

# Our national economic recovery is at risk.

Cities across the nation are forced to make cuts that drastically impact not only the people who live and work in these communities, but also the infrastructure and essential services critical to the national economic recovery.

**A NEW SURVEY OF 1,100 MUNICIPALITIES** from across America shows that our **nation's economic recovery is at risk of stalling** if Congress fails to provide direct federal aid to cities, towns, and villages.



Nearly **70% of cities** have not received funding through the CARES Act



**74% of municipalities** in the United States have already started making unavoidable cuts and adjustments in response to the projected \$360 billion revenue loss for cities over the next 3 years.



**20%** said those cuts are happening across the board

**54%** said they are more targeted

Other cities, towns and villages say it is simply too soon to know what spending adjustments will be needed because budgets are still being assessed.



**65% of cities** are being forced to delay or completely cancel capital expenditures and infrastructure projects

**61% of cities** are delaying or canceling equipment purchases, which will stunt local commercial activity among businesses that supply equipment for municipal projects.



**24% of cities** are making significant cuts to community and economic development programs, which further hinders local businesses from bouncing back from the current recession.



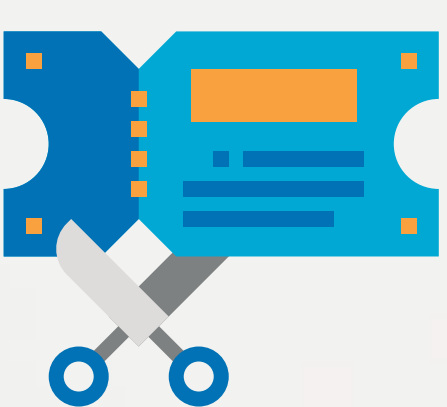
**13%** are making necessary cuts to code inspection, planning, and permitting, delaying reopening and the growth of local businesses.

THESE CUTS WILL IMPACT AMERICAN WORKERS.



**32%** of cities indicate they will have to furlough or lay off employees

**41%** have already or will institute a hiring freeze to respond to these fiscal pressures - making it even harder for these workers to get their jobs back.



**70% of cities** say one of their most significant unexpected expenditures is on personal protective equipment (PPE) and contracting disinfecting services to keep their communities safe and healthy as public buildings begin to re-open.

Without congressional action now, the forced delay or cancellation of infrastructure projects will **create an economic ripple effect** throughout the nation not felt in decades.

The pandemic is not over, and cities, towns and villages are still paying the price to keep their residents safe.

\* <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Census-Data-and-Methodology-Final.pdf>

Methodology: This survey was conducted between June 8-June 16, 2020. A total of 1,117 cities, towns and villages from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico provided information to NLC.