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Good Morning!

The revised New Mexico HIDTA Executive Committee Charter and Bylaws was approved at yesterday's board meeting. The signed copy is attached for your review and reference.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Thank you & have a great day/weekend!

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New Mexico HIDTA - Executive Committee Charter and Bylaws

Statement of Purpose:

To identify, target, investigate, interdict, and prosecute individuals and organizations who direct, finance, or otherwise engage in high level drug trafficking enterprises, including money laundering organizations, through the joint cooperation and efforts of all HIDTA initiatives in accordance with the National Drug Control Strategy and the HIDTA Program Policy and Budget Guidance.

THE UNDERSIGNED, as representatives, by and for their respective entities do hereby state:

THAT the illegal drug problems of the State of New Mexico are vast and severe, and only comprehensive and coordinated action by Federal, State, County, Municipal and Tribal Law Enforcement authorities will succeed in battling the illegal drug epidemic; and

THAT the limited funds available to drug law enforcement agencies must be wisely and selectively applied to joint enforcement efforts and needs, emphasizing cooperation and coordination in the maximization of the resources toward a common infrastructure and leveraged technologies; and

THAT the New Mexico HIDTA counties, because of their strategic locations on or near the border between Mexico and the United States, serve as corridors for the smuggling, transportation, and distribution of illegal narcotics and money laundering operations, and must be particularly and actively targeted for major drug law enforcement efforts; and

THAT only professional, dedicated, and experienced program management can execute the coordinating directions to a multi-agency joint Executive Committee:

WHEREFORE, the undersigned representatives do hereby join in agreement to form the New Mexico HIDTA Executive Committee, which is empowered to pursue the mandates of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and individual agencies through a joint and cooperative effort for the good of all.

Beginning in 1997, and in accordance with the National Drug Control Strategy, the New Mexico HIDTA Executive Committee pledges the continuance of emphasis on collocated and/or collaborative Federal, State, County, Municipal, and Tribal efforts in areas most heavily affected by drug trafficking.

Article I

Purposes and Powers:

Section 1 – Purposes

1. To maximize the cooperation and coordination of Federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement efforts related to the smuggling, transportation, and distribution of illegal drugs and money laundering operations in the HIDTA designated counties in the State of New Mexico.
2. To successfully interdict, investigate and prosecute through cooperative efforts, those individuals responsible for illegal drug smuggling and money laundering activities within the jurisdiction of the law enforcement agencies in the State of New Mexico.
3. To leverage resources by partnering with drug treatment and prevention partners to increase drug awareness and decrease drug abuse.
4. To institutionalize and effectively implement the policies and procedures outlined by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) through collocated and/or collaborative Federal, State, County, Municipal, and Tribal law enforcement efforts.

Section 2 – Powers

1. To carry out the purposes of the HIDTA Executive Committee (EC), the EC shall have the power, through its Board members and its executive staff to:
 - a. establish qualifications of member entities and rights and obligations of membership;
 - b. provide for admission to and release from membership;
 - c. as the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recognized body for the State of New Mexico, have the final decision-making authority for funding HIDTA initiative budget proposals, which are submitted to the ONDCP and are empowered to allocate funds for the ONDCP-approved initiatives;
 - d. hold meetings, appoint subcommittees and conduct any other business which will carry out the purposes of the EC; and
 - e. direct all other activities as required by ONDCP.

Section 3 - Meetings

1. The HIDTA EC will meet at least once a quarter and may meet more often if necessary. EC business conducted during meetings will be conducted using parliamentary procedures.

Article II

Membership:

Section 1 – Geographical Regions

For purposes of identifying geographical, drug regions within the State of New Mexico, the EC will use the seven (7) regions designated by the NM Drug Enforcement Advisory Council (DEAC). Each of the seven regions include several counties within it, but not every county in every region is a HIDTA-designated county. Therefore, only agency heads in HIDTA designated counties serving on regional governing boards will be allowed to represent DEAC Regions on the EC.

Section 2 – Voting Members

The composition of the EC will consist of local agency heads from criminal justice agencies located in HIDTA designated counties within the State of New Mexico, as approved by the EC, and are considered the primary voting members on the EC. Primary voting members must be located in HIDTA counties as designated by ONDCP. Alternate members will be designated in writing by the primary voting member and shall be executive-level officials from the same-entity that the primary voting member represents. Each primary voting member may designate up to three (3) alternates to represent him/her on the EC or any other subcommittee that the primary voting member has been assigned to. The following agencies have been approved for membership to the EC.

1. Albuquerque Police Department
2. Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives
3. Drug Enforcement Administration
4. Federal Bureau of Investigation
5. United States Attorney's Office
6. CBP – United States Border Patrol
7. Homeland Security Investigations
8. United States Internal Revenue Service
9. United States Marshals Service
10. New Mexico Department of Public Safety
11. District Attorney's Association Representative
12. Region I Narcotics Task Force HIDTA Representative (Bernalillo, Torrance, Sandoval or Valencia County)
13. Region II Representative (San Juan County)
14. Region III HIDTA Representative (Rio Arriba, Santa Fe or Taos County)
15. Region VI HIDTA Representative (Otero, Lea, Lincoln, Chaves or Eddy County)
16. Region VII HIDTA Representative (Grant, Hidalgo, or Luna County)

17. Bureau of Indian Affairs
18. Dona Ana County Metro Narcotics Representative
19. New Mexico State Police
20. New Mexico National Guard (Ex-Officio/Non-Voting member)
21. New Mexico HIDTA Director (Ex-Officio/Non-Voting member)

Section 3 – Membership

Adding or removing agencies to or from the EC will require a nomination or petition by an existing member and a 2/3 vote of approval by the current membership.

Replacements for departing EC members will be selected by their corresponding Regional Boards/Committees or agencies. Ratification of proposed replacement members shall be guided by a policy of balance between Municipal, State or County, and Federal representation.

The EC shall have the right to approve the addition of ex-officio, non-voting members by a simple majority as needed.

Section 4 – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

At the beginning of the Federal fiscal year (October 1st), the Vice Chairperson will become the new Chairperson and a new Vice Chairperson will be chosen by a majority vote for that fiscal year. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions will alternate between a federal EC member and a state, county, local or tribal EC member. If the Chairperson is unable to complete his/her 1-year term for any reason, the Vice Chairperson will assume the chairpersonship and finish the remainder of the 1-year term in addition to the 1-year term the Vice Chairperson would have served.

The Chairperson is responsible for chairing EC meetings, setting the agenda, providing guidance and direction to the Executive Director, and is the principal spokesperson for the EC. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will assume the duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson, as a voting member of the EC, has exactly the same rights and privileges as all other voting members have, including the right to make motions, to speak in debate, and to vote on all matters.

Article III

Voting:

Section 1 - Quorum

All voting, unless otherwise specified by the EC, requires a quorum. A quorum consists of two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting membership being present on the date a vote is taken.

Section 2 – Weighted Voting

Relating to the obligation of funds to a HIDTA grantee or Federal agency and where it is impractical for an equal number of members from Federal and State, Local, and Tribal agencies to attend a meeting of the

EC, the EC will weigh votes accordingly to achieve the voting balance required by HIDTA Program Policy and Budget Guidance, as amended. Proxy votes are not allowed.

Section 3 – Electronic Voting

Electronic voting, when authorized by the EC chair, will be allowed. However, if the majority of the membership requests voting in person, the electronic vote will be cancelled and the voting measure will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Section 4 – Voting Procedures

Each EC member as defined in Article II of this document is entitled to one vote. Routine motions can be passed based on an affirmative vote by the majority. Special matters require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the membership.

Special matters include but are not limited to: the appointment or termination of the Executive Director; adding or removing EC member agencies; funding decisions; and changes to the EC Charter and Bylaws or NM HIDTA policies and/or standard operating procedures.

