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CARES Act and California

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act includes \$150 billion for a Coronavirus Relief Fund that provides critical **assistance for the state and its local governments** to meet costs associated with the virus.

- **California is expected to receive \$15.321 billion.**
- \$5.8 billion of this total will be allocated to local governments in California with populations over 500,000.

The CARES Act also includes an **Education Stabilization Fund** totaling \$31 billion, including:

- \$13.5 billion for K-12 formula grants to states. The states will then distribute 90 percent of funds to districts, based on their share of Title I funds, to use for coronavirus-response activities, such as planning for and coordinating long-term school closures, purchasing educational technology to support online learning for all students served by the district, and additional activities authorized by federal elementary and secondary education laws. **California is expected to receive \$1.6 billion for this program.**
- \$3 billion for governors to allocate at their discretion for emergency support grants to districts and higher education institutions most significantly affected by the coronavirus. Uses of funds include providing funding to significantly impacted local educational agencies (as deemed by the state educational agency), institutions of higher education, or education-related entities, to continue to provide educational services; providing child care and early childhood education, and social and emotional support; and protecting education-related jobs. **California is expected to receive more than \$354.9 million for this program.**
- \$14.25 billion for higher education emergency relief to defray expenses for institutions of higher education, such as lost revenue; technology costs associated with a transition to distance education; and grants to students for food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare and child care. **California's allocation will be \$1.8 billion.**
- In addition to the funds flowing to California under CARES, the state also received \$4.46 billion from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (or CV2, the second Coronavirus bill passed by Congress on March 14, 2020).

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