

COVID-19 Relief Funding for INDEPENDENT Special Districts:

Item 9210-101-0001 of the 2021 Budget Act appropriates \$100 million for the Department of Finance to allocate to Independent Special Districts (ISD), as COVID-19 Relief.

Methodology:

Each qualifying Independent Special District (ISD) that applies for relief will receive a prorated share of the Relief funding, with each ISD's share based on its proportionate share of unanticipated costs during the period of March 4, 2020 to June 15, 2021, and revenue loss due to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the FY2020/2021, as reported by the ISD to the Department of Finance (DOF).

Application and Data:

1. The application portal is to be available on DOF website on the week of September 27, 2021.
2. Tentatively, the applications are accepted until 5:00 pm October 15, 2021
3. Applicant districts shall self-attest to the accuracy of all data and information reported to DOF.

Distribution Time-line: Tentatively

(a) DOF will notify the ISD's allocation amount in each County to State Controller (SCO) and provide a distribution schedule to each County by the week of November 8, 2021;

(b) SCO would disburse a lump-sum amount to each County Auditor-Controller for distribution by the week of December 6, 2021;

(c) The County Auditor-Controller is required to distribute the received lump-sum to County ISDs, using the schedule provide by DOF, before or by the end of the week of January 3, 2022 .

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