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April 16, 2020

Dear County Leader,

This letter is to inform you about funding for Maryland local governments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the CARES Act. In total about \$2.34 billion will be allocated to the State of Maryland. The five largest local governments (with a population in excess of 500,000) are scheduled to receive a direct distribution from the U.S. Treasury of about \$691 million; the remaining funds will be received by the State of Maryland to be used on behalf of the State and the other 19 local governments.

The State share of the remaining funds is estimated to be \$1.29 billion while the local government share is estimated to be \$364 million. The State of Maryland filed an application with the U.S. Treasury on April 14, 2020 to receive these funds. We expect to be in receipt of the funds by April 24, 2020.

At this time, the State will award half of the local share to each remaining county for COVID-19 health-related expenditures to be drawn down on a reimbursable basis through the local health departments. Attached is a chart that shows each county's share of the \$364 million award and its 50% allocation. Requests for reimbursement can come from any county agency as well as all municipalities within the county. If you feel that your county has exhausted or nearly exhausted its allocation, please notify my office immediately.

Preliminary guidance received from the federal government suggests that eligible spending must be directly related to expenditures incurred to address the COVID-19 pandemic. This could include things such as additional staff or staffing hours, cleaning or disinfection supplies, medical supplies like masks and personal protective equipment, and testing. The CRF may not be used to reimburse a revenue loss. We expect to receive additional guidance from the U.S. Treasury within the next week and will share it with you. You may contact my Deputy Secretary Marc Nicole if you have questions about allowable uses of federal funding. He may be reached at marc.nicole@maryland.gov or (410) 260-7288.

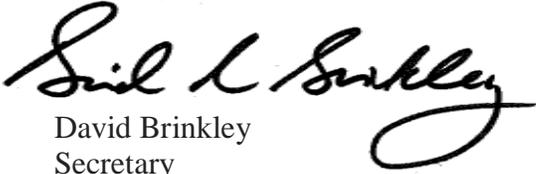
The State would request each of the 19 counties to submit a plan to the State on how the county proposes to use its share of the remaining funds. We would like to receive this plan by May 1, 2020. This additional request is not limited to health-related expenditures and may include business assistance programs. All expenditures must be consistent with federal rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Treasury. We will share these with all the counties upon receipt.

We encourage counties interested in establishing business assistance programs to reach out to the Maryland Department of Commerce to coordinate these with the State programs. The point of contact at Commerce for inquiries is Andy Fish and he may be contacted at Andy.Fish@maryland.gov or (410) 456-4311.

Thank you for everything you are doing on behalf of Maryland's residents during this pandemic.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Brinkley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

David Brinkley
Secretary

cc: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, Maryland Association of Counties
Scott A. Hancock, Executive Director, Maryland Municipal League

	County Share	Initial 50% Allocation
Allegany	12,287,049	6,143,525
Calvert	16,144,899	8,072,450
Caroline	5,829,089	2,914,545
Carroll	29,392,703	14,696,352
Cecil	17,947,404	8,973,702
Charles	28,487,088	14,243,544
Dorchester	5,571,364	2,785,682
Frederick	45,288,950	22,644,475
Garrett	5,062,719	2,531,360
Harford	44,572,485	22,286,243
Howard	56,830,393	28,415,197
Kent	3,388,989	1,694,495
Queen Anne's	8,791,096	4,395,548
St. Mary's	19,806,620	9,903,310
Somerset	4,469,794	2,234,897
Talbot	6,487,798	3,243,899
Washington	26,356,886	13,178,443
Wicomico	18,078,972	9,039,486
Worcester	9,121,759	4,560,880
TOTAL	363,916,057	181,958,029