritized for local emergency homelessness actions. This initial allocation includes:

- \$100 million directly to local governments for shelter support and emergency housing to provide resources for people experiencing homelessness who are affected by COVID-19; and,
- \$50 million to purchase travel trailers, as well as leasing hotels, motels, and other facilities to provide immediate isolation space for people experiencing homelessness.

\$1.134 million of these funds have been allocated to the City and the Long Beach Continuum of Care to provide emergency shelter capacity.

SB 117 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

This law prevents the loss of funding for local educational agencies. SB 117 allocates funding for school closures for all full school months with average daily attendance funds to each school district throughout the duration each school is closed due to COVID-19, in addition to allocating \$100 million to all school districts for cleaning purposes. Additionally, SB 117 extends the deadlines for certain standardized tests such as the CAASPP by the length of time a school is closed or until the end of the testing period, whichever occurs first.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to provide updates as additional emergency appropriations develop. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-5175 or Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov.

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