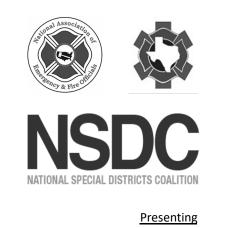
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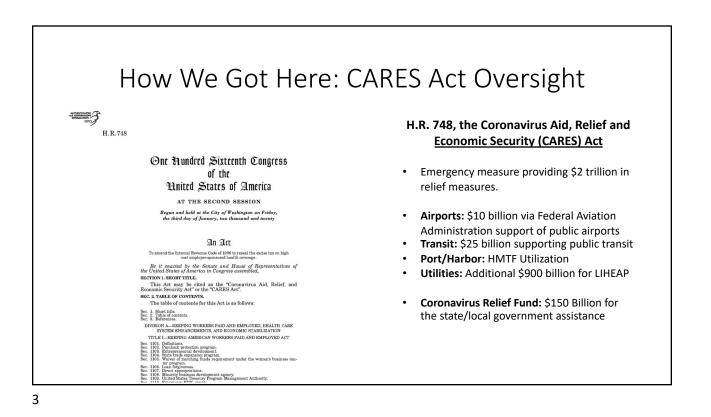
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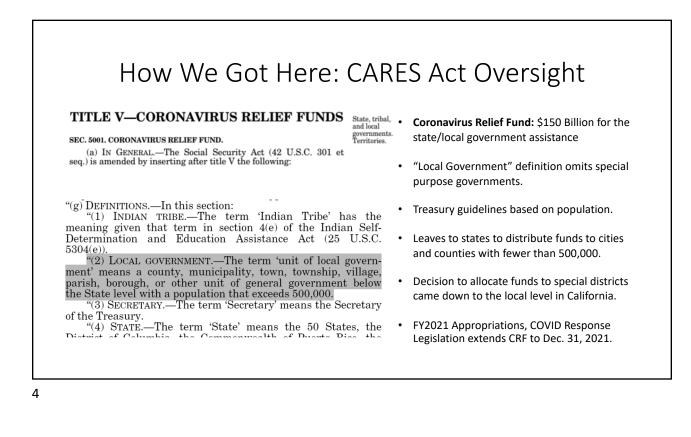


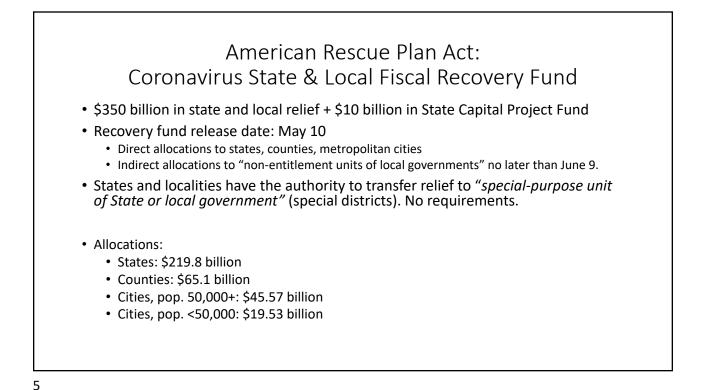
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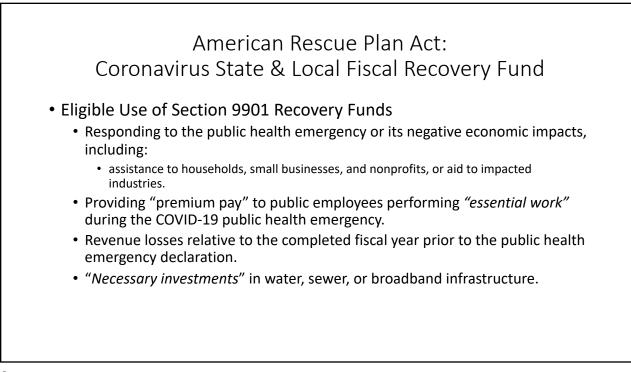
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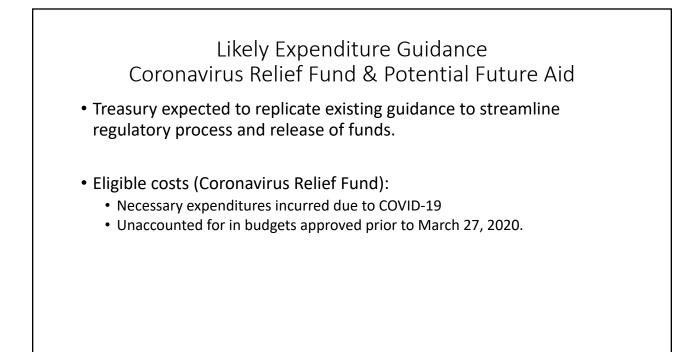
- Advocating for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- State/Local Government Relief Overview
 - Advocacy for Relief Fund Access
 - Preparing for State/Local Relief Fund Access
 - How CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund could be a model
- Brief FEMA Public Assistance Overview

