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## Fiscal Impacts on Cities Across California: What Local Leaders Are Experiencing

Cities across California have been severely impacted by the financial toll of COVID-19. Local leaders often understand the needs of their communities and residents and are best positioned to make tough decisions related to allocation of resources. The reality is that many of these public servants have been forced to make difficult decisions and drastically scale back spending in order to achieve a balanced budget and eliminate the threat of running deficits. We've talked with local leaders to understand the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on local budgets. Here is some information highlighting the impacts to 24 California cities across the state:



Surveyed cities are projecting at least **\$446 million** in revenue losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which limits cities' ability to cover staffing costs and provide critical support to businesses and residents including rent relief, the provision of PPE, homeless services, etc.



Elimination of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Senior Citizen programs in **65%** of all surveyed cities, which will impact the most vulnerable populations



More than **70%** of these cities are implementing staff reductions, furloughs, or hiring freezes including emergency and first-response positions which will reduce response times, put more people at risk and further jeopardize overwhelmed fire crews currently battling wildfires statewide



Nearly **3 of every 5** surveyed cities will reduce funding for much-needed infrastructure projects and maintenance such as water quality improvement, street and road maintenance, and Illegal dumping mitigation

The federal government **MUST** act to ensure every city, impacted by this pandemic has direct access to emergency funding in the next COVID-19 relief package