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NJAC County Estimate Analysis

In a major victory for America's counties, the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds legislation, part of the American Rescue Plan Act was <u>passed by the U.S. Senate on March 6</u>. The bill, which now heads back to the U.S. House of Representatives for final consideration, includes \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county in America, as well as other crucial investments in local communities. The Senate version amends the House-adopted bill in several important ways:

- The U.S. Department of Treasury would still oversee and administer these payments to state and local governments, and every county would be eligible to receive a direct allocation from Treasury. States, municipalities, and counties would now receive funds in two tranches – both tranches would provide 50 percent of the entity's total allocation. In cases where a state has a very high level of unemployed individuals, these states may receive both tranches at the same time.
- In order to receive a payment either under the first or second tranche, local governments must provide the U.S. Treasury with a certification signed by an authorized officer. The U.S. Treasury is required to pay first tranche to counties not later than 60-days after enactment, and second payment no earlier than 12 months after the first payment.

The table below contains projected allocations for counties from the U.S. Treasury, if the proposal is signed into law. The values are informed by the House Oversight Committee and the Congressional Research Service (CRS). *The estimates are not official values from the U.S. Treasury and are subject to change.*

COUNTY	AMOUNT
Atlantic County	\$51,593,335
Bergen County	\$182,407,594
Burlington County	\$87,143,172
Camden County	\$99,103,152
Cape May County	\$18,009,629
Cumberland County	\$29,258,530
Essex County	\$156,338,548
Gloucester County	\$57,065,551
Hudson County	\$131,569,364
Hunterdon County	\$24,336,158
Mercer County	\$71,896,458
Middlesex County	\$161,443,093
Monmouth County	\$121,082,026
Morris County	\$96,241,225
Ocean County	\$118,810,448
Passaic County	\$98,194,247
Salem County	\$12,207,116
Somerset County	\$64,363,796
Sussex County	\$27,489,834
Union County	\$108,861,409
Warren County	\$20,598,004