2020 Budget Act Amendments Trailer Bill - AB 89/SB 121

Realignment Backfill

- Provides \$750 million to counties experiencing revenue losses for realigned programs.
- Requires counties to prioritize support for health and human services, entitlement programs, and programs that serve vulnerable populations.
- Allows for funding to be augmented by up to \$250 million should federal funding be received (federal funding trigger).
- Tasks the Department of Finance (DOF) with the development of a county wide allocation schedule in consultation with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).
- Requires DOF to provide notification of the allocation schedule to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) at least 10 days before providing the allocation schedule to the State Controller's Office. Allows the chair of the JLBC or the chair's designee to allow for less than 10 days notification.
- Makes funding to a county contingent on adherence to federal guidance, the state's stay-at-home order (<u>Executive Order N-33-20</u>), subsequent executive orders or statutes, and all California Department of Public Health (CDPH) orders, directives and guidance issued in response to COVID-19.
- Counties must certify compliance to DOF and the State Controller allocates funding to a county upon order of the Director of DOF.

Federal Trigger Language

- Provides a series of restorations and funding actions if federal legislation makes \$14 billion available to California for the 2019-20 or 2020-21 fiscal years by October 15, 2020.
 - o \$250 million addition to the budget's \$750 million General Fund "backfill" to offset counties' recent loss of realignment sales tax funding.
 - o \$150 million restoration for the judicial branch budget.
 - o \$45 million restoration for moderate-income housing production funding.
 - o \$203 million restoration of the infill infrastructure grant program at the Department of Housing and Community Development.
 - \$46 million restoration to child support administration funding.
 - o \$5.8 billion reduction in payment deferrals to K-12 schools.
 - o \$791 million reduction in payment deferrals to community colleges.
 - o \$472 million restoration for the University of California budget.
 - o \$500 million restoration for the California State University budget.
 - o \$88 million restoration for the Golden State Teacher Grant Program at the Student Aid Commission.
 - And \$2.8 billion deposit to the newly created Employee Compensation Reduction Offset Fund to be used to offset employee compensation reductions in this budget package.
- If less than \$14 billion, but greater than \$2 billion is received, restorations and funding actions noted above will funded relative to their proportion of the total.

CARES Funding

- Updates funding to local government to receive funding contingent on adherence to federal guidance, the state's stay-at-home order (<u>Executive</u> Order N-33-20), subsequent executive orders or statutes, and all CDPH orders, directives and guidance issued in response to COVID-19.
- Requires local governments to certify compliance to DOF and the state controller to allocate funding to local governments upon order of the Director of DOF.

Federal COVID-19 Response Funding

- Allows DOF to allocate funding received through federal legislation enacted between March 6, 2020 and April 24, 2020, to support testing and
 contact tracing as directed by CDPH so long as funds are not used by any state or local entity for applications that collect information related to
 an individual's location and movement and all testing and contact tracing is conducted in compliance with applicable state and federal privacy
 laws.
- Allows CDPH or another department involved in contact tracing to use federal funding to offset or reduce appropriations spent on COVID-19 response.
- Written notification must be provided to the JLBC at least 10 days before changes to planned expenditures to support contact tracing and testing.

Animal Shelter Grant Program. Authorizes DOF to provide up to \$5 million to develop a one-time demonstration grant program for animal shelters through the University of California Davis Koret Shelter Program if sufficient philanthropic resources have not been raised by April 1, 2021.

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's Suicide Prevention Report "Striving for Zero". Adds consultation and coordination with CDPH and DHCS in the Commission's suicide prevention efforts.