

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) for Local Governments
Monthly Update on Certifications and Distributions - September 28, 2020
Legislative Advisory Commission CRF Order #14, Approved June 26, 2020

Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for Local Governn	Number of Certifications					Distribution in Dollars				
	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	To Date	Jun 2020 ¹	July 2020 ¹	Aug 2020 ¹	Sep 2020 ¹	To Date
State Allocation for Local Governments										\$841,464,000
Counties - Certified in June 2020	64					371,222,737				
Counties - Certified in July 2020		19					94,726,173			
Counties - Certified in August 2020			2					1,305,190		
Counties - Certified in September 2020				0					0	
Subtotal Counties					85					467,254,100
% All 85 Counties ² certified for distribution					100.0%					
% Dollars Distributed to Counties										56%
Cities/Towns - Certified in June 2020	196					224,863,331				
Cities/Towns - Certified in July 2020		374					110,341,282			
Cities/Towns - Certified in August 2020			515					27,855,279		
Cities/Towns - Certified in September 2020				434					7,199,949	
Subtotal Cities/Towns					1519					370,259,841
% All 853 Cities/Towns receiving distribution										
% Dollars Distributed to Cities/Towns										44%
Subtotal - As of Sept 22, 2020	260	393	517	434	1604	\$596,086,068	\$205,067,455	\$29,160,469	\$7,199,949	\$837,513,941
Balance Allocated but NOT Encumbered										\$3,950,059
MMB Cancellation of Unencumbered amount after final certification date (Sept 15, 2020) ³										<u>\$3,916,409</u>
Remaining Balance ⁴										\$33,650
% of Total State Allocation						70.8%	24.4%	3.5%	0.9%	99.5%

Source: SWIFT All Expenditures Detail, G901500 Covid Relief, 8/5/2020, 10:36 am. September 2020 update, DOR CRF Local Government Distributions Reports, 9/3/2020 and 9/22/2020.

¹ Distributions for certifications approved in June 2020 were made July 6-7, 2020; distributions for certifications approved July 20, 2020 were made on July 29, 2020; distributions for certifications approved July 31, August 14 and 28, 2020 were made in late August and September 3, 2020; distributions for certification approved September 15 were made on September 22, 2020.

² Two counties, Hennepin and Ramsey, received distributions directly from the U. S. Treasury and thus are not included in these State CRF distributions.

³ On September 25, 2020, Minnesota Management and Budget cancelled \$3.916 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated for 12 cities and 270 towns but unclaimed by September 15th, making those funds available for other CRF uses prior to December 30, 2020.

⁴ Remaining Balance may change if local governments return any unexpended funds, due to the Commissioner of Revenue by December 10, 2020.

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Summary of Funds and Process for Distribution
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Summary of Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) for Local Governments

Distributions to Counties, Cities and Towns	<u>'000's</u>
Distributions to Counties with population < 500,000 (sans Hennepin, Ramsey) ^{1 & 2}	\$467,254
County base amount (55 percent)	462,805
County amount for small cities < 200 population	1,573
County amount for small towns < 200 pop. and unorganized territories	2,876
Distributions to Cities with population > 200 ¹	350,424
Distributions to Towns with population > 200 ¹	<u>23,786</u>
TOTAL Federal CRF Distributions to Counties, Cities and Towns	<u>\$841,464</u>

Process for Distribution of Funds to Local Governments - MN Department of Revenue

Who is eligible?	A county, city or town must apply for funds and certify to follow state requirements (which includes monthly reporting) and federal guidance ^{2, 3}
When to apply?	Accepting applications from June 26 to Sept 15, 2020.
How is aid calculated?	<p>Aid amounts are based on 2018 population of county, city or town</p> <p>Timelines for distribution, methodology, and population thresholds for allocating these funds to local governments were proposed by the MN Legislature.</p> <p>Cities and towns of less than 200 people will not receive a direct distribution; instead they may apply to their home county which will receive supplemental funds to reimburse costs for those cities and towns.</p>
When are funds available?	<p>6-8 business days after certification deadline</p> <p><u>Certification deadlines</u></p> <p>June 26 & 29</p> <p>July 20 & 31</p> <p>August 14 & 28</p> <p>September 15</p> <p>The first release of funds will be the week of July 6, 2020</p>

Source: Legislative Advisory Commission Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Order # 14, June 26, 2020,
Department of Revenue website: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/coronavirus-relief-fund-local-governments>

¹ For cities and towns, funds unexpended by November 15, 2020 must be sent to its home county or if located in Hennepin or Ramsey, transferred to an eligible hospital by November 20, 2020. For counties and hospitals under this section, funds unexpended by December 1, 2020 must be returned to Minnesota Management and Budget by December 10, 2020.

² Counties with a population of at least 500,000 received CARES Act funds directly from the US Treasury (Hennepin \$220.88 million and Ramsey \$96.03 million) and thus are not included in this distribution to local governments.

³ Among state requirements, a local government must have a "MN SWIFT" identification number in the state accounting system. Similarly, a local government must have a federal Data Universal Number System number for tracking federal funds.