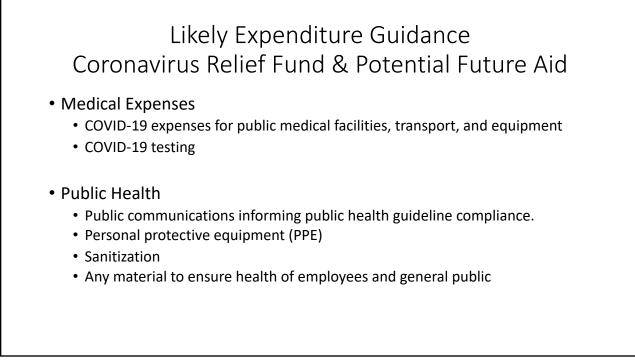


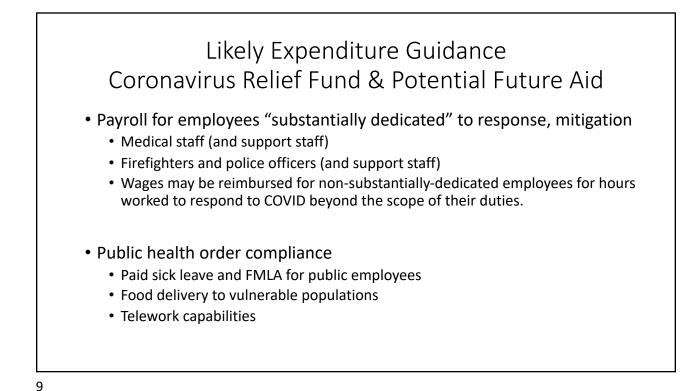


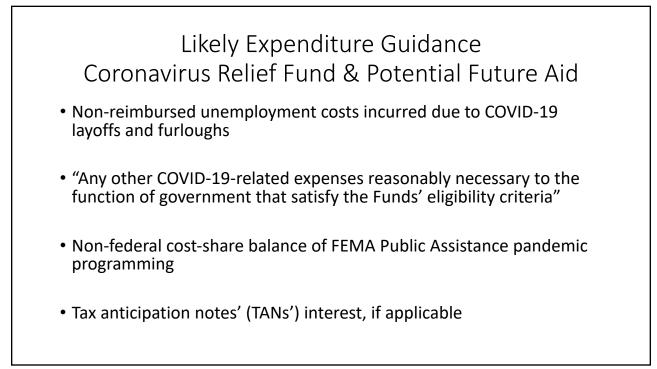






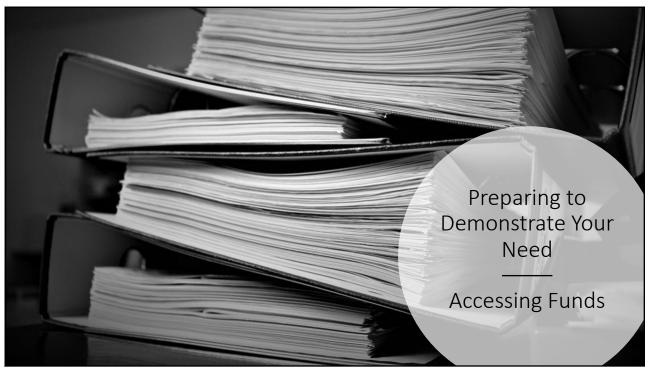


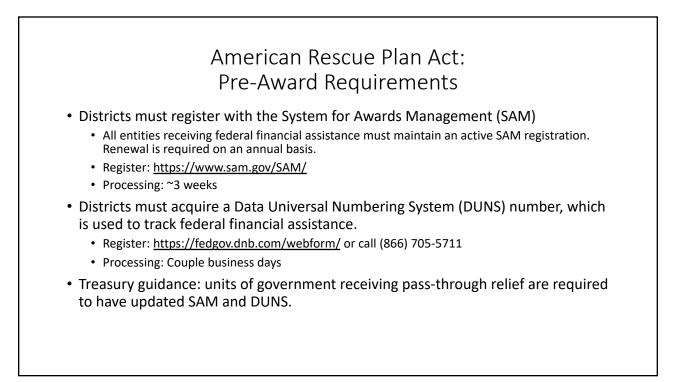


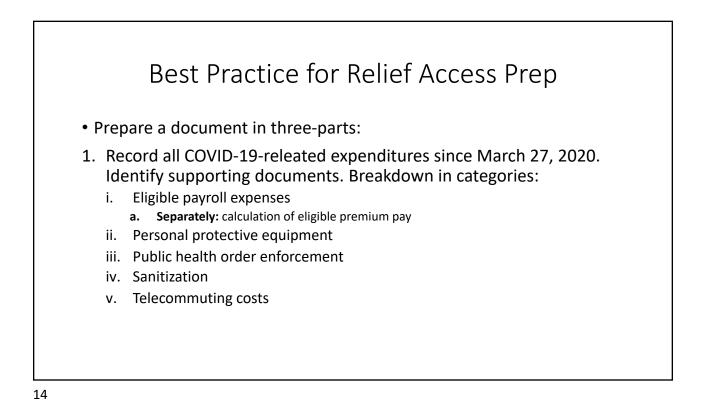


Unlikely to be Eligible for ARP Relief/Reimbursement

- Payroll for employees not substantially dedicated to response and mitigation efforts.
- Any costs other federal pandemic response programs have already covered or are expected to be covered.
- Reimbursement for donations
- Workforce bonuses
 - Acceptable: hazard pay and overtime.
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements







Best Practice for Relief Access Prep • Prepare a document in three-parts: 2. Revenue loss statement Prepare FY2019 revenues (anticipated measurement) i. ii. Prepare FY2020 revenues iii. Contrast with FY2021. iv. Provide necessary documentation 3. Water and/or wastewater infrastructure projects Gather figures for delayed/deferred/previously canceled projects i. ii. Consider projects that are shovel-ready iii. Place each on individual lines in a preliminary report (just in case) iv. Do not aggregate until ARP "necessary investment" is defined (May 10)



Advocating for ARP Funding

Tell Your Story

- Use prepared impacts to quantify impacts in dollars
- Appeal to human impacts
 - Reduction in district services
 - Reduction in district employment
 - Impacts on districts staff (COVID exposure on the frontlines)
- Is there a memorable, impactful COVID event that impacted your district?
- How has your district shifted operations to meet community needs?
- COVID testing, vaccination hub?
- Have you received relief funds?

