

Navigating COVID-19 Grant Funding

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About Today's Webinar

Please note that your microphones and conference lines are muted. With such a large audience, we encourage you to use the chat box to ask questions and share resources.

ELGL will compile all resources shared during the discussion and post (along with the webinar recording) to our COVID-19 resources page: <https://elgl.org/covid-19/>.

Please be sure to take the open poll about future webinars and resources you'd be interested in related to grant funding for local and state governments in the coming weeks.

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State and local governments are the backbone of our public health system. They have been essential partners in the ongoing work to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the US.

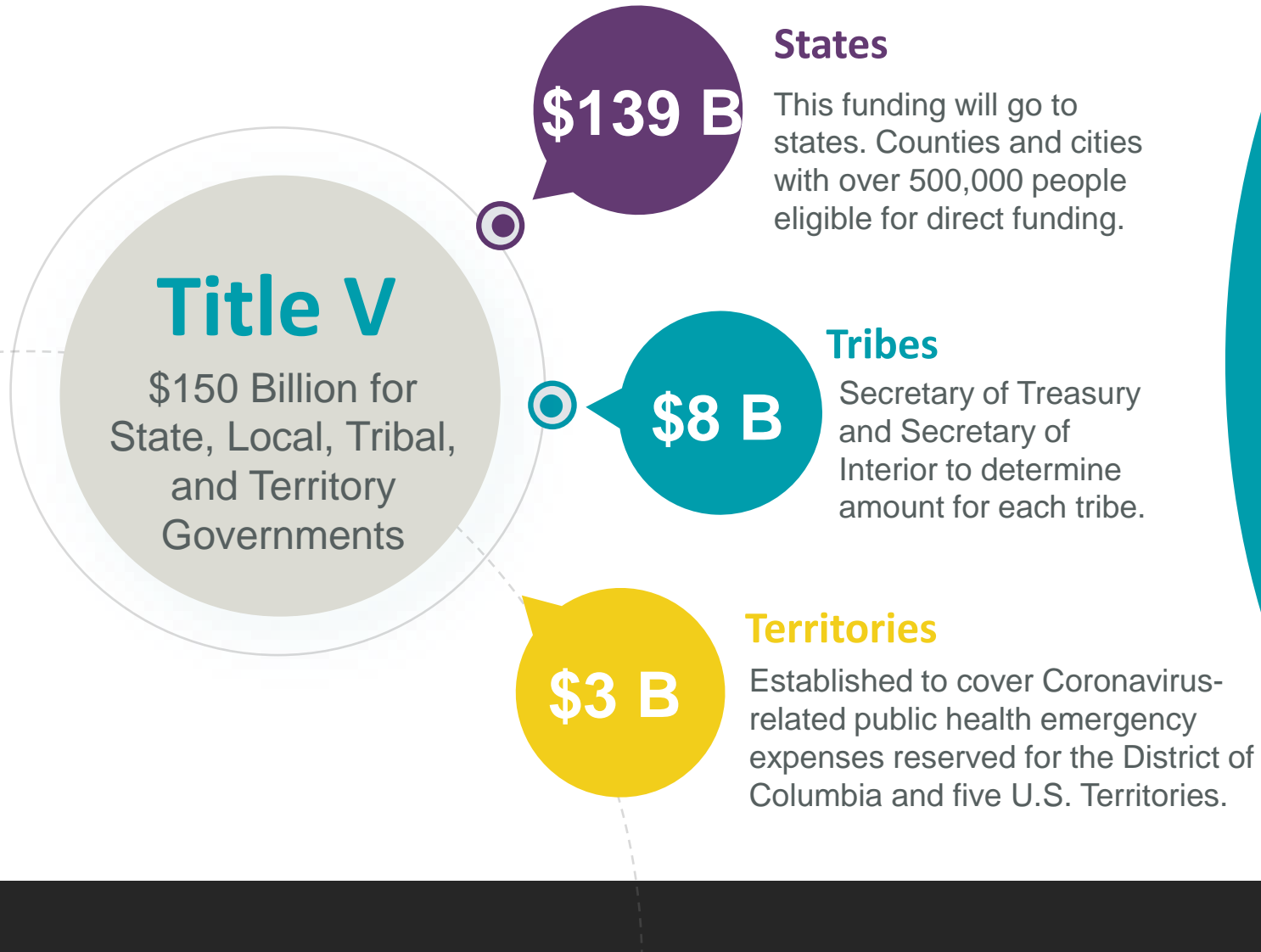
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Breaking Down the CARES Act

