Committee on Oversight and Reform
Fiscal Year 2021 Reconciliation Act Provisions

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Support: $350 billion

The bill would create new State and Local Coronavirus Relief Funds to keep first responders, frontline health workers, and other providers of vital services safely on the job as states, local governments, Tribes, and territories roll out vaccines and fight to rebuild Main Street economies. Sixty percent of the funds would go to States and 40% to localities. Local governments of every size would receive dedicated allotments. Funds are available until expended and must be used to address the pandemic or its negative economic impacts, including to replace revenue lost, delayed, or decreased as a result of the pandemic.

- **States and the District of Columbia:** $195.3 billion
  - $25.5 billion equally divided — every state receives at least $500 million
  - $169 billion based on the state share of total unemployed workers
  - States and the District of Columbia would receive these allocations from the Department of Treasury within 60 days of submitting a Certification of Need.
    - The District of Columbia would be made whole after being treated as a territory in the CARES Act.

- **Local governments:** $130.2 billion divided evenly between cities and counties.
  - $65.1 billion to cities using a modified Community Development Block Grant formula
    - $45.57 billion for municipalities with populations of at least 50,000, sent directly from the Department of Treasury within 60 days of submitting a Certification of Need.
    - $19.53 billion for municipalities with populations of fewer than 50,000, with allocation capped at 75% of the locality’s most recent budget as of January 27, 2020. Funds would be sent to the state to distribute within 30 days based on population. States could not change the allocations or impose additional requirements.
  - $65.1 billion to counties based on population and sent directly from the Department of Treasury within 60 days of receiving the county’s Certification of Need.

- **Territories:** $4.5 billion
  - $2.25 billion divided equally and $2.25 billion based on population
Tribes: $20 billion to federally recognized Tribal governments.
  o $1 billion divided equally
  o $19 billion divided as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury

Emergency Leave for Federal and Postal Workers: $570 million

The bill would provide emergency paid leave for civilian federal employees and postal workers. Employees would be eligible for up to 600 hours of leave when forced to quarantine or ill with COVID, when caring for a child whose school or place of care has been closed or is conducting virtual learning, or when caring for a family member incapable of self-care whose care provider is unavailable due to COVID. Leave would be available until September 30, 2021. Leave taken under this provision would not be included in employee pension calculations.

Oversight of Funds: $117 million

The bill would provide additional funds to oversight entities to promote transparency and accountability of all federal coronavirus relief funds.

  • Government Accountability Office: $77 million
  • Pandemic Response and Accountability Committee: $40 million

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