

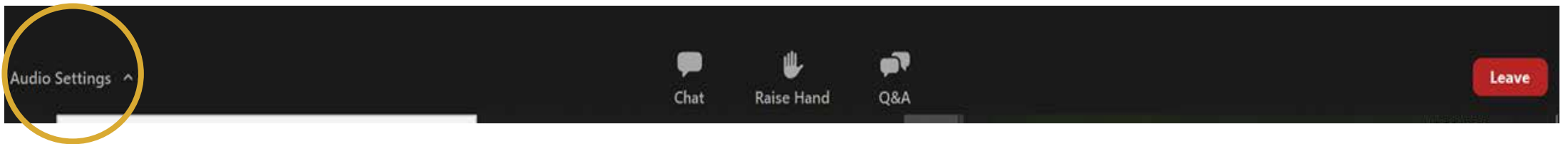
COVID-19 Webinar: After the Emergency: Navigating the FEMA Reimbursement Process

COVID-19 Webinar Series

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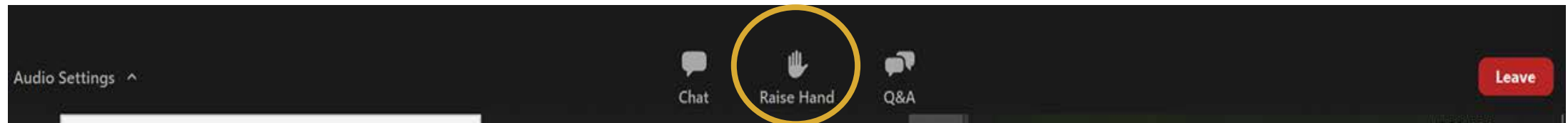


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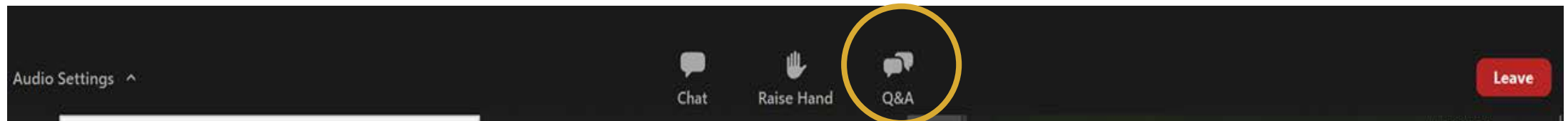
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Agenda

- Disaster Overview
- Public Assistance Program
- Categories of Work
- Public Assistance Eligible Applicants
- PA Program Implementation Process
- Applicant Responsibilities



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Disaster Overview – DR-4482-CA

- Governor declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020
- President declared disaster March 22, 2020, for the incident period: **January 20, 2020, and continuing**
- Assistance available: **Public Assistance** limited to emergency protective measures and direct federal assistance; and **Individual Assistance** for crisis counseling
- Designated Counties: **All California Counties**