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Questions to Consider:

- Award is coming out that we don't have to apply for- how do we assemble the right project plan?
- How do we track and manage these incoming grants?
- How do we make sure we're staying compliant?





1 SAM registration/renewal

2 Flexibility with application deadlines

3 NOFO

4 No-cost extension on expiring awards

5 Non-competitive continuation grants requests

6 Expenditures for salaries and other project activities

7 Allowability of costs not normally charged to awards

8 Prior approval


9 Exemption of certain procurement requirements

10 Extension of financial, performance & other reporting

11 Extension of currently approved indirect cost rates

12 Extension of closeout

13 Extension of single audit submission



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5 Steps to Navigating COVID-19 Funding





Step 1: Assemble Your Grants Management Team

Grants Manager

Dedicated grants specialist to oversee compliance and minute details of funding requirements.

Coordinating Officer

Manages at the organizational level from start to finish.

Senior Procurement Officer

Provides cradle-to-grave assistance with sub-award/subcontracting, and procurement support for grant funding.

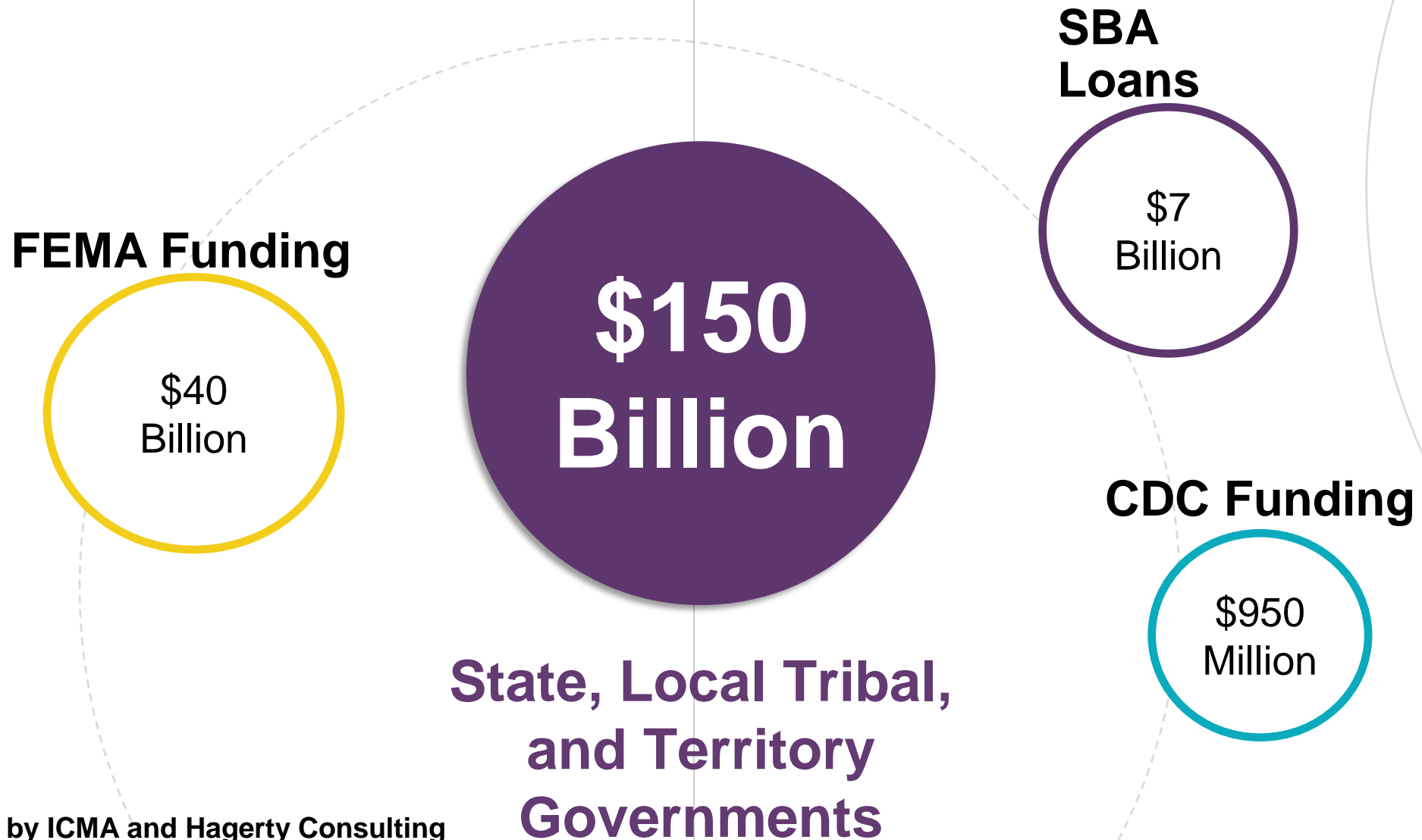
Internal Auditor

Provides general guidance to ensure agency/dept. creates a clear audit trail and is in compliance.





Step 2: Prepare Your Budget Appropriation and Spending Authority





Step 3: Maximize Your Funding

CARES Act emphasizes goals + metrics.

You need to cover the following:

- Show that adequate progress is being made
- Ensure there are no compliance issues
- Provide information useful for performance measures under COVID-19 guidance



GOALS

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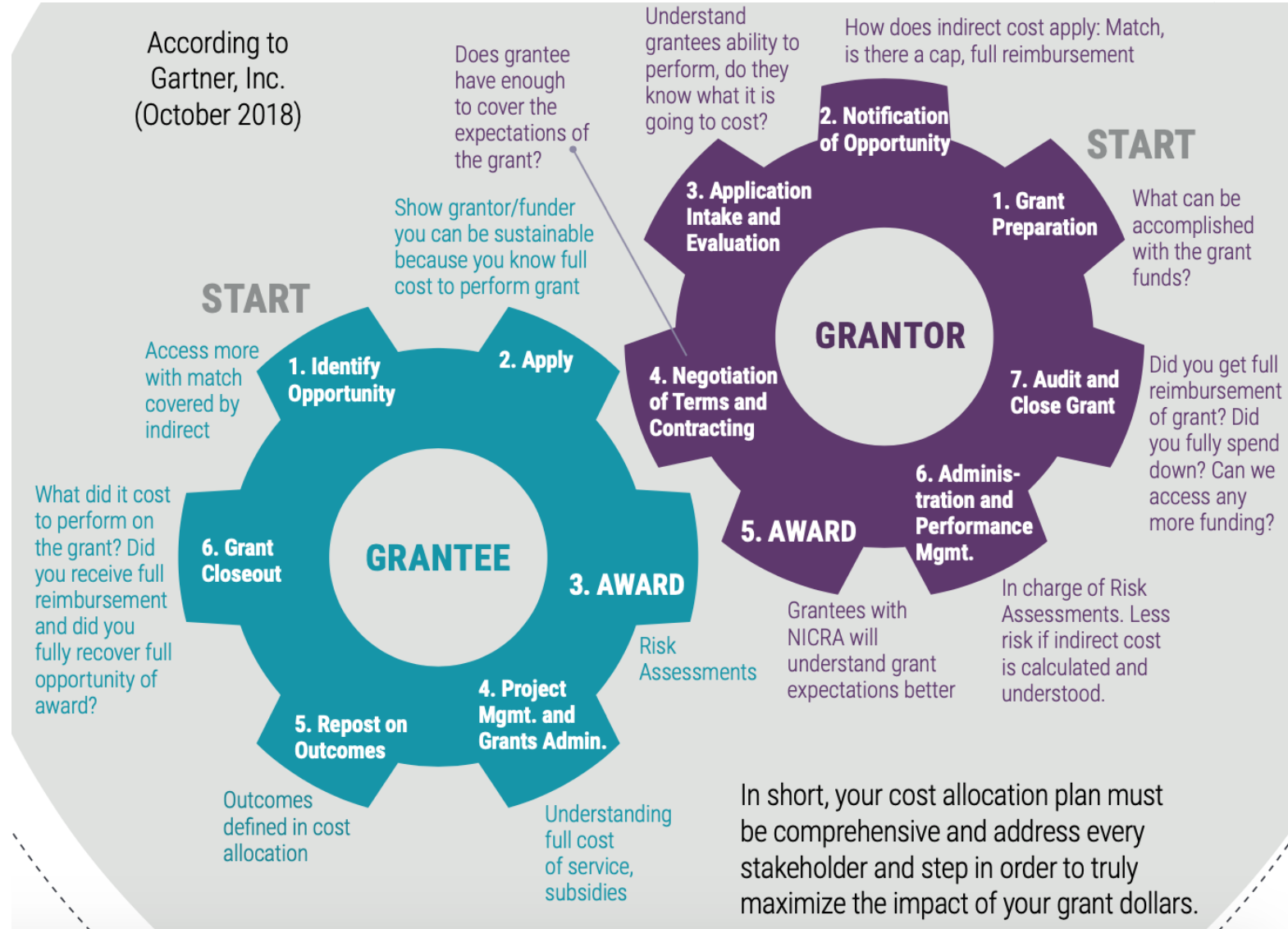


