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COVID-19 Updates & Other Relevant Information for Township Officials

COVID-19 Updates:

Senate Passes Final Round of CARES Act Funding

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SENATE PASSES FINAL ROUND OF CARES ACT FUNDING

SB 357 WOULD DISTRIBUTE REMAINING \$650 MILLION

In the last week, the Senate has introduced and passed [SB 357](#), which distributes the remaining \$650 million of federal CARES Act revenue to local governments. The bill is the final phase of action that included HB 481, which distributed the initial \$350 million in CARES Act money, and the Ohio Controlling Board, which released another \$175 million under the same formula as HB 481.

Here's what you need to know about SB 357:

Distribution is based on population. Unlike HB 481 and Controlling Board funding (which used the Local Government Fund formula), this round of distribution is based on the local government's population. For townships, this is unincorporated population only. Here is an [estimate of what your township will receive](#).

State deadlines for all CARES Act funds have been extended. HB 481 required redistribution of any unencumbered funds on October 15th - this date has been moved to November 20th. Under SB 357, townships would have until November 20th to encumber CARES Act funds (HB 481 funds included) for eligible purposes or return them to the county for redistribution. Jurisdictions have until December 30th to spend the funds and until February 1, 2021 to reconcile accounts with OBM.

You only need one resolution to receive funds. There is no need to pass another resolution to receive funds under SB 357. If you've accepted funds under HB 481, additional funding will be automatically transferred. All other general requirements of the CARES Act still apply.



This bill will now go to the House for consideration - it is not yet finalized. Questions can be directed to OTA Director of Governmental Affairs Marisa Myers at myers@ohiotownships.org.

QUESTIONS ON THE CARES ACT?

CARES ACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE OTA WEBSITE

Many of your CARES Act questions can be answered through documents in the "Township Resource Links" section of the [OTA website](#).

This information includes:

- Step-by-step instructions on [how to receive CARES Act funding](#);
- A [sample resolution](#);
- Examples of [eligible uses](#);
- An explanation of how to subgrant funds (also described above);
- Fund guidance from [US Treasury](#) and [OBM](#);
- And other items related to COVID-19.

Please take the time to review the information included on this webpage. The OTA has included all essential information there and will continue to update it.

NOTE FROM THE OTA: Please share this information with your fellow township officials. Thank you!

The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The OTA was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. OTA has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 4,000 associate members.

