

Federal Advocacy: Report from Washington

CML 2021 Legislative Workshop

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NLC's FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Advancing Workforce Readiness
- Increasing Fair and Affordable Housing
- Stabilizing Local Government Operations
- Digital Equity
- Building Sustainable Infrastructure
- Reimagining Public Health and Safety

Next COVID-19 Relief Package

- Municipal governments still facing \$90 billion revenue shortfall
- Promising "rescue" plan from President Biden

ASK

- Fair and appropriate funding with no minimum population threshold
- Direct allocation through proven government revenue sharing programs
- Minimal entanglement of state and local funding
- Flexible spending on expenses to address widespread health and economic consequences
- Appropriate guardrails
- Adjusting FEMA cost-share

State and Local Government Relief

Federal aid for all 19,000 municipal governments will be a FIRST for Washington

House Oversight Committee released reconciliation text for State and Local

\$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories.

- \$130 billion is for local governments split evenly between municipalities and counties.
 - \$65 billion allocated through modified CDBG formula
 - \$45.5 billion for entitlement communities (+50k)
 - \$19.5 billion for non-entitlement communities (-50k)

No deadline to spending funds

Can be used for replacing lost revenue.

Can be transferred between jurisdictions or to non-profit partners

Other Critical Relief

Housing

- \$25 billion for rent and utility assistance
- \$5 billion for homeless intervention
- \$10 billion for homeowner mortgage assistance
- \$100 million for housing counseling

Education

- \$128.5 billion for grants to State and Local Educational Agencies

Transportation

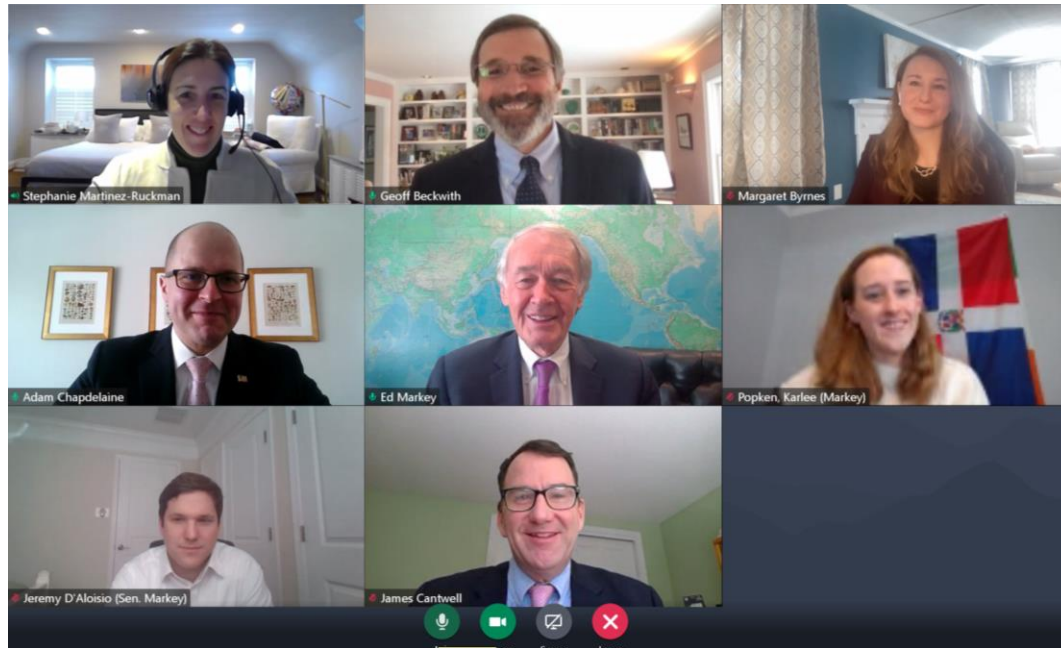
- \$50 billion for FEMA to reimburse for PPE
- \$30 billion for transit
- \$8 billion for airports
- \$3 billion for Economic Development Administration

Advocating for Relief

71 advocates from 30 states visit with over 92 congressional offices

Direct meetings with members of Congress

City Hall 101: The Role of Cities in Moving America Forward



Testifying to Congress

Clarence Anthony, CEO and Executive Director, National League of Cities | House Committee on Financial Services