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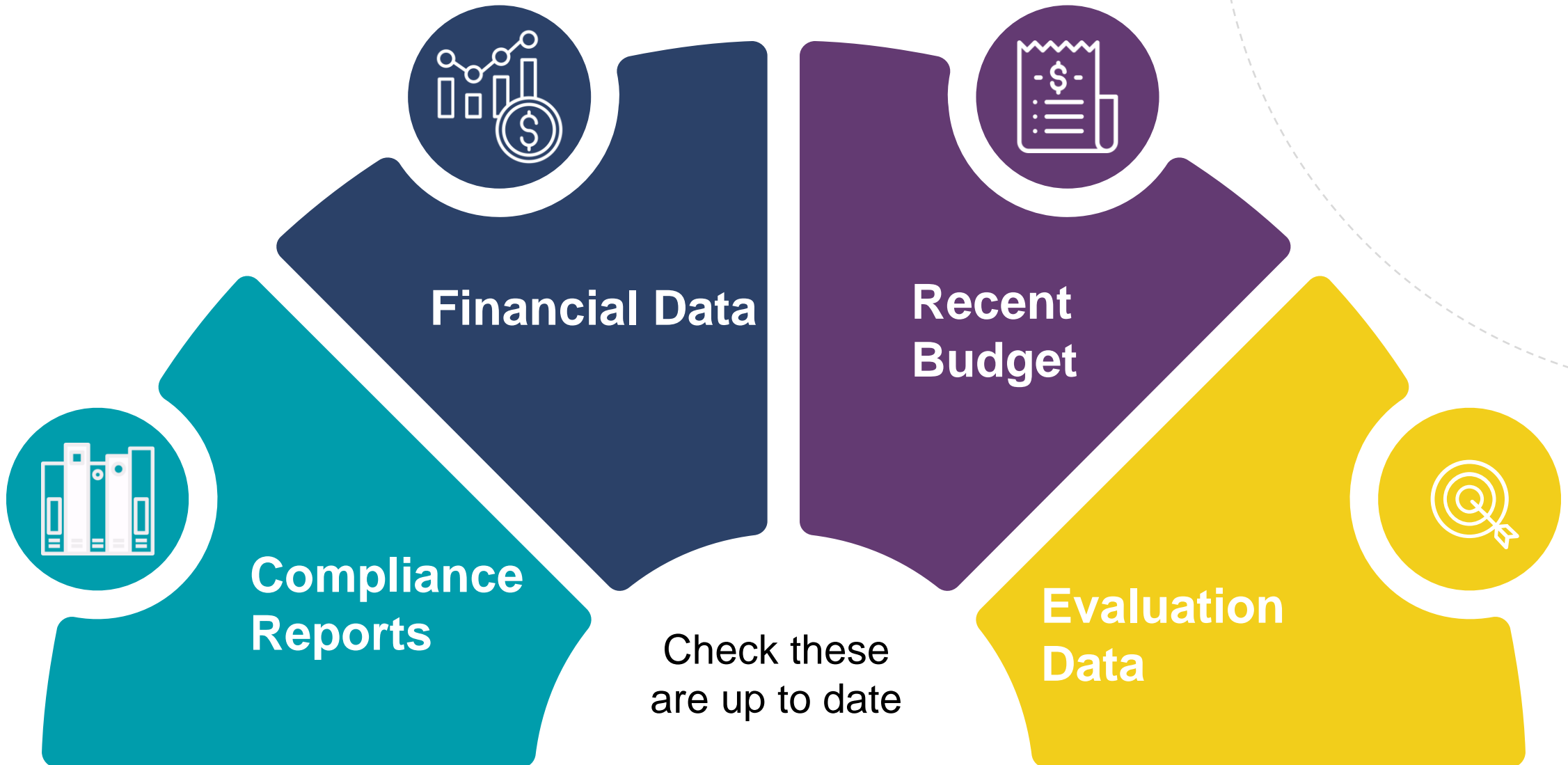
Step 4: Revisit Your Cost Allocation Plans and Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate





