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**To:** City of Beaumont  
**From:** Townsend Public Affairs  
**Date:** June 12, 2020  
**Subject:** Legislative Report for the City of Beaumont

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**State Legislative Update**

The Legislature has been busy putting together a budget deal that must be passed by June 15, 2020. Currently an agreement has not been reached between the Administration and Legislative leadership. All budget bills must be in print by Friday, June 12, 2020 to meet the 72 hour in print rule.

Below are the upcoming tentative dates for the Legislature.

**June 15:** Budget must be passed by midnight

**June 19:** Last day for fiscal committees to report bills to the floor

**June 15 – 19:** Assembly Floor session only

**June 22 – 26:** Senate Floor session only

**June 25:** Last day for a legislative ballot measure to qualify for the November General Election

**June 26:** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

**Budget**

TPA will provide a full report to the council on the budget act after the June 15 vote. There will be hearings and negotiations throughout the weekend. SB 74 is a budget bill that includes \$500 million in CARES Act funding for cities for COVID-19 related expenditures. TPA continues to advocate for direct distribution to cities with a population less than 300,000.

**Judicial Council Decision on Bail Schedules:**

California Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and the Judicial Council of California voted to end the COVID-19 emergency bail schedule, as California begins a phased re-opening and courts restore services that had been stalled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The temporary bail schedule that had set bail at \$0 for people accused of misdemeanors and lower-level felonies will be rescinded, effective Saturday June 20, 2020.

However, members of the Judicial Council are urging local courts to continue to use the emergency COVID-19 bail schedule where necessary to protect the health of the community, the courts, and the incarcerated.

They are also asking courts to report back by June 20 on whether they plan to keep the COVID-19 emergency bail schedule, or another reduced bail schedule.

**Federal Legislative Update**

States and cities suffering from impacts of the coronavirus would get at least \$500 billion in additional aid from Congress under two recent proposals, if lawmakers and the Trump Administration can hash out their differences over the size of the aid package, restrictions on states with pre-existing budget shortfalls, and allocations for the District of Columbia, tribal governments, and smaller towns.

Lawmakers doled out \$150 billion under the CARES Act for state and local governments to pay for unbudgeted expenses tied to the COVID-19 emergency, but those funds were restricted in usage and could not be used to replace lost revenue.

House Democrats proposed about \$915 billion in additional payments to state and local governments as part of the Heroes Act (H.R. 6800), a sweeping coronavirus relief package that the chamber passed in May, largely along party lines.

Another proposal, called the SMART Act (H.R. 6954, S. 3752), would provide \$500 billion in state and local aid. The legislation was introduced last month by Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) and has bipartisan support in both chambers.

**Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

The last few months have continued to see unprecedented events unfold across the nation. Federal, state and local budgets all continue to be impacted and governments are attempting their best to prioritize and respond to funding needs. Several existing funding programs continue to move forward as scheduled but many have been delayed while jurisdictions reassess and work to address the nation’s most urgent health and safety needs.

TPA plans to continue providing updates on existing grant programs through this monthly report but will also track and report on new COVID-19 specific funding sources in a stand-alone document, that you, staff and residents may be able to take advantage of.

**Upcoming Grants to Watch:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Awards &amp; Match</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
CA Natural Resources Agency: <b>Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program</b>	\$500,000 Max for Development Projects  \$1 million Max for Acquisitions  No Match	The EEM is an annual program that provides funding to mitigate environmental effects caused by new or modified state transportation facilities, including the categories of urban forestry, resource lands, and mitigation projects beyond the scope of the lead agency.	Deadline TBD, solicitation expected in coming months
National Endowment for the Arts: <b>Our Town Grant Program</b>	\$25,000 Min. Award	Our Town grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by	August 6, 2020

	<p>\$150,000 Max Award</p> <p>1 to 1 Match</p>	<p>advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Projects require a partnership between a local government entity and nonprofit organization, one of which must be a cultural organization;</p>	
<p>Caltrans: <b>Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10b</b></p>	<p>\$100,000 Min. Award</p> <p>\$10 million Max Award</p> <p>10% non-Federal Match</p>	<p>The purpose of the HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal land.</p>	<p>September 4, 2020</p>
<p>Caltrans – California Transportation Commission (CTC): <b>Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5</b></p>	<p>\$250,000 Min. Award for infrastructure projects. No Min. for non-infrastructure projects</p> <p>No Max Award</p> <p>No Match, points awarded for leveraging cash funds</p>	<p>The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation in California. This program will fund the following active transportation project types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Plans (for DAC communities)</li> <li>• Non-Infrastructure</li> <li>• Quick-Build Project Pilot</li> </ul>	<p>September 15</p> <p>Postponed from June 15</p>