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Dear County Leader:

As you now know, the President signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Act. In addition to providing approximately \$900 billion in COVID-19 relief, the legislation extends the date by which state and local governments must spend CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund awards **to December 31, 2021.**

Governor Hogan has decided to extend the deadline for local governments to spend funding received from the State to correspond with the new federal deadline. **The State will require you to sign an addendum agreeing to extend the terms of the current agreement.**

Failure to sign such an addendum will require your county to return all unspent funds as of December 30, 2020 by April 1, 2021. Please be advised that all the requirements that your local governments previously agreed to will continue to stay in place, including quarterly reporting. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) will endeavor to get you the addendum this week. We are hopeful that you will be able to sign the agreement immediately upon receipt and return it to DBM.

A review of the most recently submitted reports from local governments and health departments indicate that approximately one-third of the funding allocated by the State has not been spent as of the end of November. The State encourages local governments to spend wisely and make sure that sufficient funding is allocated to cover health care-related pandemic costs.

If you have any questions please contact DBM Deputy Secretary Marc Nicole at marc.nicole@maryland.gov.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David R. Brinkley
Secretary