



## NAVIGATING STATES THROUGH COVID-19

**Support state and local governments through the ongoing pandemic.**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose unprecedented public health and financial challenges for state governments. As stewards of public finances, Treasurers and their staff play a pivotal role in navigating states through this crisis. Moody's Analytics estimates a \$200 billion revenue shortfall over Fiscal Years 2020 – 2022 for state governments alone.<sup>1</sup> These estimates are on top of added health, education and public safety expenses resulting from the pandemic. Without additional, urgently needed support, state and local governments will continue to make drastic budget cuts and defer investment in our economy at the same time they are tasked with implementing much of our national strategy to combat the virus.

### NAST CALLS ON CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO

- Appropriate additional, flexible aid to state and local governments specifically to compensate for unprecedented revenue shortfalls where needed.
- Provide additional general stimulus to critical sectors, in order for our economy to resume once the crisis has subsided.
- Pass a comprehensive infrastructure proposal that includes both federal funding and expands financing tools for state and local governments to meet the education, transportation, utility, health care, housing, environmental, and other needs of our citizens.



### NAST CALLS ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE TO

- Continue monitoring market conditions to ensure critical markets remain liquid and properly functioning.
- Work with NAST and our states to address any additional, future market dislocations.

Additional resources for State Treasurers and NAST advocacy related to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found at [www.NAST.org/COVID](http://www.NAST.org/COVID).

<sup>1</sup> White, Dan. "U.S. State and Local Government Shortfall Update." Moody's Analytics. 21 September 2020.