



June 2, 2020

Assembly Member Blanca Rubio
State Capitol, Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Anthony J. Portantino
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Rubio and Senator Portantino:

The City of Glendora thanks you for your efforts to protect and support Californians during this unprecedented public health crisis. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, cities have been coordinating across jurisdictional lines, enacting emergency measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, taking action to protect individuals and small businesses, and incurring significant unplanned expenses to protect public health and the economy. These actions have saved lives and serve as a model for the country. But, these actions come at a cost.

Glendora appreciates the May Revision allocation of \$450 million of the state's CARES Act funding to cover COVID-19-related costs by cities. In the Budget Subcommittee #4 hearing, it was announced that the funds will be allocated based on population:

- \$225 million to seven cities with population 300,000 - 500,000 direct from state.
- \$225 million to cities with population under 300,000 via the county.

There is a wide allocation disparity between the seven cities sharing the \$225 million and the remaining cities sharing the other \$225 million. You will notice the minimal funding to the state's smallest cities is far less on a per capita basis, yet the need for cities is not different.

Under the proposed formula our city will only receive \$526,194. This is not nearly enough to provide adequate levels of personal protective equipment to front line workers, to disinfect and sanitize public facilities, or to take other needed public health actions to begin the process of reopening.

We are calling on the Legislature and the Governor to increase the state's CARES Act funding allocation to cities to \$500 million and establish a floor allocation of \$50,000 per city. Additionally, funds should be allocated directly to cities and not through the counties. These changes would result in funding to Glendora in the amount of \$631,091.

Cities need additional funding and a minimum allocation to ensure that CARES Act funding is distributed fairly/equitably and is a meaningful amount for all jurisdictions. CARES Act funding will help our city recover from this pandemic faster, and reopen our communities without furthering city revenue shortfalls and threatening core city services.

It is important to note that CARES Act funding is only for COVID-19-related expenses. Our city still needs direct state and federal funding to address the devastating impact stay-at-home orders have had on our budget and local economy. In total, cities around the state are facing a nearly \$7 billion revenue shortfall over the next two years, and this shortfall grows by billions of dollars as modified stay-at-home orders extend into the summer months and beyond.

The City of Glendora appreciates your consideration of our budget requests and looks forward to further discussing how together we can continue to best protect Californians and reopen our economy. Thank you again for your leadership and partnership during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

CITY OF GLENDORA



Michael Allawos, Mayor

C: Governor Gavin Newsom
Jennifer Quan, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of CA Cities
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities
California Contract Cities
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Gonsalves & Son