Article IV

Revisions to Charter and By-Laws:

Section 1- Scope

The EC Charter and Bylaws may be revised by the EC as necessary.

Section 2 – Procedures

Proposed revisions to the charter and bylaws must be presented in writing to all current EC members a minimum of thirty (30) days before a vote is scheduled.

Article V

Resolutions:

Section 1 – Procedures

The day-to-day business of the EC will be accomplished through the use of resolutions that are brought to the attention of Committee Members for discussion and voting.

Article VI

Executive Staff:

Section 1 – Executive Director and Staff

The Executive Director must be approved for employment by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership. Correspondingly, removal of the Executive Director must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership. The Executive Director reports directly to, and takes direction from, the EC, through the Chairperson. Executive Staff are to be recruited, hired, and supervised by the New Mexico Executive Director. Staff expansion positions must be approved by a majority vote of the EC membership.

Section 2 – Intelligence Subcommittee

The purpose of the Intelligence Subcommittee is to make recommendations on intelligence and information sharing issues to the HIDTA EC. Issues addressed by this subcommittee include, but not limited to, compliance with the Information and Sharing Section of the HIDTA Program Policy and Budget Guidance and compliance with the New Mexico Investigative Support Center (NMISC) Intelligence Policy. The Intelligence Subcommittee shall meet at least quarterly or as required by the EC. The Intelligence Subcommittee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be selected by the subcommittee and serve similar to the EC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as described in Article II, Section 4 above. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chair will lead Intelligence Subcommittee meetings. Due to a conflict of interest, ISC managers may not serve as Chair of the Intelligence Subcommittee.

The Intelligence Subcommittee will be a standing committee comprised of representatives from the EC member agencies listed below. The member agencies shall appoint no more than one primary representative from their organization.

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| 1. Drug Enforcement Administration | 6. Region II HIDTA Narcotics Task Force |
| 2. Federal Bureau of Investigation | 7. Region III Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force |
| 3. Homeland Security Investigations | 8. Region VI Drug Task Force |
| 4. United States Border Patrol | 9. Region VII Border Drug Task Force |
| 5. United States Marshals Service | 10. New Mexico Department of Public Safety |

Section 3 – Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee shall be a standing committee appointed by the EC Chairperson and shall be comprised of voting representatives from the EC or their alternates. Alternate members will be designated by the primary voting member in writing and shall be executive-level officials from the same-entity listed under Article II, Section II that the voting member represents. If the EC representative and alternate are absent, proxy votes will not be allowed. This subcommittee will review all requests for funding, initiative budget proposals, and make recommendations for Initiatives and/or other tasks as assigned by the EC through the Office of the Executive Director. The Budget Subcommittee shall meet at least quarterly or as required by the EC.

The EC Vice Chairperson shall become the Budget Subcommittee Chairperson for each fiscal year. The membership of the Budget Subcommittee shall be balanced by having an equal number of Federal and State, local, or tribal representatives.

Section 4 – Subcommittees

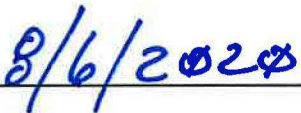
The subcommittees established by the EC shall follow the same guidelines, unless otherwise specified, as established above for the EC.



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State & Local Law Enforcement Leaders,

Today, Wednesday July 22, President Donald J. Trump detailed actions to assist State and local officials in combating violent crime in American cities. Standing beside Attorney General William Barr, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf, and other Federal, State and local law enforcement leaders from across the country, President Trump announced the expansion of "Operation Legend," a Department of Justice (DOJ), inter-agency surge of resources into cities across the United States that are experiencing upticks in violent crime.

 [President Trump: View the President's Remarks here](#)

Operation Legend was successfully launched on July 8 in Kansas City, where four year old LeGend Taliferro was shot and killed on June 29th. Taliferro's mother, Sharon, joined President Trump for today's announcement. "This operation is personal to us. We want justice for our son and others. We have to take a stand in our communities and speak-up to help this operation be successful," she stated in remarks.

 [My first duty as President is to protect the American people, and today I am taking action to fulfill that sacred obligation.](#)

Today's announcement expands Operation Legend to Chicago, IL and Albuquerque, NM, both of which are currently experiencing a significant increase in violent crime. As part of the expansion, the Administration – led by the Department of Justice – will significantly increase personnel and resources to help State and local officials in these cities fight the high levels of violent crime, particularly gun violence. Below, find a press release detailing today's announcement.

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Today, Attorney General William P. Barr joined President Donald J. Trump to announce the expansion of Operation Legend to Chicago and Albuquerque. Operation Legend is a sustained, systematic and coordinated law enforcement initiative in which federal law enforcement agencies work in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials to fight violent crime. The Operation was first launched on July 8 in Kansas City, Missouri, as a result of President Trump's promise to assist America's cities that are plagued by recent violence. Operation Legend is named after four-year-old LeGend Taliferro, who was shot and killed while he slept early in the morning of June 29 in Kansas City. The first federal arrest under Operation Legend was announced on July 20.

"The most basic responsibility of government is to protect the safety of our citizens," said Attorney General Barr. "Today, we have extended Operation Legend to Chicago and Albuquerque to protect the residents of those cities from senseless acts of deadly violence by targeting those involved in gang activity and those who use guns to commit violent crime. For decades, the Department of Justice has achieved significant success when utilizing our anti-violent crime task forces and federal law enforcement agents to enforce federal law and assist American cities which are experiencing upticks in violent crime. The Department of Justice's assets will supplement local law enforcement efforts, as we work together to take the shooters and chronic violent criminals off of our streets."

As part of Operation Legend, Attorney General Barr directed the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, DEA, and ATF to significantly increase resources into Chicago and Albuquerque in the coming weeks to help state and local officials fight high levels of violent crime, particularly gun violence. Chicago is currently experiencing a significant increase in violent crime, with homicides currently up 51 percent over 2019. Over the weekend of July 17, more than 60 people were shot in the city of Chicago, with 14 fatalities. Similarly, Albuquerque is currently on pace to break 2019's record for homicides in the city. On the weekend of July 10, there were four murders in Albuquerque within a 24-hour period.

In Chicago, the Department of Justice will supplement state and local law enforcement agencies by sending over 100 federal investigators from the FBI, DEA, and ATF to the city. Under the leadership of John R. Lausch Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, these investigators will complement the work already underway by existing joint federal, state and local task forces focused on combating Chicago's

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violent gangs, gun crime, and drug trafficking organizations. The investigatory efforts will be advanced by more than 100 members of the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Task Force, which will direct violent fugitive apprehension operations within Chicago to identify wanted gang members, violent criminals, and firearms violators. The Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) are also committing at least 100 agents, already stationed in Chicago, to Operation Legend. HSI agents will conduct investigations into gangs, narcotics traffickers, violent offenders, and firearms traffickers.

To further support the Chicago Police Department in reducing violent crime, ATF has deployed its national Crime Gun Intelligence Mobile Command Vehicle to assist local law enforcement with analysis of crime scenes and spent shell casings through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). ATF will also make available additional resources to assist the City of Chicago in providing timely, efficient analysis of ballistic evidence from shootings in order to quickly disrupt violent criminals and prosecute those prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance will make available \$3.5 million in funding to reimburse the Chicago Police Department and City of Chicago for the work of local law enforcement on the federal task forces supporting Operation Legend's violent crime reduction efforts. The COPS Office has also made \$9.375 million available to the Chicago Police Department to fund the hiring of 75 officers.

