



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
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SUBJECT: Heroes Act

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action on the HEROES Act, which includes \$375 billion for local agencies and was recently introduced in the US House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Heroes Act creates new State and Local Coronavirus Relief Funds through the Department of the Treasury to help first responders, frontline health workers, transit employees, teachers, and other workers providing vital services. Funds can be used for COVID-related expenses, to replace foregone revenues not projected on January 31, 2020, or to respond to negative economic impacts of COVID. Funds are available until expended, providing flexibility over the next several years. The legislation includes \$375 billion for local governments, among other provisions.

Federal lobbyists will provide an update on legislation and answer questions.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – \$375 billion

\$250 billion awarded within 30 days of enactment to all municipalities and counties

--\$125 billion to municipalities using a modified CDBG formula
--\$87.5 billion to entitlement municipalities (generally defined as those with populations of at least 50,000)
--\$37.5 billion to non-entitlement municipalities (generally defined as those with populations of less than 50,000). These funds will be awarded to states, which must make awards to non-entitlement cities based solely on population within 30 days of receipt.

\$125 billion to counties based on population

--\$125 billion awarded one year after the date of enactment to all municipalities and counties
--\$62.5 billion to municipalities using a modified CDBG formula
--\$43.75 billion to entitlement municipalities (generally defined as those with populations of at least 50,000)
--\$18.75 billion to non-entitlement municipalities (generally defined as those with populations of less than 50,000). These funds will be awarded to states, which must make awards to non-entitlement cities based solely on population within 30 days of receipt.

--\$62.5 billion to counties based on population

STATES – \$500 billion

\$250 billion awarded within 30 days of enactment to the 50 states and DC

--\$51 billion divided equally among 50 states and DC
--\$49 billion awarded based on the state's share of COVID cases
--\$150 billion awarded based on the state's share of population

\$250 billion awarded by May 3, 2021 to the 50 states and DC

--\$51 billion divided equally among 50 states and DC
--\$199 billion based on the state's share of unemployed individuals

Attached is a summary that includes all other provisions provided to us by our federal lobbyists, who will provide an update on the legislation and answer any questions.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Summary of HEROES Act

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan