



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Declaring that the City of Madison as Essential and in support of fair, direct Federal emergency support to reopen and rebuild local American economies.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages face unprecedented threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities are essential to America's economic recovery and without funding support for local governments, municipalities may go from being a critical part of the economic solution, to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization and recovery; and,

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages will experience budgetary shortfalls of up \$134 billion in fiscal year 2020 alone, and the negative effects of the pandemic emergency on local communities will continue long after this year; and,

WHEREAS, three million critical municipal worker jobs are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, and maintenance; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has spent over \$5 million in Covid relief costs this far contributing to a deficit of about \$30 million in the City's budget due to the crisis; and,

WHEREAS, America's rural communities and small towns are struggling just as much as big cities and risk being left behind or wiped out entirely,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison calls on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's communities, regardless of population size; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding must be flexible and address not only the additional expenses

incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, other economic engines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the national economy; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding will keep workers employed and critical services operating; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk's Office will send a certified copy of the resolution to U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, U.S. Congressman Mark Pocan and to Clarence Anthony, CEO and Executive Director, National League of Cities.

Source: National League of Cities "Cities Are Essential" <https://bit.ly/3ja2JET>