



From February 8-12, several committees in the U.S. House of Representatives marked up provisions for the COVID-19 relief package that is going through the budget reconciliation process. The following provisions are relevant to municipalities.

## House Committee on Oversight and Reform

### State and Local Government Relief

- Federal aid for all 19,000 municipal governments, which will be a FIRST for Washington
- \$350 billion is split between states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories
  - \$130 billion divided equally between municipalities and counties
  - \$65 billion for municipalities will be allocated through a modified CDBG formula providing:
    - \$45.5 billion for entitlement communities
    - \$19.5 billion for non-entitlement communities
- No minimum population threshold
- No deadline for spending funds
- Can be used for replacing lost revenue
- Can be transferred between jurisdictions or to non-profit partners

More information about this committee's provisions in the COVID-19 relief package can be found [here](#)

## House Committee on Ways and Means

- Extends the Families First Coronavirus Response Act paid sick time and paid family leave credits from March 31, 2021 to September 30, 2021.
- Allows state and local governments to access the paid sick time and paid family leave credits
- Credits are not retroactive
- \$1,400 to qualifying individuals with incomes up to \$75,000 and couples making \$150,000 with eligibility phasing out at higher income levels.
- This would be in addition to the \$600 supplemental payments enacted in the December COVID relief bill, totaling individual payments to \$2,000
- Extends the temporary federal unemployment benefits through Aug. 29, 2021, and increases the weekly benefit from \$300 to \$400
- Expands the eligibility and the amount of the earned income tax credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children (childless EITC) for 2021
- Reduces childless EITC minimum age claim from 25 to 19 (except for certain full-time students)
- Eliminates upper age limit for childless EITC
- Increases childless EITC amount by increasing the credit and phaseout percentage from 7.65 to 15.3 percent,
- Increasing the income at which the maximum credit amount is reached to \$9,820, and
- Increasing the income at which phaseout begins to \$11,610 for non-joint filers.
- Increases maximum credit amount in 2021 from \$543 to \$1,502 under these parameters

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## House Committee on Financial Services

- \$10 billion for Defense Production Act spending to manufacture personal protective equipment
- \$25 billion for Emergency Rental Assistance
- \$5 billion for Homelessness Funding
- \$10 billion for Homeowners Assistance
- \$10 billion for the State Small Business Credit Initiative

- \$15 billion to Support Workers in the Airline Industry

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## House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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

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## House Committee on Education and Labor

- \$130 billion to help schools address CDC recommendations to reopen schools safely. 20% of the funds must be used to address learning loss
- \$40 billion to institutions of higher education to make up for lost revenues. 50% of the funds must be used to support students address hardships faced from the pandemic (homelessness, emergency financial aid, etc.)
- \$39 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program, supporting providers as well as families struggling to pay for care
- \$1 billion for the Head Start program
- Expands access to health care during the pandemic for workers and families who lost job-based coverage via COBRA subsidies and subsidies for coverage through the ACA Marketplace
- \$5 billion for Pandemic-EBT to help low-income families with food assistance year-round
- \$800 million for the WIC program, which supports low-income women and infants
- Temporarily expands the age of eligibility for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at emergency homeless shelters, to ensure more young adults can access needed nutrition support
- \$350 million for the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- \$450 million for programs within the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), including funding for rape crisis centers and programs to support survivors of family violence
- \$1.4 billion in programs for older adults including nutrition assistance, vaccination support, and caregiver support
- Gradually increases the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025 and guarantees that tipped workers, youth workers, workers with disabilities are paid the full federal minimum wage
- \$150 million to the U.S. Department of Labor to implement COVID-19 worker protection programs, including \$75 million specifically for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Establishes a presumption that COVID-19 is work-related and authorizes eligibility for medical benefits, lost wages, and survivor benefits for longshore and shipyard workers, under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA), as well as federal and postal workers, under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)

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## House Committee on Energy and Commerce

- Provides \$50 million to the Consumer Product Safety Commission for FY2021 to protect against COVID-related counterfeits and scams
- Establishes a \$7.599 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund for FY2021, to be paid through the E-Rate program by the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company to schools and libraries for the provision of broadband service and connected devices to students and library patrons
- Provides an additional \$3 million to the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Commerce for COVID-19 response and prevention activities
- \$4.5 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \$500 million for the Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program
- \$14 billion for vaccines
- \$46 billion for testing, contact tracing, and mitigation

- \$7.6 billion to hire 100,000 full time public health workers to support COVID-19 response, including by making awards to state, local and territorial public health departments.
- \$25 billion to address health disparities and protect vulnerable populations
- \$4 billion for behavioral and mental health services

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### **House Committee on Veterans Affairs**

- \$400 million for retraining assistance for veterans who are unemployed due to COVID-19 and do not have other veteran education benefits.
- \$13.5 billion to the VA to provide health care service and support to eligible veterans

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### **House Committee on Agriculture**

- \$5 billion in aid for supply chain challenges related to COVID-19
- \$3.6 billion to support more resilient food supply systems
- \$100 million for overtime fee relief to small meat and poultry processors
- \$1 billion for land grant institutions and other groups that assist farmers of color
- Extends the 15 percent increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) until September 30
- \$500 million for rural hospitals and communities to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines and food assistance

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### **House Committee on Small Business**

- \$25 billion in restaurant grants to be distributed in a new Small Business Administration (SBA) program
- \$1.25 billion in additional funding for shuttered live venue grants (SVOG)
- \$15 billion in additional funding for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) grants
- \$7.25 billion in additional funding to expand Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) aid to more nonprofit groups and digital news outlets

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