

## Covid-19 Relief Grant Program

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Governor Newsom signed a Legislative package providing urgent relief to Californians experiencing a hardship due to the pandemic. The package of bills is intended to provide economic relief due to shutdowns that were required due to the pandemic. Some of the highlights of the relief are noted below for your reference:

- Small business grants providing up to \$25,000 for businesses with up to \$2.5 million in gross revenues. These funds can be used for overhead expenses including RENT
- License renewal fee waivers to businesses impacted by the pandemic, providing two years of fee relief for restaurants and bars licenses through the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Also included in this action are barbering and cosmetology individuals and businesses licensed through the Department of Consumer Affairs
- Addition of just over \$400 million in new federal funds to provide stipends of \$525 per enrolled child for all state-subsidized childcare and preschool providers serving approximately 400,000 children in subsidized care statewide. The new federal resources will extend care for children of essential workers through June of 2022, and funds increased access to subsidized childcare for more than 8,000 children of essential workers and at-risk children – who are not currently served in the system – through June of 2022.
- Provides an additional \$100 million in emergency financial aid for qualifying low-income students carrying six or more units, with award amounts to be determined locally and made available by early April. In addition, the agreement provides \$20 million to reengage students who have either left their community college studies because of the pandemic or to engage students at risk of leaving.
- Direct relief to individuals and families in the form of additional stimulus checks for those with incomes below \$30,000
- Provides \$600 in one-time relief to households receiving the California EITC for 2020. Additionally, the agreement provides a \$600 one-time payment to taxpayers with Individual Tax ID Numbers who were precluded from receiving the stimulus payment last spring
- Provides a \$600 one-time grant to households enrolled in the CalWORKS program and recipients of SSI/SSP and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants
- Provides an additional \$24 million for financial assistance and services through Housing for the Harvest – a program providing support for agricultural workers who have to quarantine due to COVID-19. The effort also provides a combined \$35 million for food banks and diapers.
- Provides roughly \$6 million to support outreach and application assistance to University of California, California State University and California Community College students made newly eligible for CalFresh – the state-administered federal program for supplemental food assistance. The agreement also provides \$12 million in state funds to support associated county administrative workload.

To learn more about these grants and other bills signed by Governor Newsom you can visit:

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