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Gov. Sisolak announces distribution of CARES Act funding to local governments to assist with COVID-19 expenses

Carson City, NV – Today, Governor Steve Sisolak announced the distribution of federal CARES Act funding to local governments throughout the State to assist with unanticipated expenditures created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds will help counties and cities recuperate expenses already incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will help pay for eligible expenses going forward as the State continues to recover from the impacts of this pandemic.

"COVID-19 has spared no corner of the State with its devastating physical and economic impacts. Nevadans took quick and decisive action to help slow the spread of the virus and save lives and now we are able to begin the financial recovery," **said Gov. Steve Sisolak.** "I am proud we are able to provide funding back to these counties and cities so they can put this money directly into their communities to help their local economies and residents begin their recovery from this virus."

Counties and incorporated cities can expect to receive the CARES Act allocations in the coming weeks.

The distribution of funds is based on the federal guidance for local governments with a population of less than 500,000, which for Nevada includes all counties and incorporated cities outside of Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. As set forth in federal guidance necessitated by the Act, Nevada used a per capita allocation benchmark formula to calculate the appropriate amount of funds each local government would receive. This approach ensures an equitable distribution of funds.

A total of $148 million will be distributed to the other 16 counties and incorporated cities. Clark County and the City of Las Vegas received their own direct funding as they have a population that exceeds 500,000. A complete breakdown of the funding that each county and city will receive is attached.

Per the CARES Act, these funds must specifically be used to cover costs that fall within one of three categories: necessary expenses incurred due to the public health emergency, costs not accounted for in the local government's most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020, and costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

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