Step 5: Prepare for the Inspector General

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About Emily & ELGL

Emily Edmonds is the Membership and Programs Director at ELGL. She spent her career in local government and nonprofit work focusing primarily on building relationships between rural and urban communities and advocating for policies that support underserved rural populations. She holds an MPA from UNC-Chapel Hill, where she completed her graduate thesis on modern approaches to rural economic development. In her consulting career, she specialized in grant writing, food systems assessment, cross-sector engagement, and program management.



Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) is an “accidental professional association” that began in Portland, Oregon in 2012 with a 16-member dinner group. Today, ELGL has grown to over 4800 members from all 50 states plus Canada, UK, Israel, and Australia. ELGL’s mission is to engage the brightest minds in local government by providing timely and relevant content and fostering authentic and meaningful connections that are grounded in practices of equity and inclusion. Learn more at elgl.org.



HUGE shout-out to [Maggie Jones](#), Assistant Director of Community Development, Tarrant County, TX and ROCKSTAR ELGL member, for her assistance in pulling these resources together for you!

CARES Act Funding Overview

Through direct allocation increases (existing state, gov partners)

Through individual or business application (for example, SBA PPP or EIDL)

Through competitive grant processes (USDA, others)

Through state requests (Coronavirus Relief Fund)



Resources for Finding Summary CARES Act Information

[US Conference of Mayors' CARES Act Resource Center](#)

- [Municipal Guide to Navigating Federal Reimbursement & Expenditures with CARES Act Funds](#)
- [Supply Resource List for PPEs and Testing Kits](#)

[GFOA Summary of CARES Act Funding](#)

[FFIS Estimate of CRF Allocations for States](#)

[ICMA Federal Programs Webinar Presentation](#)

[National League of Cities Allocation & Funding Information](#)

- [Full Summary](#)

Local Allocation Funding for CARES Act



Submission is required for Receipt of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments for eligible local and Tribal governments.

If you aren't sure whether you have done this yet, act now! Submission is due by midnight tomorrow, April 17, 2020.