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

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Governor of California

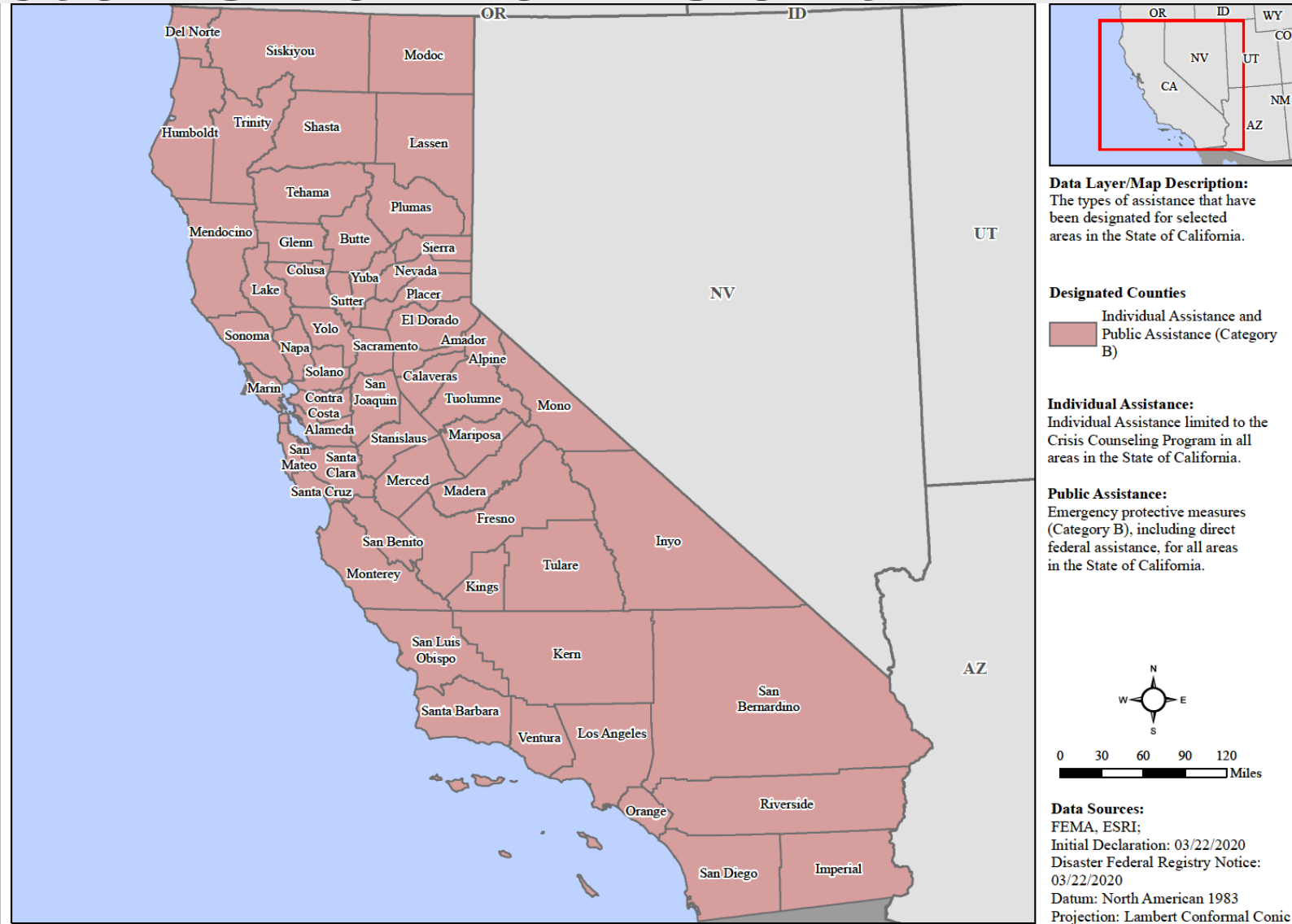


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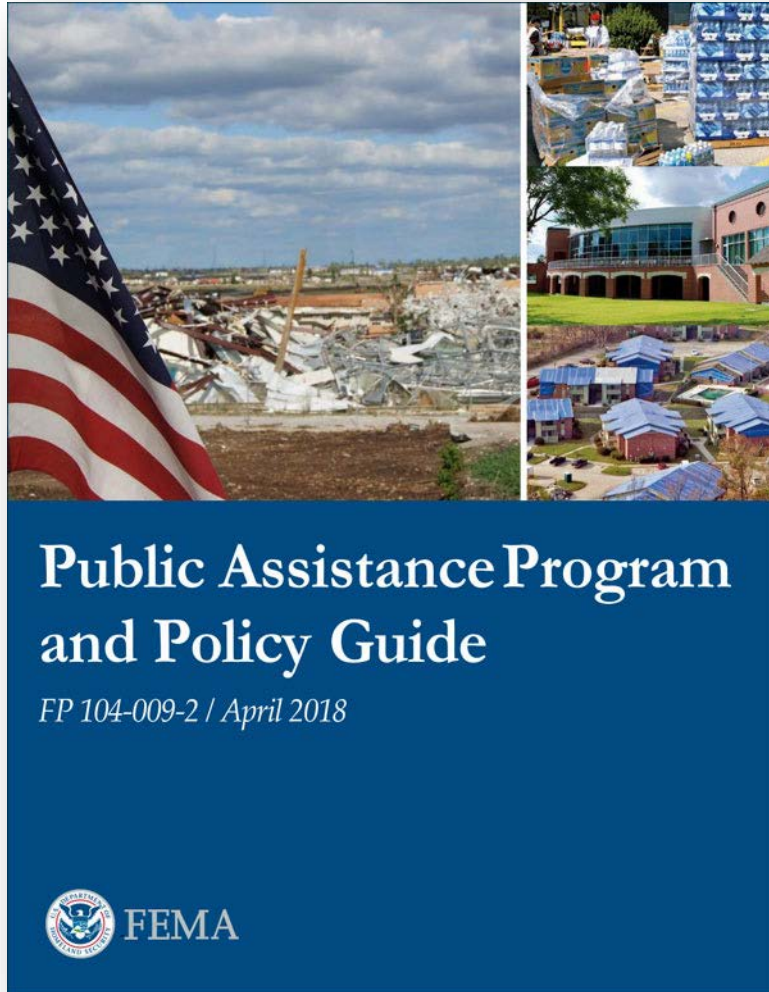


