

## Legislative Update ■ October 16, 2020

### No Federal Stimulus, So Here's What Won't Be Funded in California

With an October 15 deadline come and gone, more than \$11 billion in 2020-21 state budget reductions and deferrals won't be restored with additional federal stimulus funding. The chart below outlines the list of items that will **\*not\*** receive funding.

Education	Eliminate Proposition 98 K-12 deferrals	\$6,554.2
Judicial Branch	Restore Judicial Branch reduction ➤ NOTE: A number of specified programs, including dependency counsel, are exempted is exempted from application of judicial branch cuts resulting from the absence of additional federal stimulus funding.	150.0
Department of Housing and Community Development	Restore moderate-income housing production early reversion	45.0
Department of Housing and Community Development	Restore Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019 early reversion	203.0
Department of Child Support Services	Revert Local Child Support Agency funding methodology to 2018 levels	46.4
University of California	Restore UC 10 percent reduction	338.0
University of California	Restore UCOP 10 percent reduction	34.0
University of California	Restore UC other reduction	90.4



University of California	Restore UCOP other reduction	9.2
Hastings College of Law	Restore Hastings 10 percent reduction	1.5
Hastings College of Law	Restore Hastings other reduction	0.4
California State University	Restore CSU 10 percent reduction	398.1
California State University	Restore CSU other reduction	100.0
Student Aid Commission	Restore Golden State Teacher Grant program	88.4
Various Departments	Restore employee compensation bargaining reductions	1,892.4
Control Section 03.92	Eliminate borrowing from special funds related to employee compensation savings	936.0
Local Government Financing	Provide additional County Realignment Backfill	250.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,137.0</b>

The Department of Finance released a letter to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee confirming that these restorations and additional expenditures would not be forthcoming in the 2020-21 fiscal year, but that Governor Newsom would continue his advocacy for additional relief from the federal government.

### Final Roomkey Awards Announced

This week and last, the Newsom Administration announced the final allocation of Project Homekey funds to a variety of projects around the state. Both announcements included virtual press conferences with representatives from Southern and Northern California recipient communities. Last week's [announcement](#) included \$147 million for 12 communities for 20



projects with 1,109 units and this week's [announcement](#) included \$30.7 million for three jurisdictions for three projects with 210 units. These awards represent the full allocation of Homekey funding to local jurisdictions with more than \$627 million awarded to 45 applicants and 71 projects totaling 4,646 units.

The Governor noted that his Administration is working with the Legislature to make an additional \$200 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Funding available for Homekey. Last week, the chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Senator Holly Mitchell, sent a [letter](#) to the Administration expressing conditional approval of the Governor's request. Senator Mitchell, noting the lack of input requested or provided by the Legislature in the Governor's \$200 million request, would only provide approval of the request upon the Administration's request of at least an equal amount in additional resources to fund its priorities (as outlined in the letter, \$75 million to support local food banks, \$100 million for child care slots, \$125 million to increase the State Supplementary Program (SSP) grant by \$100 a month, \$100 million in grants for rental assistance, and \$12.5 million for the Diaper Bank Program). We will keep you posted as to how this disagreement pans out.

### **Presidential Disaster Declaration For Fire-Affected Counties**

Governor Gavin Newsom today [announced](#) that President Trump has approved California's request for a Major Disaster Declaration to bolster the state's emergency response to wildfires across the state and support impacted residents in Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, San Bernardino, San Diego and Siskiyou counties. The President reversed an initial decision from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that denied disaster assistance to the counties involved.

### **Newsom Executive Order on Land Conservation**

Last week, Governor Newsom announced his approval of Executive Order [N-82-20](#), directing state agencies to deploy a number of strategies to store carbon in the state's natural and working lands and remove it from the atmosphere. The order also sets a goal of conserving 30 percent of the state's land and coastal water by 2030 to fight species loss and ecosystem destruction.



Specifically, state agencies are directed to pursue innovative actions, strategies, and partnerships to maximize the full climate benefits of our natural and working land, through:

- Healthy soils management, including planting cover crops, hedgerows and compost applications;
- Wetlands restoration to protect coastal areas;
- Active forest management to reduce catastrophic risk and restore forest health; and
- Boosting green infrastructure in urban areas like trees and parks.

### **Upcoming Health Hearings**

Senate Health Committee is hosting an informational hearing in the Capitol at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21 to explore the implications for California of threats to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The hearing agenda and materials are not yet available, but will be posted [here](#) when ready.

Assembly Health Committee is convening an informational hearing on October 27 at 1:30 on health care affordability and how to control costs in California. Check this [page](#) for updates, including the hearing agenda and materials.

### **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Training Update**

The Office of the California Surgeon General and Department of Health Care Services released a [data report](#) this week on the Administration's ACEs Aware initiative, which is a statewide effort to train providers on how to screen patients for ACEs and treat the impacts of toxic stress.

Key findings of the data report include all of the following:

- Nearly 14,000 health care providers completed the core training.
- 58 percent of those who completed the training are physicians.
  - 49 percent specialize in pediatric or family medicine.
- Of users who provided a National Provider Identifier, 86% are Medi-Cal providers.



- Before providers took the training:
  - 7 percent reported screening all patients for ACEs.
  - 64 percent reported they had been screening less than 25 percent of their patients for ACEs.
  - 35 percent reported they do not screen patients for ACEs.
- After providers completed the training:
  - 91 percent reported confidence that they would be able to make practice changes.
  - 97 percent reported that they planned to implement changes in their practice to address ACEs, or that their current practice had been reinforced.
  - 81 percent who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated that they planned to implement routine ACE screening for children and/or adults.
  - 71 percent anticipated time constraints as a potential barrier to implementing change.

### Medi-Cal 2020 1115 Waiver Update

On October 1, 2020, CMS determined that California’s waiver to extend the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 waiver for 12 months – until December 31, 2021 – met the requirements for a complete application. The state’s extension request was [posted](#) on the Medicaid.gov website for a 30-day federal public comment period.

### 2020-21 CCP Planning Grants: December 15 Deadline for CCP Survey Responses and Updated Plans

The 2020-21 budget includes another round of planning grants to support the work of local Community Corrections Partnerships (CCPs) in their ongoing efforts to implement AB 109 (2011). Planning grants are issued to qualified recipients in the amount of \$100,000; \$150,000; or \$200,000 based on population. Counties’ receipt of the CCP planning grants, which are administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), is conditioned upon completion of a survey distributed by BSCC and – a new element this year – an updated CCP plan. These two documents must be submitted to the BSCC **by December 15, 2020**.



The BSCC makes counties' CCP plans available on a dedicated [page](#), which dates back to 2011-12 (the first year of AB 109 implementation). For more information or technical assistance on this matter, contact BSCC Field Representative Helene Zentner by phone (916-838-7777) or [email](#).

### **New Resource for Tenants and Landlords on Eviction Legislation**

The Judicial Council launched a new [webpage](#) this week to provide information on recent eviction legislation, [AB 3088](#) (Chiu) – the Tenant, Homeowner, and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act of 2020. In addition to being a direct resource to tenants and landlords alike, the webpage also will supplement the work of self-help centers located in or near courthouses across the state. These centers provide assistance to litigants without representation in navigating the court process.

In related news, the Judicial Council recently approved [forms](#) to reflect changes to court procedures and practices needed to carry out AB 3088.