In Albuquerque, the Department of Justice will supplement state and local law enforcement agencies by sending more than 25 federal investigators from the FBI, DEA, and ATF to the city. Under the leadership of John C. Anderson, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico, these federal investigators will work closely with the Albuquerque Police Department and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, along with other local partners, through pre-existing task forces directed at combatting violent crimes. Up to ten HSI agents will assist with the efforts in Albuquerque, as well.

The Department of Justice has also made available over \$1.5 million in COPS Hiring Grants to the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department to onboard five deputies and to support additional federal task force officers committed to violent crime reduction efforts. Additionally, the COPS Office has made \$9.74 million available to the Albuquerque Police Department to fund the hiring of 40 officers. Separately, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has made available \$1.4 million to reimburse the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and Albuquerque Police Department for the work of local law enforcement on the federal task forces supporting Operation Legend's violent crime reduction efforts. The Department has also provided assistance through the Joint Law Enforcement Operations (JLEO) fund to assist reimbursement of local law enforcement serving as federal task force officers with FBI, ATF, DEA, and the U.S. Marshals Service. These JLEO funds also will be used to assist the City of Albuquerque in acquiring technology used for detection of gunshots and development of an integrated response plan to gunshots by local law enforcement.

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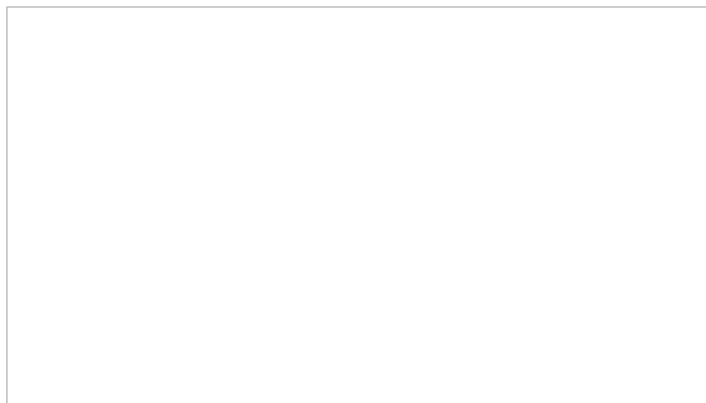
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White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Weekly Recap

for State, local, Tribal officials

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are providing you this top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from your Federal partners to help you serve your fellow citizens.

And we appreciate all of the State, local, and Tribal officials who were able to join us for our COVID-19 National Briefing Call on Wednesday, August 19. We were joined by **Dr. Deborah Birx**, who shared insight on current COVID-19 trends across the country and highlighted successful mitigation measures, **HHS Secretary Alex Azar**, who provided an update on vaccines and therapeutics being developed through [Operation Warp Speed](#) and sent out a call to action for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 to [donate plasma](#), **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin**, who discussed the unprecedented Administration support for States, localities, and Tribes across the country and ongoing relief negotiations on Capitol Hill, and **Calder Lynch (Director of Medicaid, CMS)**, who overviewed recent [Administration actions](#) to expand access to healthcare in rural America including the [launch](#) of a new alternative payment model designed to continue driving innovation and transformation in rural healthcare.



We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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34th Governors COVID-19 Briefing

On Tuesday, August 18, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives of approximately 50 States, territories, NM-ALBUQUEQUE-APD-20-2199-A-000020

and the city of Washington, DC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss local, State, and Federal Coronavirus response and recovery best practices.

@Mike_Pence: [The @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force remains committed to protecting our most vulnerable. As we told America's Governors on a conference call today, for the health and safety of everyone in nursing homes, weekly testing of residents and staff will be required.](#)

Vice President Pence provided an update on COVID-19 response and discussed best practices with our Nation's governors on limiting Coronavirus spread, including encouraging Americans to adhere to state and local guidelines and to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained. The Vice President discussed the Federal governments support for nursing homes, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidance on encouraging schools to reopen in safe ways this Fall, and supporting States' efforts at protecting our most vulnerable citizens. Additionally, Vice President Pence announced that the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency would be releasing updated Critical Infrastructure Workforce guidance to include those who teach and support our Nation's children, to ensure they have a safe work environment.

READ MORE: [Readout from the Vice President's Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Best Practices](#)

Trump Administration Approves Lost Wages Grant for States

On August 15, the Trump Administration approved the first States to receive lost wages grants to support individuals receiving unemployment benefits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, applications from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Utah have been approved with other applications pending. Learn more about FEMA's Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance below.

- FEMA Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance Fact Sheet ([here](#))
- FEMA Supplemental Payments for Lost Wages ([here](#))
- Labor Guidance for Unemployment Insurance Program [here](#) & [here](#).

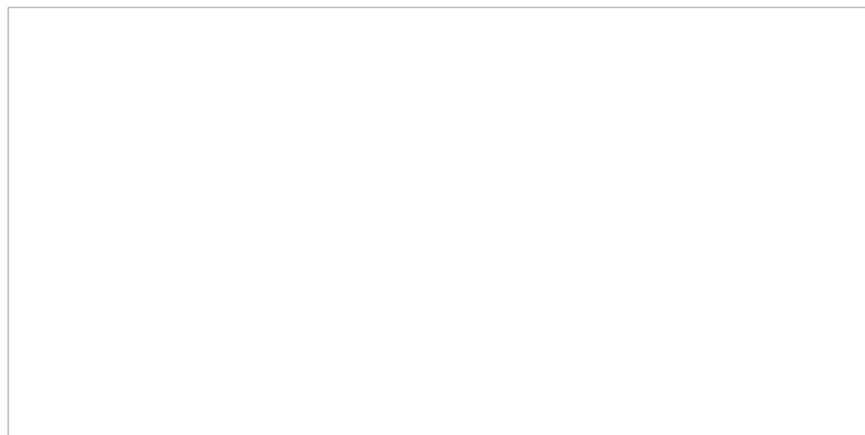
□ **@realDonaldTrump:** [Great work by the Governors of AZ, IA, LA, and NM \(@DougDucey @IAGovernor @LouisianaGov & @GovMLG\) who responded to my Executive Action and promptly submitted applications, that we APPROVED QUICKLY, to support Americans out of work because of the ChinaVirus. More states to come!](#)

Background: On August 8, President Trump took action to support American families and is urging Congress to continue his efforts to provide resources to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The President's actions included:

- Signing a presidential memorandum to provide [temporary payroll tax relief](#) for American families who have been hit hard by the coronavirus.
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- Signing an executive order to help ensure Americans facing financial hardships due to the coronavirus [do not face eviction or foreclosure](#).
- Signing a presidential memorandum to provide [student loan relief](#) for Americans who have faced financial harm due to the coronavirus.

Operation Legend: Making Our Nation's Cities Safer

Operation Legend is helping restore peace and security in communities across the country. Operation Legend is a sustained, systematic and coordinated law enforcement initiative in which federal law enforcement agencies work in conjunction with State and law enforcement officials to fight violent crime in our nation's cities.



Through Operation Legend, the Trump Administration - through the Department of Justice - has deployed more than 1,000 additional Federal agents to work alongside State and local law enforcement in communities across the country. Operation Legend was first

launched in **Kansas City (MO)** on July 8, 2020 and has since expanded to other cities including **Chicago (IL)**, **Albuquerque (NM)**, **Cleveland (OH)**, **Detroit (MI)**, **Milwaukee (WI)**, **St. Louis (MO)**, **Memphis (TN)**, and **Indianapolis (IN)**.

