

MICHIGAN STRONG

Delivering Funding for Community Priorities

Earlier this year, Michigan House Democrats introduced our [Michigan Strong Plan](#) to strengthen our communities and ensure every Michigander has the support they need to overcome the critical challenges caused by this unprecedented crisis. We're proud to say that we've taken our first steps to deliver on that commitment.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Michigan Legislature overwhelmingly approved Senate Bill 690 to provide funding for Michigan residents and business affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This bipartisan agreement allocates **\$880 million** in federal coronavirus relief for the priorities our communities care about most.

A STRONG AND HEALTHY MICHIGAN

- » **\$200 million** to support local public health and safety workers.
- » **\$25 million** for additional personal protective equipment (PPE).
- » **\$5 million** for hospital inpatient behavioral health grants.
- » **\$1.4 million** for additional nursing home inspectors to keep residents safe.

SAFEGUARDS TO HELP WITH BASIC NEEDS

- » **\$29 million** for increased Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) staffing and technology support to process claims quicker and more efficiently.
- » **\$125 million** to help with the cost of Day Care.
- » **\$4 million** to support domestic violence shelters.
- » **\$10 million** for the food banks and the Double Up Food Bucks program.
- » **\$60 million** for rental assistance, eviction diversion and legal aid.
- » **\$25 million** for water utility assistance.
- » **\$10 million** in Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) response grants to keep workers safe.
- » **\$5 million** for multicultural social services organizations.

PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE US

- » **\$120 million** to increase support for direct care workers.
- » **\$100 million** for additional hazard pay for first responders.

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

- » **\$25 million** for devices to improve internet connectivity for low income and rural families.
- » **\$18 million** in school district grants to support the health and safety of both students and teachers.

KEEPING NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES STRONG

- » **\$100 million** for Small Business Restart Grants for businesses with fewer than 50 full-time employees, and dedicated support for minority, women and veteran owned businesses.
- » **\$2.5 million** in grants for hospitality businesses adversely affected by COVID-19.
- » **\$15 million** to support Michigan farms and farmers, as well as improving housing accommodations to keep workers safe.

WORKING FOR YOU!

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