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Section 36.00—Various Departments, 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 state, local governments, and nonprofits to protect the health and safety of Californians and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

- \$41,000,000 to Item 5180-001-0001 for the Department of Social Services for the temporary relocation of residents residing in an adult or senior care facility for circumstances related to COVID-19.
- \$20,000,000 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, to mitigate increases in food needs among low-income and food-insecure populations.
- \$5,040,000 to Item 5180-111-0001 for counties to conduct outreach (wellness checks calls and/or visits) to ensure that In-Home Supportive Services recipients and other seniors are receiving the services they need and are safe in their homes. This funding is anticipated to be matched with federal funding.
- \$24,289,000 to Item 5180-141-0001 for counties to address increased administrative workload in the CalFresh program.

- \$7,980,000 to Item 5180-101-0001 for counties to address increased administrative workload in the CalWORKs program.
- \$12,731,000 to Item 4260-101-0001 for counties to address increased eligibility workload in the Medi-Cal program, including processing new applications and access to care issues. This funding is anticipated to be matched with federal funding.

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 Adam Dorsey, Program Budget Manager, at adam.dorsey@dof.ca.gov or 916-445-6423.

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