And Operation Legend is already delivering results and making communities safer. On August 13, Attorney General Bill Barr [**announced**](#) the arrest of the suspect responsible for the killing of LeGend Taliferro, after whom Operation Legend is named. And on Wednesday, August 19, Attorney General Barr [**announced**](#) that Operation Legend **has resulted in more than 1,000 arrests, including defendants who have been charged in State and local courts.**

- Many of these arrests have been for violent state crimes, including more than 90 homicides.
- 43 defendants have been charged with Federal crimes in Kansas City, 61 in Chicago, 16 in Albuquerque, 32 in Cleveland, 22 in Detroit, 11 in Milwaukee, 15 in St. Louis, and 7 in Memphis.
- These include Federal charges for drug trafficking, firearm offenses, robbery, arson, and more.
- More than 100 charges have been filed for Federal gun crimes.

President Trump and his Administration will continue pursuing violent criminals and restoring peace to our communities through Operation Legend.

Trump Administration Awards \$279 Million in Grants to Help End Veterans Homelessness

The Trump Administration announced on Wednesday, August 19, it will award more than 425 grants to community organizations totaling approximately \$279 million under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Grant Per Diem (GPD) program. Find the complete list of grantees [**here**](#).

READ MORE: [VA To Award More Than 425 Grants, \\$279 Million To Help Prevent and End Veteran Homelessness](#)

The GPD program provides funding to community organizations that provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless Veterans, with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income and obtain greater self-determination.

☐ [**@SecWilkie: @DeptVetAffairs to award more than 425 grants totaling \\$279 million to help prevent and end Veteran homelessness**](#)

The Trump Administration is committed to working with you and State, Local, and Tribal officials across the country to support our Nation's veterans. And this includes not only addressing homelessness but also the national tragedy of veteran suicide. Learn more about the **President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS)** [**here**](#).

Trump Administration Announces Historic Expansion of Hunting and Fishing Opportunities on Public Lands

Tuesday, August 18, the Trump Administration announced a historic expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities on public lands in and around your States, counties and communities. During a visit to the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Michigan, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt announced a final rule that will open and expand over 850 hunting and fishing opportunities across more than 2.3 million acres at 147 national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries. The rule is the single largest expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in history! And it follows last year's expansion of 1.4 million acres for new or expanded hunting and fishing opportunities. In total, the new rule will bring the Trump Administration's total expansion to over 4 million acres nationwide.

READ MORE: [Secretary Bernhardt Announces Historic Expansion of Hunting and Fishing Opportunities on Public Lands](#)

☐ [**@SecBernhardt: On the heels of @realDonaldTrump signing the most significant conservation and recreation funding in U.S. history, the Trump Administration has now made an additional 2.3 million acres accessible to new hunting and fishing opportunities.**](#)

The announcement follows President Trump's signing of the **Great American Outdoors Act** on August 4, 2020. The Act is a historic, bipartisan law that marks the largest-ever investment into America's national parks and public lands. Estimates place the national deferred maintenance backlog across all public lands at approximately \$20 billion. And last year alone, over 327 million people visited America's majestic national parks. All told, America's outdoor recreation economy accounted for more than 2 percent of our GDP - and 5.2 million jobs - in 2017. Find a Fact Sheet on how the Trump Administration is conserving and restoring the majesty of America's public lands [**here**](#).

Read More: [President Trump Signs the Great American Outdoors Act, Preserving and Protecting Our National Parks](#)

□@WhiteHouse: ["The Great American Outdoors Act alone is one of the greatest conversation achievements in U.S. history, and it would not have happened without the steadfast leadership of President Trump," writes Aurelia Skipwith \(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director\).](#)

Trump Administration Is Supporting Iowans in Recovery

On Tuesday, August 19, President Trump traveled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa and participated in a disaster recovery briefing with Federal, State, and local officials. The President heard directly from attendees, including Governor Kim Reynolds (IA), about the severe storm's impact on families, small businesses, and farmers and about ongoing response efforts. President Trump underscored his Administration's commitment to helping the people of Iowa recover from the devastating storm. You can find remarks from the briefing [here](#).

□@WhiteHouse: [Yesterday, President @realDonaldTrump traveled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a briefing after the recent derecho. The President has pledged the full support of the Federal Government. We are with you, Iowa!](#)

□@KimReynoldsIA: [Thank you for being here President @realDonaldTrump! Appreciate the strong partnership from you and the entire team. #Derecho2020](#)

President Trump [approved](#) Governor Kim Reynolds' disaster declaration in less than 24 hours to continue his Administration's unprecedented support for Iowans. And the President's has approved the use of FEMA relief under the Individual Assistance program for Linn County, IA.

- President Trump has delivered over 140k N95 masks, 1 million surgical and procedural masks, 120k face shields, 40k gowns, and 340k gloves to Iowa.
- New coronavirus cases in Iowa have [dropped](#) nearly 30% from the peak in May.
- The overwhelming majority of patients tested in Iowa [receive](#) results within 3 days.
- President Trump provided more than \$5 billion in loans for small businesses in Iowa under PPP – saving more than half a million jobs. More than 58,000 Iowa small businesses were [supported](#) through PPP loans.
- Iowa [received](#) \$1.25 billion in economic stimulus to ensure health care workers had proper protective equipment. And the Trump Administration is investing \$4.2 million to assist Iowa communities' economic development.
- The Trump Administration provided \$2.7 billion in direct payments to Iowans – providing a lift for Americans hit hard by this crisis.
- In June, Iowa's unemployment rate [fell](#) by more than 2 percentage points, a sign that suggests the state is on the road to a strong recovery.

□ CISA Updates Guidance for Essential Workers: Education

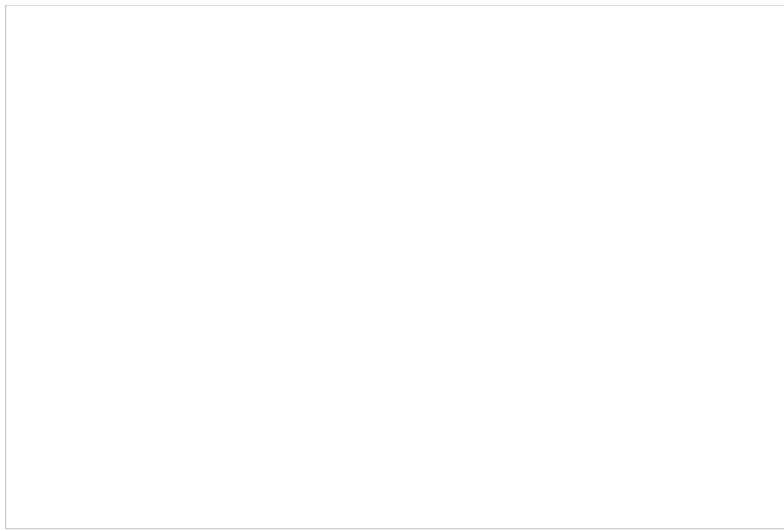
The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security's authorities to secure critical infrastructure. CISA has developed - in collaboration with other federal agencies, State and local governments, and the private sector - an *Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce* advisory list. This list is intended to help State, local, tribal, territorial officials and organizations protect their workers and communities as they continue to reopen in a phased approach, coupled with the need to ensure continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

Reflecting the ongoing dialogue and considerations as communities re-open schools this fall, on August 18, CISA updated the list to include workers who teach and support our children, either in-person or through virtual learning including:

- Workers who support the education of pre-school, K-12, college, university, career and technical education, and adult education students, including professors, teachers, teacher aides, special education and special needs teachers, ESOL teachers, para-educators, apprenticeship supervisors, and specialists.
- Workers who provide services necessary to support educators and students, including but not limited to, administrators, administrative staff, IT specialists, media specialists, librarians, guidance counselors, school psychologists and other mental health professions, school nurses and other health professionals, and school safety personnel.
- Workers who support the transportation and operational needs of schools, including bus drivers, crossing guards, cafeteria workers, cleaning and maintenance workers, bus depot and maintenance workers, and those that deliver food and supplies to school facilities.
- Workers who support the administration of school systems including, school superintendents and their management and operational staff.
- Educators and operational staff facilitating and supporting distance learning.

