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April 17, 2020

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor, State of Georgia
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Coronavirus Relief Fund Proceeds for Local Governments

Dear Governor Kemp:

In our letter to you, dated April 14, 2020, we urged you to establish a process for Georgia’s counties and cities to access some portion of Georgia’s Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation for the purposes authorized by the CARES Act. Up to 45% of those funds can be allocated to local governments, which are in the forefront of the response to COVID-19, expending funds even as local governments face the certainty of future reductions in revenue with which to pay for the response.

Since writing the referenced letter, we have learned that in our neighboring state of Alabama, in [a webinar](#) hosted by the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama (ACCA), Mr. Kelly Butler, Director Finance for the State of Alabama, said that Governor Ivey has committed 45% of the funding to local governments and has directed ACCA and the Alabama League of Municipalities to recommend to her how the money should be allocated.

To repeat what we wrote in the April 14th letter, ACCG and GMA stand ready to assist your administration in the development of procedures for counties and cities to access Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars, with the ultimate goal of providing maximum flexibility in ensuring that these dollars are effectively and efficiently spent for their intended purposes. If invited by you to do so, we will immediately begin working to craft recommendations for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Dave Wills
Executive Director
Association County Commissioners of Georgia

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Executive Director
Georgia Municipal Association