<https://forms.treasury.gov/caresact/stateandlocal>

Programs going partially to local governments

Amount

Airport Improvement Program	\$10 billion
Essential Air Service	\$56 million
Rural Development Programs	\$20.5 million
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$1.5 billion
Education Stabilization Fund	\$30.75 billion
Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	\$1.5 billion
Community Development Block Grants	\$5 billion
Homeless Assistance Grants	\$4 billion
Family Violence Prevention Services	\$45 million
Legal Services Corporation	\$50 million
Institute of Museum and Library Services	\$50 million
Disaster Relief Fund	\$45 billion
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$200 million
TOTAL	\$96.673 billion

HUD: Office of Community Development & Planning (CPD)

HUD RESOURCES

[All COVID-19 HUD Resources](#)

[All CPD Program Allocations:](#) CDBG, CDBG RHP, HOME, HOPWA, ESG + CARES Act

Download all grants and allocations [here](#)

[HUD Guidance](#) for service providers, homelessness programs, public & affordable housing programs, property liens/purchases, mortgage relief

Waivers are being released for some programs.

Note: Most guidance is still being updated by ALL agencies.

NACCED & NCDA: RESOURCES FOR HUD CPD PROGRAMS

NACCED's [shared google doc](#) with Q&A (used on an upcoming call with HUD to answer Q&A related to new guidance)

NACCED COVID-19 [Resources Page](#)

NCDA's [crowdsourced documents page](#)

*both sites include samples of new funding and ways to adapt existing funding, such as through an existing RLF, to provide emergency business or homeowner assistance



Small Business Resources

Update on April 16:
4,975 lenders approved 1,661,397 loans for \$350 billion in less than two weeks - that's equivalent to the past fourteen years' worth of SBA funding. They're out of money, for now... 😞

SBA PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM & EIDL PROGRAM

SBA is offering two primary types of funding:

- Advance up to \$10K on EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loans) for businesses in states with declared disasters, offered through SBA
- Paycheck Protection Program, offered through other lenders and forgivable up to 75% if used to keep employees paid during closures

SBA is also offering extension and postponement options on existing loans. Direct businesses to SBA local offices here: <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>.

OTHER FEDERAL BUSINESS FUNDING

USDA Loans and Grants through Rural Development

Farm Service Agency/USDA Loans for Farmers

State economic development authorities

Expansion to RLF and existing allocations



USDA & Rural Communities

USDA

Second rounds of funding and application windows for \$72 million in **Rural Telemedicine & Distance Learning** (additional \$25m)

April 14-July 13, 2020 | [Press release](#)

Broadband Connectivity (extended through FY21, \$100m)

[All USDA Actions](#) (Food Safety, FNS Expansion, Lender Deferrals, Regulations)

RURAL COMMUNITIES GUIDE

[COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#)
(published by USDA)

*includes all federal funding and partnership opportunities with specific focus on rural communities



Fire, Rescue, Public Safety, Emergency Response

WITHIN CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Of the \$150 billion in the CRF:

- ✓ \$45.4 billion for a FEMA Disaster Relief Fund that includes \$400 million in grants for firefighters, emergency managers, and emergency food programs
- ✓ \$1.5 billion for CDC State and Local Preparedness grants
- ✓ \$955 million for HHS Aging and Disabled program grants
- ✓ \$850 million for DOJ Byrne Grants and Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- ✓ \$425 million for HHS SAMHSA funding for behavioral health clinics and emergency grants
- ✓ \$200 million for Federal Communications Commission telehealth program grants

[Read more here](#)



What other resources can ELGL support you with?



Specific agency-area grant webinars and resources



A series of funding webinars about CARES Act funding as guidance is developed and released by agencies



Grant administration and grant writing webinars and resources



Something else?



<https://elgl.org/money-talks>

YOUR ROADMAP TO COVID-19 FUNDING



Questions?

For more information and to download the full guide, head to eCivis' [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#).

ELGL's crowdsourced COVID-19 resources and upcoming events [can be found here](#).



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