Read the complete guidance [here](#).

President Trump Recognizes 100 Years of Women's Suffrage



On Tuesday, August 18, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which secured the right to vote for women and marked a monumental step towards the "more perfect Union" envisioned by our Founders.

☐ **@WhiteHouse:** [This morning, President @realDonaldTrump was joined by @FLOTUS, @SBAJovita, and more as he signed a proclamation in honor of the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage.](#)

☐ **@FLOTUS:** [100 years ago today, the #19thAmendment was ratified, securing the right to vote for American women. Today, @POTUS signed a proclamation recognizing this historic anniversary & we celebrate the countless contributions of women throughout our Nation's history. #SuffrageMonth](#)

Also on Tuesday, August 18, President Trump issued an Executive Grant of Clemency (Full Pardon) posthumously to Susan B. Anthony, a peerless advocate for women's suffrage, for a wrongful and unjust conviction stemming from the only vote she ever cast in an election. As we [commemorate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment](#)—known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment—this grant of full clemency recognizes and pays tribute to the advocacy, perseverance, and leadership of a truly remarkable woman and an American hero.

☐ **@SBAJovita:** [President @realDonaldTrump's posthumous pardon of Susan B. Anthony was a great surprise and wonderful way to celebrate. Yet another example of his continuous support to American women. #19thAmendment #womenvote100](#)

United States and European Union Announce Tariff Agreement on Frozen Lobster from the United States

Friday, August, 21 U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and European Union Trade Commissioner Phil Hogan announced agreement on a package of tariff reductions that will increase market access for hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. and EU exports. These tariff reductions are the first U.S.-EU negotiated reductions in duties in more than two decades!

☐ **@USTR:** [The European Union has agreed to eliminate its tariffs on imports of live and frozen lobster from the U.S.](#)

Under the agreement, the EU will eliminate tariffs on imports of U.S. live and frozen lobster products. U.S. exports of these products to the EU were over \$111 million in 2017. The EU will eliminate these tariffs on a Most Favored Nation (MFN) basis, retroactive to begin August 1, 2020. The EU tariffs will be eliminated for a period of five years and the European Commission will promptly initiate procedures aimed at making the tariff changes permanent.

Read More: [How to Set World Trade Straight - Bilateral Pacts Promote Protectionism \(USTR Ambassador Robert Lighthizer\)](#)

With this announcement, the Trump Administration continues to deliver on the promise to level the playing field and promote freer and fairer trade. Earlier this year on July 1, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) entered into force. The USMCA delivered on President Trump's promise to replace the outdated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with a 21st century trade deal that [marks the beginning](#) of a historic new chapter for North American trade. You can find the Agreement's text [here](#), pertinent Fact Sheets [here](#), and Support from State and Local elected Officials [here](#) and [here](#).

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are providing you this top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from your Federal partners to help you serve your fellow citizens. In addition, please find below the invitation for next week's National State, Local, Tribal COVID-19 National Briefing Call.

□ National State, Local, Tribal COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

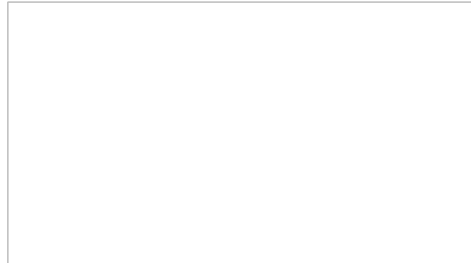
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Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

President Trump's Historic Coronavirus Response



President Trump's historic coronavirus response has taken bold action to protect all Americans. By utilizing the Defense Production Act (DPA) to secure needed supplies to combat the coronavirus, the President has harnessed the power of the government paired with the innovation of the private sector leading the largest mobilization effort in the U.S. since World War II to respond to the coronavirus.

[President Trump's Historic Coronavirus Response](#)

- ☐ Took early action to cut off travel from China
- ☐ Built the world's leading testing system from nothing
- ☐ Enacted mitigation measures to slow the spread
- ☐ Mobilized public and private sectors to secure needed supplies
- ☐ Took action to protect vulnerable Americans

[President Donald J. Trump Is Using Every Available Resource to Deliver a Safe and Effective Vaccine to the American People](#)

- ☐ Launched effort to deliver a vaccine and therapeutics
- ☐ Provided support to workers & businesses
- ☐ Paved way for reopening to get America working again
- ☐ Surged resources to hot spots as they arose
- ☐ Confronted China as origin of the virus while Democrats & media cowered

In addition, the White House Council of Economic Advisors just released a report that shows the significant effects the President's policies had on our economy.

Decisive Action to Support American Families

On Saturday, August 8, President Trump took action to support American families and is urging Congress to continue his efforts to provide resources to those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The President's actions include:

- Signing a presidential memorandum to provide [temporary payroll tax relief](#) for American families who have been hit hard by the coronavirus.
 - Ensuring Americans who have lost their job and want nothing more than to return to work have the [unemployment benefits](#) they need during this crisis.
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 - Signing a presidential memorandum to provide [student loan relief](#) for Americans who have faced financial harm due to the coronavirus.
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33rd Governors COVID-19 Briefing

On Monday, August 10, Vice President Mike Pence and the White House Coronavirus Task Force held the 33rd Governors briefing with the chief executives of America's States, territories, and the city of Washington, DC to discuss State, local, and Federal Coronavirus response and recovery best practices.

☐ [@Mike Pence: Today, the @WhiteHouse Coronavirus Task Force continued productive conversations with America's Governors as we meet this moment together. We are working to make sure states have the resources and support they need to protect their people and see their way through this pandemic.](#)

Chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Hokanson briefed on President Trump's unprecedented extension of Title 32 Status for the National Guard through the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2020), demonstrating once again his ongoing support of governors and State leaders to leverage all solutions to help beat the Invisible Enemy. For the first time in our Nation's history, there is a presidential disaster declaration in every State in the Nation, and in every county in every State, showing the President's commitment to every State in the Nation.

Vice President Pence also provided an update on COVID-19 response and discussed best practices with our Nation's governors on limiting coronavirus spread, including encouraging Americans to adhere to state and local guidelines and to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained. The Vice President discussed the Federal government's support for personnel at hospitals and PPE at nursing homes, CDC's guidance on encouraging schools to safely reopen in the fall, and supporting States' efforts to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

President Trump's Call with America's Sheriffs



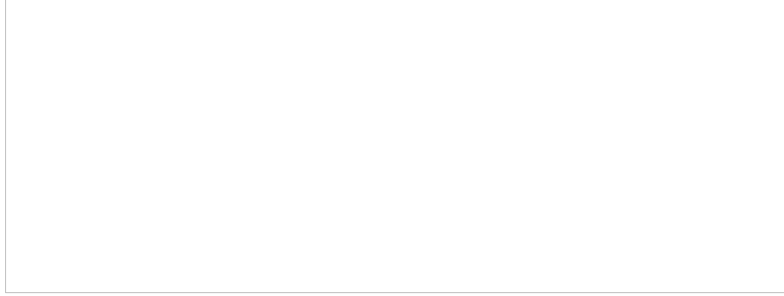
☐ [@realDonaldTrump: Thank you to Sheriff Gonzales of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, for joining my call with our Nation's sheriffs. Appreciate your partnership to help make your county safe – great comments on Operation Legend!](#)

On Tuesday, August 11, President Donald J. Trump held a briefing call with hundreds of America's county Sheriffs from across the country. Sheriffs are on the front lines of law enforcement policy and public safety, and the President has remained committed to supporting and partnering with them on key issues and priorities including safe communities, border security, human trafficking,

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combating COVID-19, and disaster recovery and resilience. President Trump discussed how his Administration continues to devote unprecedented resources to our nation's sheriffs and law enforcement officers. Between FY 2017 and FY 2019, for example, the Administration has provided an estimated \$2.9 billion to law enforcement for law enforcement activities through the Department of Homeland Security.

