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## Florida League of Cities Applauds Passage of Federal American Rescue Plan, Celebrates Direct Aid to Cities

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, today applauded the passage of the American Rescue Plan and its direct aid to every municipal government in Florida.

“For more than a year, our cities, towns and villages have continued to provide essential services while simultaneously working to keep their communities and residents safe, all while facing extreme budgetary constraints,” said **Florida League of Cities President Tony Ortiz, commissioner** for the **City of Orlando**. “The League, its staff and its members applaud Congress for supporting the American Rescue Plan and its inclusion of direct aid to every municipal government. We also thank our national partners at the **National League of Cities** for their incredible advocacy efforts in support of this plan. With this vital funding, our local communities, and ultimately our country overall, will be able to not only survive this pandemic but thrive.”

In addition to thanking Congress, the FLC also lauded its members and their efforts. Throughout the pandemic, Florida’s local officials made their voices heard as they reached out to the state’s congressional delegation and other federal officials to express the severity of the financial situation for local governments and stress the importance of direct federal assistance.

“Florida’s municipalities have been struggling, along with the rest of the country, throughout the coronavirus pandemic. We’ve been working toward and waiting for this moment for quite some time now,” said **Cooper City Mayor Greg Ross, chair** of the **FLC’s Federal Action Strike Team**, the committee responsible for federal advocacy efforts. “The passage of the American Rescue Plan and its direct funding to every city, town and village is much needed as we all work to rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Thank you to those members of Congress, especially our Florida Congressional members, who voted in support of this bill.”

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*Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida’s cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in “Local Voices Making Local Choices,” which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida’s communities. For more information, visit [flcities.com](http://flcities.com).*