

Motion

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill, was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. The legislation provided the City of Los Angeles with \$694 million for COVID-19 response and recovery. The City moved swiftly to develop a series of programs and services to help working families and communities of color survive the pandemic and from falling further into poverty. As the pandemic raged on for months and months, with no additional action from the federal government, local governments, like the City, stepped in to develop a framework on how to assist working families through this pandemic. The funding was utilized to create a \$103 million rent assistance program, \$42 million small business and non-profit assistance program, \$30 million for child care and virtual learning assistance, \$50 million for utility and internet assistance, and other programs.

On December 27, 2020, when the federal government finally took action, Congress followed the lead of cities like Los Angeles and passed a bill that included funding for key programs like rent, child care and small business assistance. The \$900 billion COVID-19 relief package was enacted into law with numerous provisions critical to beginning the recovery of the residents and businesses of Los Angeles. While it's not nearly enough money to help struggling Angelenos overcome this economic and public health crisis, the new relief package allows the City to continue funding some critical programs. The law provides additional aid to individuals, low-income communities, and small businesses. The law includes a stimulus check of \$600 per adult and child in qualifying households (including mixed-status households, in which some household members have Social Security numbers, but others do not), a \$300 per week unemployment benefit boost through March 2021, rental assistance, and additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program. The relief package also includes provisions that will help the City respond to the health, social, and economic damage caused by COVID-19. These provisions include funding for vaccine distribution and an extension of the Coronavirus Relief Fund expenditure deadline to December 31, 2021. In order for the City to utilize all available funding contained in the relief package, the Chief Legislative Analyst should provide a report to the City Council outlining this legislation and projecting how much funding the City can be expected to receive.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with other departments as necessary, report to the City Council with an analysis of the \$900 billion COVID-19 relief package, including the categories of funding, how much funding the City could receive in each category, and the guidelines and restrictions on said funding.

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