Kids First: Getting America's Children Safely Back to School



On Wednesday, August 12, President Trump and Vice President Pence [welcomed](#) a group of parents, teachers, and physicians - alongside Senior Administration Officials - to the White House to discuss how best to get American children back to school.

We know three fundamental facts that support a safe reopening:

1. Prolonged school closures inflict massive harm on children, risking their academic, social, and emotional development.
2. Children are at extremely low risk for serious illness, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19; according to all available data, far lower risk than from seasonal influenza.
3. Educating America's children is a top national priority; schools are as important, and in some cases, more important, than any other essential business.

The Trump Administration put forth recommendations to guide schools toward a pathway of safe reopening while empowering families to make the best decisions for their children. Under President Trump's leadership, children come first. To view these recommendations, click [here](#).

The President is taking action to ensure schools safely reopen in the fall and empower parents to make decisions about their children's education. The President has made over \$13 billion available to support continued education for K-12 students and has requested \$105 billion in education funding as part of the next coronavirus relief bill. Below, please find more helpful information to inform your local schools.

- [President Donald J. Trump is Supporting the Safe of Reopening of America's Schools](#)
- [CDC Guidance on the Importance of Reopening America's Schools](#)
- [White House Summit on Safely Reopening America's Schools](#) (July 2020)

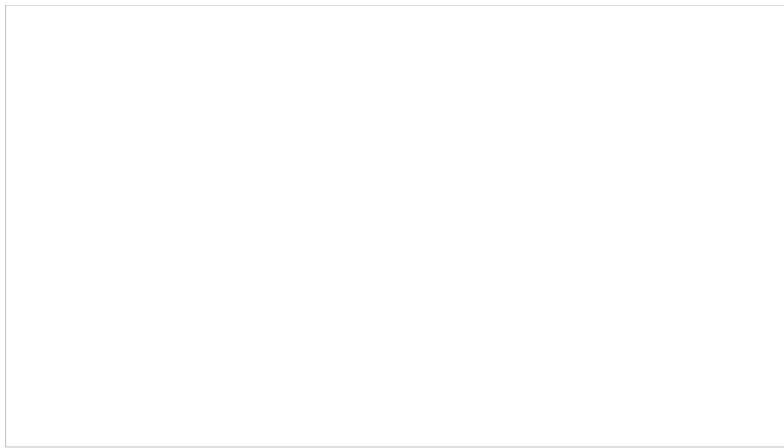
Unemployment Relief

President Trump, recognizing the acute financial distress affecting families across the country, has worked to quickly provide **\$44 billion in relief to supplement unemployment benefits**. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is assisting in providing benefits from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), to empower States to deliver continued financial relief to Americans who are suffering from unemployment due to COVID-19.

President Trump has authorized FEMA to use Stafford Act disaster relief funds to provide supplemental payments for lost wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA will administer the lost wages assistance program that **authorizes States to provide a \$400 weekly payment**. The Federal contribution from the DRF will be \$300 per person per week. State's 25% cost share, required under DRF, can be met by their aggregate state unemployment insurance benefit. If a State chooses, they can provide an additional \$100 per person per week using the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) or other State funds they can bring the total amount up to \$400 for eligible recipients. States must apply through Grants.gov (Opportunity #: DHS-20-ONA-050-00-99) by September 10, 2020.

- [Grants.Gov](#) Lost Wages Application, Template Documents & Additional Details (Opportunity #: DHS-20-ONA-050-00-99)
- FEMA Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance Fact Sheet ([Here](#))
- FEMA Supplemental Payments for Lost Wages ([Here](#))
- FEMA Supplemental Payments for Lost Wages Point-of-Contact ([E-mail](#))
- Labor Guidance for Unemployment Insurance Program [here](#) & [here](#).

President Trump Has Secured a Historic Deal Between Israel and the United Arab Emirates to Advance Peace and Prosperity in the Region



On Thursday, August 13, President Donald J. Trump, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, and Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates spoke and agreed to the full normalization of relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

 [@realDonaldTrump: Joint Statement of the United States, the State of Israel, and the United Arab Emirates](#)

This historic diplomatic breakthrough will advance peace in the Middle East region and is a testament to the bold diplomacy and vision of the three leaders and the courage of the United Arab Emirates and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock the great potential in the region. All three countries face many common challenges and will mutually benefit from today's historic achievement. Below, find additional information.

Learn more [here](#).

HUD Approves Flexibility for CDBG-Coronavirus Funds

On Friday, August 14, Secretary Ben Carson announced new flexibilities State and local governments can use in order to best utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds appropriated by the CARES Act, as well as other federal funds, to support their communities in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. To date, HUD has provided over \$3 billion in CDBG-CV funds nationwide to help communities combat coronavirus and alleviate economic hardship. HUD is also providing flexibility to communities who want to utilize their existing, non-CARES Act federal dollars to support their coronavirus recovery efforts.

Key new flexibilities available to communities in administering their CDBG-CV funds include:

- States may carry out activities directly or pass funds through to local governments in both rural and urban areas throughout the state. (Some funds must be set aside for rural areas.)
- Economic development rules updated and streamlined so grantees can move quickly to help small businesses, and
- Emergency payments to a provider or landlord on behalf of a family or individual, usually limited to 90 days, may extend for up to six months.

Read more [here](#).

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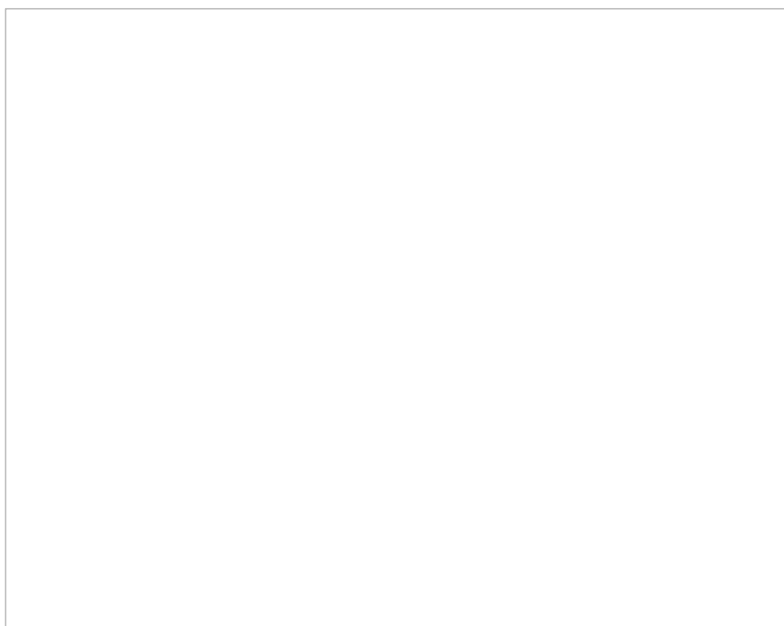
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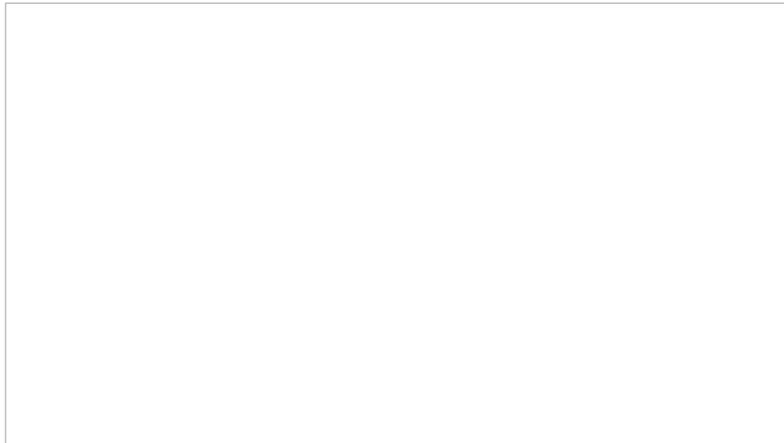
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Trump Administration's Farmers to Families Food Box Program Delivers Over 75 Million Boxes Nationwide; USDA Announces Additional \$1 Billion for Program



On Monday, August 24, President Donald J. Trump - joined by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Senior Advisor Ivanka Trump - visited the Flavor 1st Growers and Packers produce packing center in Mills River, NC and highlighted the Administration's Farmers to Families Food Box Program. You can read President's Trump's remarks [here](#) and watch them [here](#).

