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Final Amount of CARES Act Funds Disbursed to Local Governments through Relief Program

PEARL, Miss. (MEMA) – The final reimbursements of CARES Act funds have been dispersed to local governments through MEMA’s COVID-19 Relief Program. A total of **\$68,463,159.33** was paid out to Mississippi counties and municipalities to reimburse local governments for COVID-19 expenses.

In August, Governor Tate Reeves and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency launched the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Program. Through the Mississippi Legislature, MEMA was allocated \$70 million of CARES Act Money to reimburse county and municipal governments for COVID-19 expenses.

All 82 counties applied for CARES Act funds through the program and received 100% of their allocation rate; 270 municipalities also applied for reimbursement, receiving 97% of their allocations.

“Our MEMA Team managed to successfully reimburse counties and municipalities with CARES Act funds all while responding to a pandemic, purchasing and delivering PPE and responding to tropical storm and hurricanes. Every day we are working to serve the wonderful citizens of this great state. This final payment is a testament to the dedication we at MEMA have to our counties, municipalities and the taxpayers of the state,” says Deputy Director Stephen McCraney.

To view a complete breakdown of payments to municipalities and counties visit msema.org.

As stated in Senate Bill 3047, the unobligated monies will be returned to Governor Reeves to be used for eligible expenditures in accordance with the CARES Act.

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