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Public Assistance (PA) Program



- The federal Public Assistance Program provides assistance to government organizations and certain private nonprofit organizations following a Presidential disaster declaration
- Assistance is for emergency protective measures ONLY for this event.
- FEMA covers no less than 75% of the costs



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FEMA PA: COVID-19

- FEMA authorized to provide assistance for emergency measures necessary as a result of the pandemic
 - “Category B” for emergency protective measures
 - Authorizes funding for actions to address immediate threats resulting directly from the disaster that are necessary in order to protect public health and safety
 - For COVID-19, these actions should be taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials



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FEMA PA: COVID-19

- Includes the following (if not funded by US HHS or another federal agency):
 - Emergency Operations Centers
 - PPE
 - Emergency medical care
 - Treatment of COVID-19 patients
 - Temporary facilities
 - Testing
 - Sheltering when necessary to address public health and safety needs
 - Purchase and distribution of commodities such as food when necessary to address public health and safety
 - Security and law enforcement
 - Communication of health and safety information to the public.



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FEMA PA: COVID-19

• Grant requirements for PA:

- Legal responsibility: Applicants must have the legal responsibility for the work
- Documentation: Applicants need to provide documentation necessary to support the costs they are claiming
- Federal Acquisition Regulations: Federal procurement regulations are mandatory for federal grant programs, such as PA
- Duplication of benefits: FEMA PA prohibits duplication of benefits from other sources, such as other federal grant programs and insurance
- Environmental and Historic Preservation Requirements
- Equal access and delivery of services to people with disabilities
- Cost Share: FEMA PA funding is cost-shared (currently 75% federal/25% non-federal)



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California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)

- Currently, CDAA only authorized for the Great Plates Delivered Program (GPD)
 - An emergency feeding program designed to ensure that specified older and high-risk Californians receive restaurant-prepared meals
- Current GPD cost breakdown
 - 75% FEMA PA share
 - 18.75% State CDAA share
 - 6.25% Local share
- All other “Category B” cost breakdown currently
 - 75% FEMA PA share
 - 25% Local share



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FEMA PA: Application Process

- The FEMA PA Program is administered through State, Tribal and Territorial governments

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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APPLICANT (Political subdivision or eligible applicant)
Monterey County

COUNTY (Location of Damages. If located in multiple counties, please indicate)
The County of Monterey

STREET ADDRESS
1 Main Street

CITY
Salinas

COUNTY
Monterey

STATE
CA

DATE
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MAILING ADDRESS (If different from Physical Location)

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- State, Territorial and Tribal governments serve as the Recipient of FEMA grant funding
- The Recipient then disburses funding to local governments as sub-recipients
- Applicants such as county governments apply for and receive PA funding through the respective Recipient



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FEMA PA: COVID-19 Streamlined Application Process

- Online information technology tool called the PA Grants Portal (<https://grantee.fema.gov/>)
 - County governments can set up accounts directly in Grants Portal
 - The first step in the process is submitting an RPA to CA and FEMA through Grants Portal
 - FEMA has also set up a Direct Application process in Grants Portal for COVID-19 project funding
- FEMA's Quick Guides and How-To Videos provide step-by-step instructions and can be found in the Grants Portal
 - For technical assistance with Grants Portal, Applicants can call the Grants Portal hotline at **1-866-337-8448** (questions on PA eligibility should be directed to state and regional contacts)



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DR-4482 PA Process



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FEMA PA: COVID-19 Specific Issues

- FEMA has issued PA guidance specifically for the COVID-19 incident:
 - Emergency Protective Measures -- Fact Sheet
 - PNP Eligibility -- Fact Sheet
 - Procurement During Exigent and Emergency Circumstances – Fact Sheet
 - Purchase and Distribution of Food – Policy
 - Medical Care – Policy in Draft



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FEMA PA: COVID-19 Specific Issues

