

# Municipal Resilience Task Force

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# Overview of Data Collection Process

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## Topics to be Covered

- **Summary of Reporting to Date**
- **Goals/Purpose of Current Data Collection Efforts**
- **Current Data Collection Timeline**

# Summary of Data Reporting to Date

**Most/many municipalities reported COVID-19 related expenditures and lost revenues to the Division of Municipal Finance (DMF) for Q3 and Q4 of FY 2020.**

## FY 2020 Summary: Reported Municipal COVID Expenses

Category	FY 2020 Reported Amount
FEMA Reimb. Sought	\$8,157,649
Non-FEMA Costs	\$6,631,410
Projected Lost Revenue	\$27,604,040

Source: Data reported by municipalities to RI Department of Revenue, Division of Municipal Finance.

## Limitations of Data Collected to Date:

- Guidance US Treasury on eligible uses of federal funds was not yet available and/or has changed considerably
- No detailed categorization of costs
- High Q3 compliance (37 of 43), low Q4 compliance (18 of 43), so FY 2020 reported data may not show full picture
- FY 2021 expenses not requested

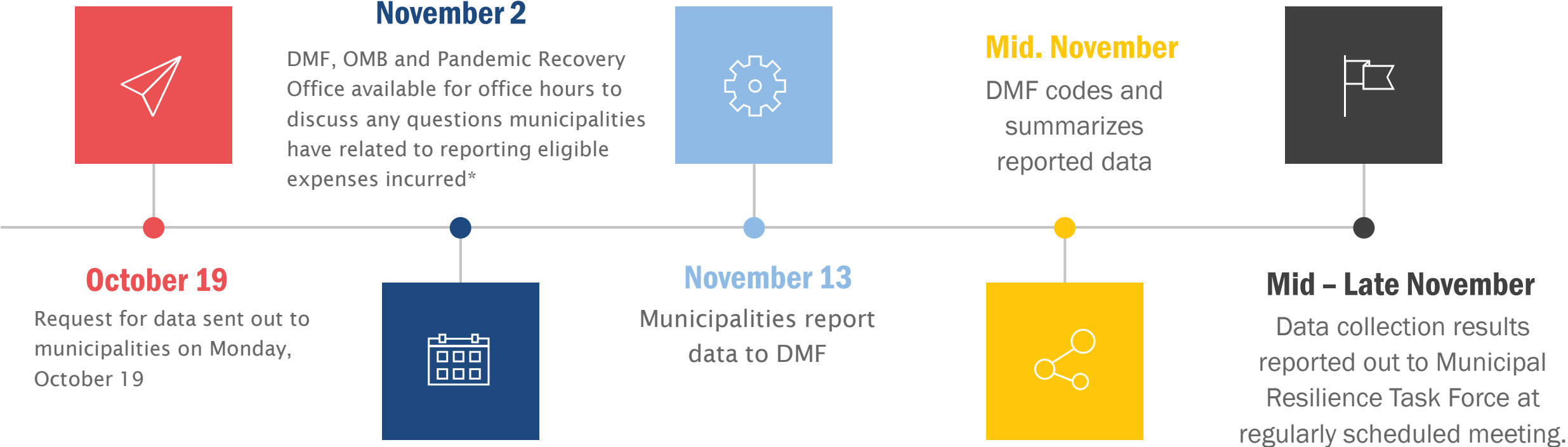
# Goals/Purpose of Current Data Collection Efforts

- **Primary Purpose:** To collect basic information about COVID-19 related expenses incurred by municipalities to understand the extent to which it may be appropriate to allocate CRF funds to cities and towns.
- **Practical Considerations:** Data collection sought to balance goals of simplicity and detail so the data request can be minimally burdensome and informative.

## Timeliness vs. Detail

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Municipal officials expected to provide reasonable estimates – exact accounting not practical at this stage</li><li>• DMF/OMB to hold “office hours” with municipal officials</li><li>• Cities and towns may choose to update FY 20 data</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data categories designed to roughly align with federal CRF reporting categories to demonstrate which expenses may be reimbursable</li><li>• While not eligible for CRF reimbursement, other useful categories of data reporting include forgone revenue and cost savings</li></ul> |
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# Data Collection Timeline



\*Throughout the data reporting process, DMF staff are also available for any questions that city and town CFOs and administrators may have.

# FEMA Reimbursement Overview

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# Federal Aid to Cities and Towns

Federal aid has been made available to cities and towns through direct Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Byrne JAG funding included in the CARES Act. Furthermore, the CARES Act included supplement CDBG funds allocated to the State.

CARES Act Federal Funds to Municipalities\*

Municipality	CDBG (local)	Byrne JAG	ESG
Central Falls		✓	
Cranston	✓	✓	
East Providence	✓	✓	
Newport		✓	
Pawtucket	✓	✓	✓
Providence	✓	✓	✓
Warwick	✓	✓	
West Warwick		✓	
Woonsocket	✓	✓	✓

\*Non-comprehensive sample of federal awards provided to municipalities

**State CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Allocation**

- The State has not released a finalized plan for state-allocated CARES Act CDBG funds
- Could include, but not limited to: an RFP to support basic needs projects, making funds available for State/local FEMA match, or support projects designed to improve and increase the supply of affordable housing
- No COVID CDBG funds have been obligated at this time