

Dear NLC Partner,

This week, NLC released new survey data from over 900 municipalities, which showcases the widespread effect COVID-19 is having on America's communities. Among other alarming figures, [the survey](#) found that **71% of cities, towns and villages believe their government's condition will worsen if Congress does not pass another stimulus.**

Since the start of the pandemic, on average, cities have seen revenues decline by 21%, while additional expenditures – including PPE, remote work technology and overtime pay for essential employees – have increased 17% over the same time period. This adds up to a budget gap of about \$90 billion for 2020 alone.

NLC has shared the survey results with Members of Congress – but we need your help making the case. Now is the time to raise your voice **again**. We need YOU to tell your Senator that they must include and approve fair and equitable budget aid for your local government, and all local governments, at levels appropriate to your needs.

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Cities Are Essential! NLC will continue to fight for the recovery and future of all America's cities, towns and villages, regardless of location or size – keep fighting alongside us!

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