



# COVID-19 Legislative Update and Consideration of Local Aid Programs

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# Presentation Overview

- State and Federal Legislative Update
- Locally Implemented Strategies & Support
- Potentials Strategies
- Questions and Discussion



# State and Federal Legislative Update

- Governor's 2021-22 Budget Proposal
- American Rescue Plan Proposal
  - \$350 billion state, local and territorial governments
- Executive Orders



# Food Assistance

- State
  - California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) \$11.4 million
  - Food Banks \$30 million
- Federal
  - Nutrition Program Women Infant Children \$3 billion
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) extension - September
    - 15% percent increase
    - Waives State Match



# Rental Assistance

- State
  - Eviction Protections
  - Budget Action
- Federal
  - Rental and energy and water assistance \$30 billion
    - Emergency Rental Assistance \$25 billion - \$14,697,467 Sonoma County
    - Home energy and water cost assistance - \$5 billion
  - Extension of Eviction and foreclosure moratoriums
  - Mortgage forbearance extended through September 30, 2021
  - Legal Assistance for households facing eviction or foreclosure



# Financial Assistance for Individuals

- State
  - \$11.2 billion recovery package current year
  - \$2.7 billion budget year
  - \$600 checks to low income workers
- Federal
  - Economic Impact Payments worth \$1,400 per person,
  - \$400 per week unemployment insurance benefit, a \$100 increase from current law, to supplement laid off workers to cover household expenses
  - Child Tax Credit to \$3,000 per child
  - Earned Income Tax Credit increasing maximum credit, raising income limit
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) \$1 billion



# Business Support

- State
  - \$550 million grants small businesses and non-profit cultural institutions
    - Fee relief for hard-hit industries: restaurants, personal services etc
- Federal
  - Small Business Grants \$15 billion
  - Small Business Financing Programs \$25 billion



# Locally Implemented Strategies & Support

## Implemented Aid Strategies

Program	Local Organization	Description	Assistance Provided	Aid Provided
Food Program	Council on Aging, Coastal Seniors, Petaluma Peoples Service Center, Sonoma Family Meal, Catholic Charities, Ceres Project, Food for Thought, Salvation Army, Redwood Food Bank	Assisting non-profits to distribute food as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. \$1.8m from CARES and GF and \$2m from FEMA	1,201,857 meals distributed	\$3,800,000
Financial Assistance	On the Move/CURA, County Financial	Emergency Financial Assistance provided to individuals needing to quarantine in specific census tracts for 10/20/20-6/30/21	6,340 individuals assisted	\$8,124,617 *
Business Relief	Economic Development Board	Provide grants for businesses affected by the COVID pandemic	542 grants distributed	\$2,500,000

\* Funding for 1/1/21-6/30/21 was included in the ongoing COVID Financial Response and \$414,788 to increase funding from \$1,216 to \$1,700 for January allocated during the 1/5 Board Meeting





# Locally Implemented Strategies & Support Cont.

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Rental Assistance and Legal Aid Defense	Community Development Commission and Legal Aid	Assist those impacted by Eviction Defense Moratorium and awarded \$4.677M for Rental Assistance including \$2.3M from Community Development Block Grant.	770 families served	\$4,800,000
Gift Cards for COVID Testing	Department of Health Services	Incentive Program / Financial Assistance: Offer incentive in the form of a gift card for all individuals in the target census tract (through 12/30/20)	20,000 gift cards	\$851,999
Hotel Accommodations	Department of Health Services	Isolation / Quarantine Support: Provide hotel accommodation for positive individuals who cannot safely isolate in their own home	35 hotel rooms near target census tracts	\$2,568,662



# Potential Strategies

Local Aid Strategies					
Row #	Program	Local Organization	Description	Number of Community Members Served	Potential Local Aid Per Month
1	Food Program	Council on Aging, Coastal Seniors, Petaluma Peoples Service Center, Sonoma Family Meal, Catholic Charities, Ceres Project, Food for Thought, Salvation Army, Redwood Food Bank	Assisting non-profits to distribute food as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Serves an estimated 93,000 meals a month	\$300,000
2	Financial Assistance	COVID-19 Urgent Response and Aid (CURA) Project	Increase the financial assistance to certain census tracts from \$1,216 to \$1,700	754 clients a month	\$360,936
3	Business Relief	Environmental Health	Waive fees or extend permits for impacted businesses in FY 2020-21	Aid up to 7,000 permits and inspection services	Up to \$374,000
4	Rental Assistance	Legal Aid Eviction Defense	Eviction defense legal services to low-income families, children, elders, immigrants, and other vulnerable Sonoma County residents.	Funding for an additional lawyer for a year to represent 200-250 cases	\$150,000 *

\* Total cost for the period of 2/1/2021-1/31/2022



# Questions & Discussions

