
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

FROM: Stephanie M. Yara, Director of Council Services *SMY 6/19/20*

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-20-71 Requesting The Adoption Of Federal Aid To Provide Local And State Governments Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support To Prevent Disruption To Government Services And To Enable The Reopening And Rebuilding Of America's Local Economies (Sena), which was passed at the Council meeting of June 15, 2020 by a vote of 9 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-71 ENACTMENT NO. R-2020-069

SPONSORED BY: Lan Sena

1 RESOLUTION

2 REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF FEDERAL AID TO PROVIDE LOCAL AND
3 STATE GOVERNMENTS FAIR, DIRECT FEDERAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO
4 PREVENT DISRUPTION TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND TO ENABLE THE
5 REOPENING AND REBUILDING OF AMERICA'S LOCAL ECONOMIES.

6 WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages face unprecedented
7 threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency. Municipalities are
8 essential to America's economic recovery and without funding support for
9 local governments, municipalities may go from being a critical part of the
10 economic solution, to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization
11 and recovery; and

12 WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages will experience
13 budgetary shortfalls of up \$134 billion in fiscal year 2020 alone, and the
14 negative effects of the pandemic emergency on local communities will
15 continue long after this year. As a result of these impacts, the National
16 League of Cities considers there to be three million critical municipal worker
17 jobs at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services; and

18 WHEREAS, without supplemental assistance to shore up budget
19 shortfalls, local governments will be required to reduce services; adversely
20 impacting public safety, public health, sanitation, and social services and
21 economic development initiatives, which are all activities critical to reopening
22 and repairing the national economy; and

23 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque anticipates a shortfall approaching
24 \$36 million in fiscal year 2020 and could potentially experience a \$112 million
25 shortfall in fiscal year 2021, and without supplemental assistance the City will
26 have to severely curtail the delivery of municipal services which will impact

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1 the health, safety and welfare of the local community and extend the
2 economic downturn in the region; and

3 WHEREAS, because of the loss of revenues, the City's budget for 2020-
4 2021 defers the start of new program initiatives that could help rebuild the
5 economy and advance public health; and

6 WHEREAS, communities have taken extraordinary measures to protect
7 health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the
8 emergency; and

9 WHEREAS, Albuquerque has acted quickly to set up a "safety net,"
10 which included the delivery of more than 100,000 meals for seniors, offering
11 child care to working families, providing medical care and testing for the
12 homeless, investing in local businesses to keep them afloat, and fast-tracking
13 construction and infrastructure projects. Establishing this safety net has
14 added additional tens of millions of dollars in expenses to the City budget;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, assisting local governments will improve the national
17 economy. Local governments will ensure federal funds are used to rebuild
18 and reopen the national economy; and that funding will keep the middle class
19 workers employed and critical services operating.

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
21 OF ALBUQUERQUE:

22 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque having been part of the emergency
23 response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, calls on the 116th Congress of the
24 United States of America to build a united national partnership for a safe,
25 healthy, prosperous life and to allocate fair and direct federal support to all
26 communities, regardless of population size; and

27 Section 2. That the funding provisions in the allocations must be
28 flexible and address not only the additional expenses incurred by
29 communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic
30 budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, other
31 economic engines.

32 Section 3. That the funding allotments issues in the Coronavirus Aid,
33 Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) for COVID 19 expenses are amended

1 to allow for funding remaining after paying for COVID 19 expenses to be
2 applied to cover budget shortfalls.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF June, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Patrick Davis, President
11 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 26 DAY OF June, 2020
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17 Bill No. R-20-71

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23 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
24 City of Albuquerque
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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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