- Duplication of Benefits -- FEMA cannot duplicate funding from another federal agency
- Significant supplemental funding has been provided, including CARES Act
 - Coronavirus Relief Fund (Department of Treasury) - \$150B to state, local and tribal governments for COVID-19 costs
 - Medical Care – US HHS through ASPR, CDC and CMS - over \$100B for medical care funding
 - Block Grants – HUD funding for CDBG
 - Food – USDA funding for nutrition support
- Some of the forms of this funding and the cost shares are different
- FEMA is working with other federal agencies to coordinate benefits and provide information for state and local governments for decision making



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PA Eligible Applicants

Counties

Cities

Towns

School Districts

Special Districts

Community College
Districts

State Agencies

Tribal Governments

Private Non-Profit
Organizations



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Applicant Responsibilities

- Submit request for PA
(Deadline is currently no later than 30 days after the end of the incident period)
 - Email: DisasterRecovery@CalOES.ca.gov
 - Mail to: Cal OES, Public Assistance
Attn: David Gillings, PAO
3650 Schriever Ave.
Mather, CA 95655
- Identify eligible Emergency Protective Measures and submit costs and details to Cal OES/FEMA within 60 days of the declared end of the National Public Health Emergency



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Applicant Responsibilities Cont.

- Ensure all required payment documents are submitted in order to receive funds
- Provide documentation to FEMA and Cal OES for all projects
- Expend grant funds in accordance with grant requirements
- Be accountable to the state for federal funds
- Maintain clear and organized documentation



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Updates & Best Practices

- Virtual Applicants' Briefings continuing through May 21, 2020
- All funding forms submitted
- Procurement processes
- Environmental compliance
- Assembly of appropriate cost documentation



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Other Helpful Resources

- [Federal Public Assistance Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Applicant Briefing Public Assistance Helpful Resources](#)
- [Cal OES Recovery COVID-19 Resources and Documents](#)
- [FEMA COVID-19 Fact Sheets](#)



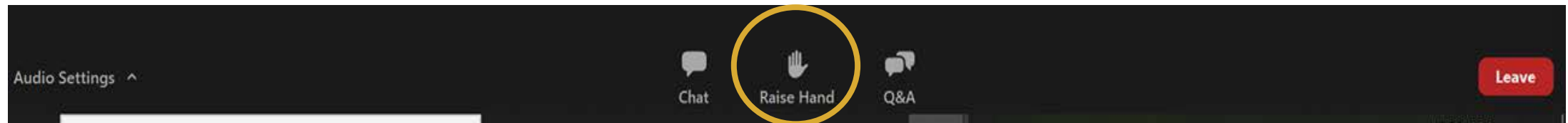
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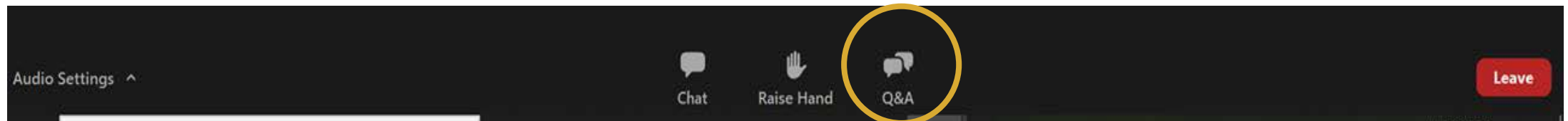
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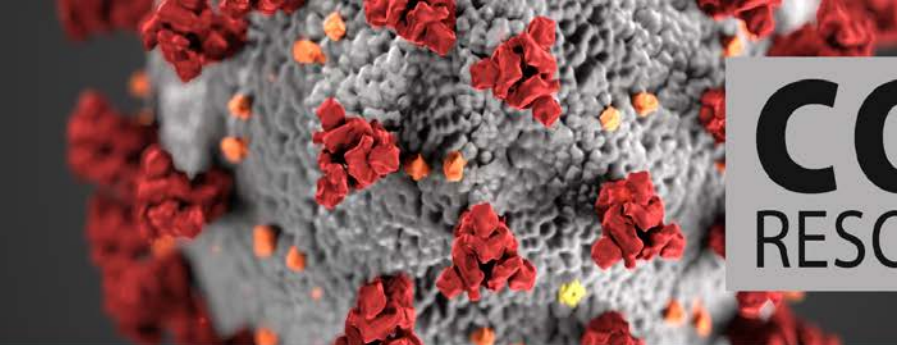
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