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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.

The following augmentations to Budget Act items are needed to provide support to state and local governments to protect the health and safety of homeless populations and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak:

- $100,000,000 to Item 0515-101-0001 for the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to provide to local governments to invest in COVID-19 prevention and containment efforts for temporary shelters, including, but not limited to, medically-indicated services and supplies, such as testing and handwashing stations, and enhancements to existing shelter facilities. This will allow for proper social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. Each entity's allocation will be proportionate to the allocation it received from the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program.

- $50,000,000 to Item 5180-151-0001 for the state Department of Social Services for travel trailers, hotels, motels, and other properties for immediate homeless housing to expand capacity in response to the effects of COVID-19 on the homeless population. This will also provide resources for the wraparound services associated with these placements.

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 call Kris Cook, Assistant Program Budget Manager, at 916-445-3274.

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