READ MORE: [The Farmers to Families Food Box Program Boosts Economy](#)

The Farmers to Families Food Box Program, which authorized \$3 billion in direct purchasing under the CARES Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, has delivered over 75 million family-sized food boxes containing fresh and nutritious food grown by American farmers to those most in need across the country during the coronavirus pandemic. This innovative program has supported our farmers, strengthened our workforce and nourished families.

—@SecretarySonny: [@USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box Program Reaches 75 Million Boxes Delivered!](#)

And the Trump Administration is committed to continuing this successful program and supporting our nation's farmers and families. On August 24, President Trump and Secretary Perdue [announced](#) up to an additional \$1 billion for the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. The additional funding allows the program to continue critical support to farmers, distributors, and American families in need.

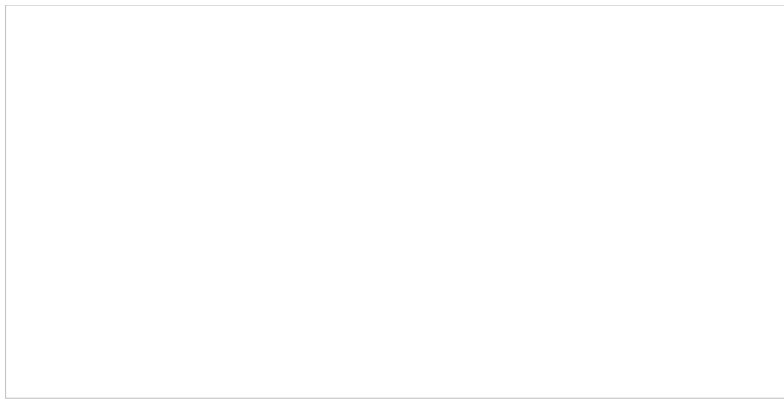
Lifting Up and Driving New Prosperity in Previously Forgotten American Communities through Opportunity Zones; IRS Opportunity Zone Webinar Invitation

On Monday, August 24, the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) released a progress report on the White House Opportunity Zones initiative. CEA estimates that opportunity zones have generated half a million jobs, attracted \$75 billion in capital investments, and are on track to reduce the poverty rate within opportunity zones by 11 percent, lifting 1,000,000 people out of poverty.

Read More: [The Impact of Opportunity Zones - An Initial Assessment](#)

—@SecretaryCarson: [This tremendous #OpportunityZones progress report shows the American people, especially the families who have felt forgotten for years, President @realDonaldTrump's Great American Comeback is in fact underway.](#)

And on August 24, President Trump signed an [executive order](#) directing federal agencies to prioritize moving their facilities to distressed areas, including opportunity zones. Previously, federal agencies have been encouraged to consider locating facilities in central business districts, which are oftentimes the most expensive.



About Opportunity Zones: Opportunity Zones are economically distressed communities, defined by individual census tract, nominated by America's governors, and certified by the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury via his delegation of that authority to the Internal Revenue Service. There are 8,764 Opportunity Zones in the United States. The Opportunity Zones initiative is not a top-down government program from Washington but an incentive to spur private and public investment in America's underserved communities. Learn more at www.opportunityzones.gov.

—@WhiteHouse: [Through the Opportunity Zones program, the Trump Administration has worked tirelessly to lift up communities experiencing high poverty rates, low median income, and high crime. More from @ScottTurner45.](#)

☐ IRS Webinar on Opportunity Zones - September 3rd

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) Update on Opportunity Zones

Thursday, September 3, 2020

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- ☐ Overview of Opportunity Zones
- ☐ Discussion of tax benefits for investors
- ☐ Explanation of the investor reporting of elections
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- ☐ Discussion of disaster relief information
- ☐ Plus a live Q & A

40 States Approved for FEMA Grant Under Trump Administration's Lost Wages Assistance Program

Since announced by President Trump on August 8th, 40 States have been approved for FEMA grants under the Lost Wages Assistance Program. FEMA's grant funding allows States to provide \$300 per week -- on top of their regular unemployment benefit -- to those unemployed due to COVID-19. For more information on FEMA's Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance [here](#). And find a list of all approved states [here](#).

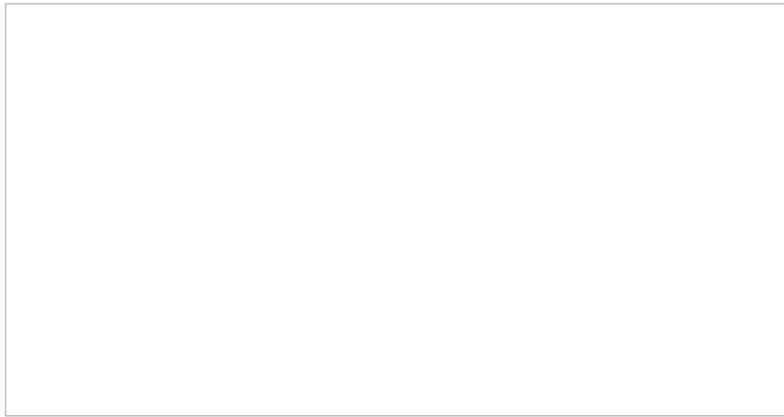
Background: On August 8, President Trump took action to support American families and is urging Congress to continue his efforts to provide resources to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The President's actions included:

- Signing a presidential memorandum to provide [temporary payroll tax relief](#) for American families who have been hit hard by the coronavirus.
- Ensuring Americans who have lost their job and want nothing more than to return to work have the [unemployment benefits](#) they need during this crisis.
- Signing an executive order to help ensure Americans facing financial hardships due to the coronavirus [do not face eviction or foreclosure](#).
- Signing a presidential memorandum to provide [student loan relief](#) for Americans who have faced financial harm due to the coronavirus.

Trump Administration Announces New Measures to Protect Our Nation's Seniors and Nursing Homes

The Trump Administration has and continues to take [strong action](#) to protect nursing homes and our nation's seniors from the coronavirus. On August 27, for example, the Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) that it has now distributed almost \$2.5 billion of a planned \$5 billion distribution to nursing homes to support increased testing, staffing, and personal protective equipment (PPE) needs.

On Tuesday, August 25, the White House and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) [announced](#) new measures to further protect nursing homes from the coronavirus. Nursing homes are now required to test their staff twice a week, weekly, or monthly, depending on local factors such as an individual facility's risk for COVID-19 transmission. Residents and staff will also be tested when there are new cases.



To support nursing homes meet these new requirements, the Trump Administration is providing point-of-care testing devices and an initial supply of test kits to nursing homes. To date, the Administration has already shipped over 2 million point-of-care tests and over 5,600 point-of-care machines to the highest risk nursing homes. And the Administration is actively monitoring supplies at every nursing home and sending 1.5 million N95 masks to those that have reported shortages.

