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**May 21, 2020**

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As you may already know, COVID-19 has affected economies from the federal level down to the local level. Franklin County is no exception as our local businesses and tourism have shut down and citizens have suffered unemployment. We were delighted to hear that the CARES Act was passed by Congress on March 27, 2020, which provided billions for stabilization of state and local governments. Although Florida was allocated a little over \$8 billion, there are 55 counties that have yet to receive stabilization funds for governmental use with Franklin County being one of those counties.

Franklin County fully supports the Small County Coalition and The Florida Association of Counties in their efforts to seek funding for these 55 counties. With the attached letters, Franklin County would greatly appreciate the consideration of being included, as you address the concerns of the local government bodies who have not yet received funding from the CARES Act.

Thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times as you work to move Florida forward beyond this crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Noah Lockley, Jr.".

Noah Lockley, Jr.  
Chairman, Franklin County  
Board of County Commissioners

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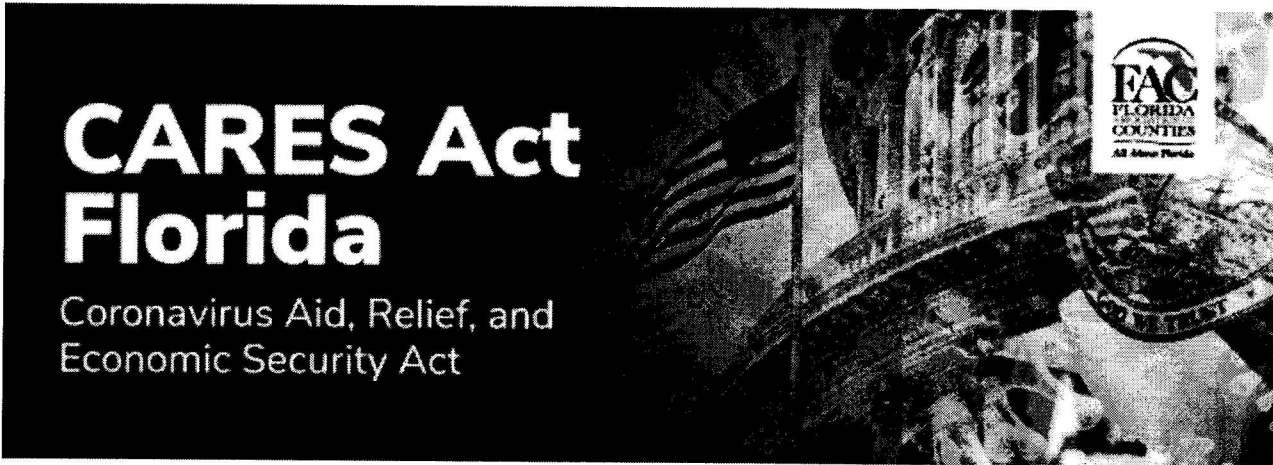
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**Subject:** ACTION ALERT: CARES Act Funding for Remaining Local Governments  
**Date:** May 20, 2020 at 1:31 PM  
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## **URGE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE CARES ACT FUNDS TO REMAINING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

Contact the Governor's Office as soon as possible and provide support for the joint request of the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida League of Cities asking the Governor to release the intended local government Coronavirus Relief Funds to those cities and counties that were NOT directly funded by the CARES Act.

These local government funds are critical for communities to mitigate unforeseen expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to aid local governments to provide necessary local economic relief to its citizens and business communities.

[FAC/FLC Letter](#)

[Small County Coalition Letter](#)

### **Summary**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act; P.L. 116-136), signed into law on March 27, 2020, created the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides \$150 billion in direct assistance for **State** and local governments.

### **Florida's Local Governments and the CARES Act**

The CARES Act provided direct funding totaling more than \$2.4 Billion to 12 Florida counties whose population is greater than 500,000. Currently, Florida has 55 counties and approximately 410 cities with a respective population that is less than the 500,000 threshold stipulated by the CARES Act.

Florida's allocation from the CARES Act (For state and local government relief) was approximately \$8.328 Billion. The legislation provided that of each state allocation, 55% was reserved for the state and 45% of the allocation was reserved for direct payments to eligible local government jurisdictions (that exceed 500,000 in population). A breakdown of the funding is below:

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