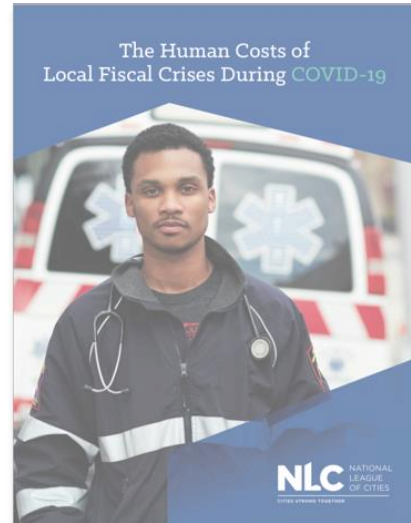
Joe Buscaino, NLC's Immediate Past President and Los Angeles Councilmember | House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure



Meeting with USDOT



Take Action!



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40 actions taken 10 needed to reach next goal

Friend,

With the administration's support and movement in Congress to urgently pass a new relief bill, we are calling on municipal leaders to let Congress know that direct aid to state and local governments is essential to economic recovery.

As of today, direct state and local aid is included in the legislation that Congressional Democrats are moving through the reconciliation process.

The House Oversight and Reform Committee is anticipating a markup of the bill next week on the Biden administration's plan with funding for states, local governments, Tribes, and territories but are calling on YOU to help making the strongest case possible TODAY.

NLC's revised estimate, based on the most recently available fiscal data and updated survey results, is that municipal governments are still facing a \$90 billion blow to their current year revenues.

NLC has [shared the principles](#) that must be included in the next package to support local governments, but we need your help! We need you to send a letter of support to your Representative to reiterate the need for local relief and to provide examples of fiscal impact in your community. Please review these [editable template letters](#) to your Congressional delegation and [insert an example of fiscal impact in your municipality where prompted before submitting each of these letters](#).

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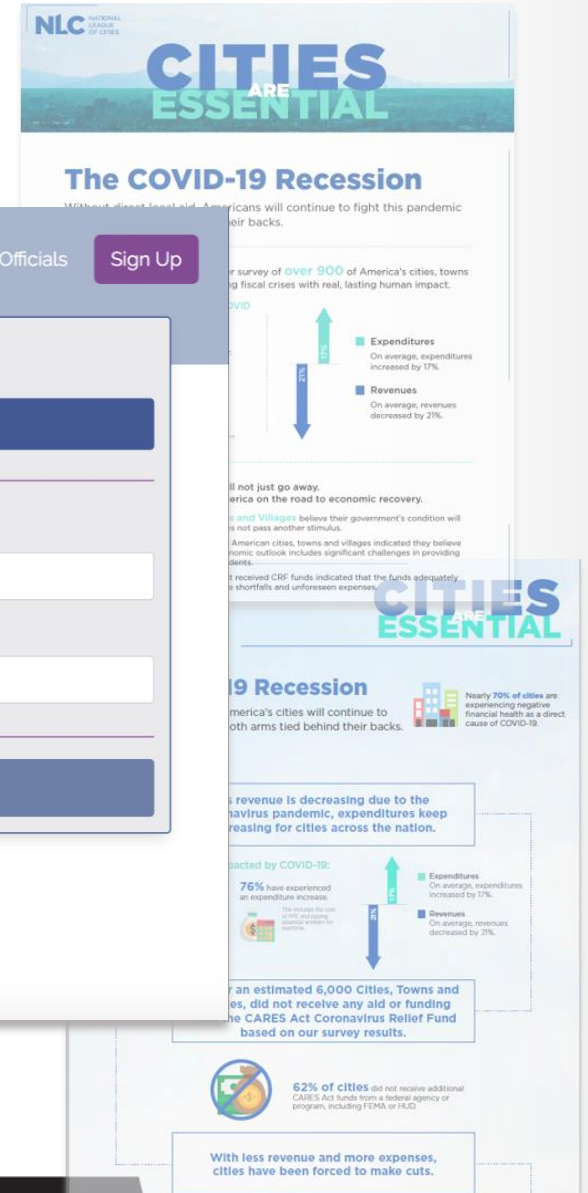
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