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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **2020 Government Affairs by the Numbers**

Attached for your information are two documents to quantify the City's legislative efforts this year:

- Attachment A: Government Affairs by the Numbers – Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20)
- Attachment B: Overview of State, Federal and County Successes

Funds that Long Beach received for projects and services are the result of efforts by the Mayor and City Council, Federal and State Legislation Committees, the City's legislative advocates, Arc Strategies and Dentons, City staff, and our Long Beach Federal and State legislative delegations.

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Attachment A: Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 20

Federal Issues

CARES Act total	\$ 21,087,622
• Airport Grant Award (\$18,403,630)	
• Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant (\$657,554)	
• Revolving Loan Fund (\$2,683,992)	
Community Development Block Grants	\$ 3,618,830
Emergency Solutions Grants total	\$ 15,343,560
• First Installment (\$1,846,694)	
• Second Installment (\$13,496,694)	
FEMA Public Assistance	\$ 12,686,224
Public Health Emergency Preparedness COVID-19 Supplemental	\$ 1,217,923
TOTAL:	\$ 53,951,159

State Issues

CARES Act	\$ 40,280,494
Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention	\$ 6,881,747
Project Roomkey	\$ 1,134,000
Project Homekey	\$ 15,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 63,296,241

County Issues

COVID-19 Enhanced Detection, Response, Surveillance & Prevention	\$ 13,348,636
Measure B Funding	\$ 488,696
Measure W: Safe Clean Water Program	\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 18,837,332

GRAND TOTAL: \$136,084,732

Attachment B: Overview of State, Federal and County Successes

Federal Successes

Local Allocations from CARES Act

Since Long Beach did not qualify for a direct allocation from the federal CARES Act, the City advocated for direct allocations to be provided in the State budget to local governments with populations of 300,000-500,000. The City successfully advocated for the CARES Act to include funding for airports experiencing dire economic downturns from the pandemic. Following the CARES Act, two versions of the HEROES Act were introduced and passed the House, with the inclusion of direct allocations for local governments of all sizes. Long Beach could have expected up to \$441 million total in the first iteration of the relief package, and \$189 million in the second. The bills, however, did not move forward in the Senate.

Small Business Support

The U.S. Small Business Administration implemented the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) as part of the CARES Act. The PPP incentivizes small businesses to retain employees on payroll by providing a loan with forgiveness to cover specific costs such as payroll and overhead for six months. The City continues to follow developments related to automatic loan forgiveness. Continuation of the PPP is anticipated in a future COVID-19 relief legislative package as it garners bipartisan support.

State Successes

Local Allocations from CARES Act

The City advocated for CARES Act funding to cities with populations between 300,000 and 500,000 in the State budget process. This included working with Governor Newsom's office, the Department of Finance, and the City's State delegation. The seven cities that fit within the 300,000-500,000-population range received \$225 million, in addition to an allocation of \$275 million for cities with populations of less than 300,000.

The City received \$40,280,494 in CARES Act funding through the State, and on July 14, 2020, City Council approved a spending plan to assist pandemic response and provide community and business support.

Direct Allocation to Municipal Public Health Departments

The FY 21 State budget, as with adopted budgets in years prior, included realignment allocations to counties and Continuums of Care (COCs) supporting health and human services programs. As one of only three cities with a health department in the State, the City advocated early in the budget process with the Department of Finance for realignment allocations to City health departments, given the need to expedite funding for COVID-19 response. The adopted State budget included a one-time allocation of \$562,079 to the City.

Homeless Housing and Assistance Prevention

The State's FY 21 budget included a one-time allocation of funds for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Prevention (HHAP), formerly known as Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). HHAP is a \$1 billion block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities, counties, and COCs to address the homeless crisis throughout California. HHAP was authorized by Assembly Bill 83, which was signed into law by Governor Newsom in June 2020. The City received \$6,881,747.

Project Roomkey and Project Homekey

In March 2020, Governor Newsom announced Project Roomkey with a \$150 million allocation to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among individuals experiencing homelessness. Counties and COCs received State emergency aid to temporarily house individuals within hotel and motel rooms. The City received \$1,134,000 to activate shelter sites.

On June 30, 2020, Governor Newsom announced Project Homekey, an initiative utilizing CARES Act funding to assist local governments in acquiring housing for people experiencing homelessness. The City worked closely with State representatives, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Finance to plan for eligible uses and apply for funding. On September 28, 2020, Governor Newsom announced the City's project amongst the third round of awards, with an amount of \$15,000,000.

County Successes

COVID-19 Public Health Funding

In June 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health received \$289 million in Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The City received approximately \$13 million of the allocation. Funds are obligated to be spent within 30 months for purposes of enhanced detection, response, surveillance, and prevention of COVID-19. The City also successfully received a one-time allocation of almost \$500,000 in Measure B funds for public health emergency preparedness.

Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program

Measure W passed in 2018 to implement a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable areas within Los Angeles County. This amounts to approximately \$300 million annually to fund stormwater-related projects and programs - 50 percent of revenues are allocated toward regional watersheds and 40 percent of revenues support municipal program funds. The City is situated in both the Lower Los Angeles River and Lower San Gabriel River watershed regions, in addition to being eligible for municipal funds. Government Affairs plays a role in advocating for and collaborating regionally to fund City projects such as the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST).