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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. CARES Act

CALL TO ACTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IT DIRECTORS

THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE

Citizens and businesses across the world have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Likewise, the cities, counties, and states where they live and work have also been impacted. Government challenges include:

- Delayed tax deadlines
- Liquidity challenges
- Employee productivity
- Increased medical spending
- Increased business oversight
- Citizen unrest
- Decreased sales tax collections
- Revenue decline
- Health and safety initiatives

Facing already tight budgets and revenue declines, state and local governments are struggling to retain employees, provide health, safety, and other services for their citizens, and enforce new mandates. While focusing on business revival, leadership cannot lose sight of existing initiatives focused on improving services and driving innovation, but doing so in a way that also ensures data and privacy security in a world where potential breaches can exist on any device.

CARES ACT FUNDING

In late March, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which allocated \$150 billion in federal funding for state, local, and tribal governments. In the coming weeks and months, state and local governments may be assessing how the CARES Act can help with any or all of the challenges they are facing.

CALL TO ACTION FOR IT DIRECTORS

With numerous priorities and equally important use cases, there are a variety of ways and latitude in how these funds can be utilized. This is the time that IT Directors can be advocates for using these funds for foundation technology to ensure a productive workforce, business recovery, community services, and government reimaged.

Begin conversations with departments – Assessor, Courts, Health Department, Library, Parks, Public Works, Transportation, and Treasury – to ensure they can help you identify areas where CARES Act funding applies. Here are some focus areas you can discuss:

- Support work-from-home
- Extend services outdoors
- Give public outdoor Wi-Fi
- Manage all sites across distributed locations
- Extend healthcare services to outside
- Provide telemedicine to correction facilities
- Leverage a mobile app for services (DMV renewal, traffic notifications, etc.)
- Save on facility costs with IoT-enabled buildings
- Understand space utilization
- Support visitor management with frictionless check-in

ARUBA SOLUTIONS

State and local government IT directors are being placed at the center of solving challenges, requiring an agile network and flexible financing options. Aruba can help state and local government entities achieve their vision and goals while also ensuring data and network security.

To learn more, contact Aruba at [1-844-473-2782](tel:1-844-473-2782) or [complete this brief form](#) and we will be in touch shortly.