

State and Federal Advocacy Working Group Overview

May 4th, 2020

Examples of the Working Group's Efforts

- New funding was identified and added to the Stimulus Funding Tracker
- Education Stabilization Fund - \$6.2B for instructions of higher education by formula to expand remote learning, build IT capacity, recover costs for instruction delivery associated with changes due to COVID.
- \$1.28 for Texas' K-12 schools for distance learning tools/resources, to develop and implement plans for next school year.
- \$54M from HHS-Administration for Community Services for Texas Area Agencies on Aging. AACOG is our local recipient. This funding will support delivered meals, household chores assistance, groceries and respite care and other family caregiver services.
- \$100M from FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters grant program. This grant will help fire departments to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID 19 public health emergency.
- Bexar County received 79.6 million in Coronavirus Relief Funding.
- The working group organized a meeting with government relations teams (lobbyists) from the City, County and private sector to brainstorm over strategies and priorities. *The main City and County priority is to advocate for additional funding and more importantly, flexibility to cover revenue losses due to COVID-19 causing the closure of small businesses, hotels and the overall halt of economic activity. It is vitally importance that cities can use the Coronavirus Relief Funds to help maintain essential city services, such as public safety, garbage collection and street maintenance and ultimately preserve jobs.*