Read More: [Trump Administration Strengthens COVID-19 Surveillance with New Reporting and Testing Requirements for Nursing Homes, Other Providers](#)

Trump Administration Will Deploy 150 Million Rapid COVID-19 Tests

On Thursday, August 27, the Trump Administration announced the purchase and production of 150 million rapid tests to be distributed across the country. This important announcement follows President Trump's call for the development of a low cost, reliable, point-of-care test in March. To deliver on this promise, the Administration partnered with Abbott Laboratories to produce inexpensive and easy-to-use Abbott BinaxNOW tests. This is a major development that will help save more lives by further protecting America's most vulnerable and allow our country to remain open, get Americans back to work, and get kids back to school.

—@SecAzar: [The introduction of Abbott's antigen test is another incredibly valuable result of President Trump's all-of-America approach to constructing our world-leading COVID-19 testing capacity. Under @POTUS's leadership, we announced the purchase & production of 150 MILLION rapid tests.](#)

This announcement is made in coordination with the Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization for this new type of antigen test in which results can be read directly from the testing card. Made in America, for Americans, these new tests exemplify President Trump's whole-of-America approach, which harnesses industry and innovation to ensure America leads the world in combating COVID-19.

Read More: [White House Announces \\$750M Deal for Abbott Labs' COVID-19 Rapid Test](#)

President Trump Mobilizes the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to Hurricane Laura; Visits Texas and Louisiana to Assess Response and Recovery Efforts

Disaster response and recovery is locally executed, State managed, and Federally supported. To support State, local, and Tribal officials in Hurricane Laura response/recovery, the Trump Administration took early and ongoing action across the whole of federal government including:

- ☐ Approval of emergency declarations for Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas;
- ☐ Pre-positioned over 3.5 million meals and 1.7 million liters of water to Louisiana and Texas;
- ☐ Deployed extensive Federal personnel to assist in on-the-ground response and recovery efforts
- ☐ [Declared](#) public health emergencies in Louisiana and Texas that give Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and their healthcare providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting emergency health needs

☐ @FEMA_Pete: [Grateful for the @fema staff and all of our federal partners working day & night to bring relief to those in need. #WeAreFEMA](#)

And on Saturday, August 29, President Trump traveled to Louisiana and Texas to survey recovery efforts, meet with State and local

officials, and offer the Administration's full support to the storm victims. You can find the President's remarks from the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Roundtable with Federal, State, and Local officials here ([text](#); [video](#)) and the Texas Disaster Recovery Roundtable here ([text](#); [video](#)).

□ **@DougHoelscher45:** [Second stop of the day for @POTUS @realDonaldTrump is in Texas to show support for those impacted by #HurricaneLaura and meet with Texas leaders including @GregAbbott TX @DanPatrick @KenPaxtonTX. The President will help Texas bounce back quickly!](#)



(Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)

□ **@realDonaldTrump:** [Just returned to Washington from Louisiana Texas, after tours and discussions concerning Hurricane Laura. Thank you to @FEMA and ALL. God bless the families of those who perished.](#)

Protecting American Homeowners During the Coronavirus Pandemic

At President Trump's direction, the Administration is taking further action to prevent Americans from losing their homes due to evictions and foreclosures and is following through on the President's [Executive Order](#) to protect American homeowners and renters during the coronavirus by extending protections the Administration began in March.

On Thursday, August 27, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) extended its eviction and foreclosure moratorium for FHA-insured homeowners through the end of 2020. HUD will also begin considering factors associated with eviction risk when allocating nearly \$2 billion in CARES Act funding and is reminding current grant recipients that they can use various funds to assist renters at risk of eviction. To assist vulnerable Americans, **HUD allocated \$472 million in CARES Act funding to help ensure that low-income residents have a safe place to live during the coronavirus.**

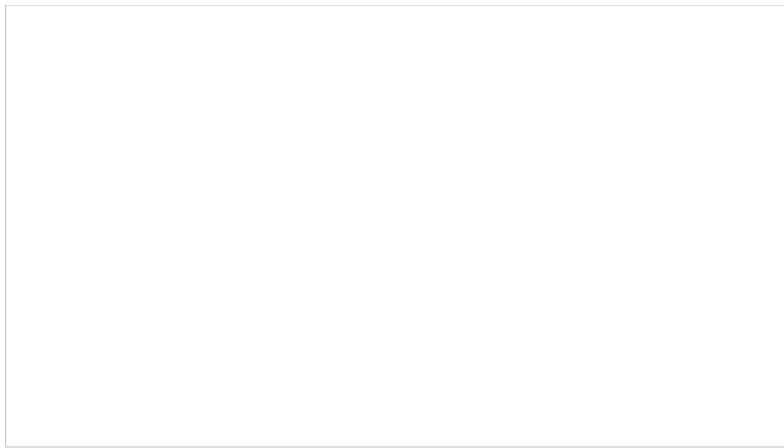
□ **@SecretaryCarson:** [President @realDonaldTrump is taking unprecedented measures to ensure American homeowners have the resources and support they need to get back to financial stability during the economic recovery.](#)

Throughout the pandemic, President Trump has made it a priority to provide assistance to Americans facing financial hardship. Supporting this, HUD issued a toolkit to help landlords and public housing authorities work with their tenants during this difficult financial time. Lastly, HUD has promoted their housing counseling services, and has published resources and guidance for both lenders and tenants.

READ MORE: [FHA Extends Foreclosure & Eviction Moratorium for Homeowners Through Year End](#)

Trump Administration Opens 6th Operation Lady Justice Task Force Cold Case Office in Anchorage, Alaska

On Wednesday, August 26, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced the opening of the sixth office to investigate cold cases involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives in Anchorage, AK. Other offices have been opened in Bloomington, MN, Rapid City, SD, Billings, MT, Albuquerque, NM, and Phoenix, AZ.



READ MORE: [Trump Administration Opens Operation Lady Justice Task Force Cold Case Office in Anchorage, Alaska](#)

A way for top federal officials to engage, coordinate and work with tribal governments on developing strategies to address the crisis, the Operation Lady Justice Task Force is working to collect and manage data across jurisdictions; establish protocols for new and unsolved cases; establish multi-jurisdictional cold case teams; improve the response to investigative challenges; and provide clarity on the roles, authorities and jurisdiction for those involved. It is also charged with providing a report to the President of its work and accomplishments in meeting the executive order's mandate.

The Trump Administration Is Investing \$1 Billion in Research Institutes to Advance Industries of the Future

The Trump Administration is taking strong action to ensure American leadership in the industries of the future— **artificial intelligence (AI), quantum information science (QIS), 5G communications**, and other key emerging technologies that will shape our economy and security for years to come.

On Wednesday, August 26, the White House, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Department of Energy (DOE) announced more than \$1 billion in awards for the establishment of 12 new AI and QIS research and development (R&D) institutes nationwide.

Together, NSF's AI Research Institutes and DOE's QIS Research Centers will serve as national R&D hubs for these critical industries of the future, spurring innovation, supporting regional economic growth, and training our next generation workforce..

READ MORE: [The Trump Administration Is Investing \\$1 Billion in Research Institutes to Advance Industries of the Future](#)

Trump Administration Announces Tribal Grants

On Thursday, August 27, the Trump Administration - through the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - announced the distribution of first-year funds of its two-year State Opioid Response (SOR) and Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grant programs. The two programs ultimately will award nearly \$3 billion over two years to help states and tribes provide community-level resources for people in need of prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

READ MORE: [HHS Releases \\$1.5 Billion to States, Tribes to Combat Opioid Crisis](#)

Also on Thursday, August 27, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - announced the award of community development block grants for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Totaling \$100 Million, the grants will be used to develop Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes. More information will be available [here](#).

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