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May 1, 2020

The Honorable Jim Wood
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

The Honorable Mike McGuire
State Capitol
1303 10th Street, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: COVID-19 Funding for California Cities

Dear Assemblymember Wood and Senator McGuire:

The City of Arcata thanks you for your leadership and efforts to protect and support Californians during this unprecedented public health crisis. Cities remain on the front line helping residents stay safe and in their homes, delivering emergency services, and supporting local businesses. While emergency costs continue to grow, city revenues to fund local services are plummeting. COVID-19 is having devastating impacts on city budgets and local services.

The City of Arcata projects that these shortfalls will require reductions in staff and core services as well as indefinite delays of essential projects. City services including police, parks, recreation, planning, building, housing, streets and alternative transportation have all been effected already.

Below is a breakdown of out-of-pocket expenses that the City of Arcata has already incurred responding to the COVID-19 emergency. We urgently need and appreciate your efforts to reimburse Cities for these direct expenses through the federal stimulus funds that were released to the State and not directly to cities under 500,000 in population.

Description	Thru 4/30/20	Projected through 5/31/20
Everclear guard / gloves	\$2,850	\$750
Masks/face shields	\$8,450	\$3,500
Disinfection / cleaners	\$5,600	\$3,000
Facility protective measures	\$18,500	\$5,000
Porta potties, handwashing stations	\$36,000	\$25,980
Telework / technology needs	\$3,800	\$1,500
Staff mandatory Emergency Leave Bank *	\$262,000	\$118,000
Staff Time (overtime / way above and beyond normal duties)	\$126,000	\$91,000
Totals	\$463,200	\$248,730

*still processing 4/15-4/30 payroll, cost is estimated

We know that you are both aware of the huge impacts of COVID-19 already hitting small cities in regards to the tremendous loss of Sales Tax revenue and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). We are happy to provide further details about those losses, if requested.

The City of Arcata appreciates your consideration and looks forward to discussing further in the coming days how we can continue to best protect Californians and safely reopen our economy together. Thank you again for your leadership and partnership during these uncertain times.

Respectfully,



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