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Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
Committee

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
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Section 36.00—Department of Social Services, Increase of Emergency Funding for COVID-19 Response

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 36.00, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020, the following report is respectfully submitted.

Augmentations to the following Budget Act items are needed to provide support to the state, local governments, and nonprofits to protect the health and safety of Californians and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

- \$5,000,000 to Item 5180-151-0001 for the Department of Social Services to contract with existing federal Emergency Food Assistance Program providers under contract with the department; nonprofit Feeding America members or Feeding America partner state associations; or 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations that have the capacity to serve Californians statewide, including tribes and tribal organizations, to mitigate increases in food needs among low-income and food-insecure populations.

We concur with the necessity of these changes to the enacted budget and will be approving these augmentations not sooner than 72 hours from the above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Tyler Woods, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at Tyler.Woods@dof.ca.gov or 916-445-6423.

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