
White House and Congress Reach Interim Coronavirus Funding Deal

Earlier today, we received the following from ANCOR, one of our national associations. They relayed the following news accounts from *Axios* about the interim COVID-19 funding deal:

After more than a week of intense negotiations, the Trump administration and Congress reached a deal Tuesday on a \$484 billion interim coronavirus funding bill.

Why it matters: The agreement will replenish the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the stimulus bill's emergency loan program for small businesses, and provide billions for hospitals and expanded coronavirus testing.

The state of play: [The final legislative text](#) has been completed, and the Senate is hoping to pass the bill during a 4pm pro forma session.

- Meanwhile, members of the House are beginning to return to Washington for a vote, which could take place as early as Thursday.
- President Trump [urged](#) Congress to pass the bill in a Tuesday tweet, signaling that he is ready for the legislative branch to move on to a fourth stimulus package.

By the numbers: The vast majority of the funds - \$310 billion - is for replenishing the PPP, which dried up last week. Roughly \$60 billion of that total will be allocated to small lenders and community banks. The rest includes ...

- **\$60 billion** for the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan program](#), which reaches communities and small businesses in underserved areas.
- **\$75 billion** for hospitals.
- **\$25 billion** to expand testing.

Worth noting: One of the biggest issues that the PPP faced in the rollout of the program was that small businesses in underserved communities [struggled to compete](#) with bigger businesses that had existing relationships with banks.

- This bill has carve-outs so that community businesses and lenders don't have to fight bigger businesses and banks for the same funding, a provision that Democrats fought hard for.

What's missing: The deal does not include \$150 billion in aid for state and local governments that Democrats were seeking.

- But Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told CNN that the White House agreed to use leftover funding to replenish state and local revenues.

Read the bill text.

ANCOR sent out additional guidance pointing out that the media story references the \$75B additional monies as going to "hospitals". While a significant amount **WILL** surely go to hospitals, the actual bill text reads this way:

- **\$75 billion for reimbursement to hospitals and healthcare providers to support the need for COVID19 related expenses and lost revenue. Language remains the same as CARES Act. This funding is in addition to the \$100 billion provided in the CARES Act.**