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## Legislation Text

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Supervisor Hidahl and Supervisor Parlin recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom and State legislative leadership urging them to extend special district local governments direct access to American Rescue Plan Act COVID relief funds.

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

California's special districts have received no direct access to COVID-19 relief funding programs unlike other government entities: the state, schools, cities and counties. Special districts provide vital services that many cities and counties cannot, such as fire protection, health and wellness programs, and core infrastructure, including access to reliable water, wastewater, and electricity. These special purpose local governments are struggling under the burden of an estimated \$1.92 billion collective unmet fiscal need since the March 2020 Emergency Proclamation and a projected \$2.43 billion anticipated unmet fiscal need by December of 2021.