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More COVID-19 Relief Bill Details

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Legislative Update

Hello,

I wanted to make sure you had information about the recently-agreed-upon relief spending packages that the House will be voting on soon.

[Here](#) is a link to the COVID-19 relief section-by-section summary, and [here](#) is a similar summary of the appropriations language. Congressman Larsen's staff have also pulled together some bullets and I wanted to include more information about items that might be of interest to you.

As with previous relief bills, we will know more specific details about funding distribution after the bill has passed and agencies start the distribution process.

- **PPP** (COVID-19 relief)
 - \$284B for PPP loans
 - Creates "second draw" PPP, with eligibility standards (Section 311)
 - Restaurants allowed loans of 3.5x monthly payroll, all else 2.5 (section 311)
 - Expanded eligibility for certain 501(C)(6), with restrictions on lobbying and professional sports. Destination marketing also eligible, with limitations (section 318)
 - \$15 B set-aside for community financial institutions, including CDFIs and minority depository institutions.
 - Housing cooperatives with no more than 300 employees eligible (section 316)
 - Allows deductions for otherwise deductible expenses paid with a forgiven PPP loan (section 276)
- **Venues**: \$15B for SBA grants to live venue operators, including movie theaters (section 324) (COVID-19 relief)
- **Child Care**
 - \$10B for Child Care and Development Block Grants to provide immediate asst. to child care providers (COVID-19 relief)
 - Additionally, annual appropriations includes \$5.9B for Child Care and Development Block Grant (increase of \$85M over FY20)
 - \$250M for head start (COVID-19 Relief)
 - Additional \$10.7B for Head start in annual appropriations (increase of \$135M)
 - Clarifies P-EBT program applies to children under the age of 6 who live in a household receiving SNAP benefits and residing in an area where the child care facilities are closed. (COVID-19 relief)
- **Unemployment** (COVID-19 relief)
 - \$300 increase in federal unemployment (section 203)
 - Not retroactive

- December 26 – March 14
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (independent contractors, gig economy workers) extended to March 14; allows those on PUA as of March 14 to claim through April 5; extends maximum number of weeks from 39 to 50 (section 201)

If you have any questions for us at the EDCIC, email us at info@edcisland.org or call at 360.678.6889.

Best,

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