

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIEFING DRAFT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2020 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 17

SUBJECT: A. RESOLUTION APPROVING FORSYTH COUNTY'S AMENDED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PLAN AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE

B. AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 COVID-19 GRANT PROJECTS ORDINANCE

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Forsyth County has received \$13,889,626 to establish the 2020 COVID-19 Grant Projects Ordinance (GPO). The Board of Commissioners has allocated these funds for testing, PPE/sanitary supplies, enhanced outreach, business grants, payroll expenditures, and grants to municipalities.

This agenda item would appropriate \$100,000 for additional grants to businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this year, the County provided \$100,000 to Greater Winston-Salem, Inc., for this purpose with grants awarded to locally owned businesses located in Forsyth County that had been in business prior to January 1, 2019 with five or fewer locations.

This agenda item amends the County CRF plan approved on August 6, 2020, by reducing Payroll Expenditures by \$100,000 and increasing Business Grants & Support by \$100,000.

The final process for distributing these dollars, including eligibility and amounts of funding per business, will be determined by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FORSYTH COUNTY'S AMENDED
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PLAN AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH
CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE**

WHEREAS Congress enacted P.L. 116-136 on March 27, 2020, which established the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") and distributed funds to States and localities with populations over 500,000, including North Carolina and 4 North Carolina local governments;

WHEREAS on May 4, 2020, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-04, which established a \$150 million fund to be distributed to the 97 counties that did not receive direct CRF funds;

WHEREAS on July 1, 2020, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-80, which amended Session Law 2020-04 and increased to \$300 million the CRF funds to be distributed to the 97 counties that did not receive direct CRF funds and required each such county to allocate at least 25 percent of such funds for use by municipalities within the county for allowable uses;

WHEREAS Forsyth County received \$13,889,626 from two allocations of CRF funds from the General Assembly, and is required to share such funds with municipalities;

WHEREAS Forsyth County must submit a plan to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office, a part of the Office of State Budget and Management, in order to receive and spend the \$13,889,626 to address necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;

WHEREAS on August 6, 2020, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved the County Plan for its use of CRF funds;

WHEREAS small businesses in Forsyth County have suffered greatly due to the health effects of the pandemic and resulting restrictions, closures, and increased costs, and the County Manager recommends that the County increase its CRF allocation for Business Grants & Support from \$100,000 to \$200,000; and

WHEREAS the County Manager recommends that \$100,000 of the CRF funds allocation in the County Plan be transferred from Payroll Expenses to Business Grants & Support, such that the County's CRF funds be used as follows:

Testing	\$500,000
PPE/Sanitary Supplies	\$450,000
Enhanced Outreach	\$200,000
Business Grants & Support	\$200,000
Payroll Expenditures	\$9,067,219
Municipality Grants	\$3,472,407

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of Forsyth County, the County's amended Plan, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, to utilize its \$13,889,626 allocation of the North Carolina Coronavirus Relief Fund to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the County Manager is authorized to allocate the payroll expenditures amount of \$9,067,219 as follows: \$5,195,626 for County payroll expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 and \$3,871,593 for County payroll expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2020-21, as allowed by the CARES Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute agreements, on behalf of Forsyth County, with vendors and other parties to use the CRF funds for the purposes set forth above, including acquiring, providing, and distributing various supplies and services, pursuant to NCGS 143-129(e)(2) or otherwise as required by law, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 8th day of October 2020.



North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) County Plan

Instructions

1. This document is to be used by counties to document the planned use of the CRF monies allotted in Session Law 2020-4.
2. Please add the name of your county in front of the existing name as follows: "NashCounty CRF plan"
3. Submit your plan to NCPRO@osbm.nc.gov on or before June 1, 2020.
4. Under Categories. Please aggregate the amount of all expenses for that specific category. Example amounts should be removed and you can enter the county amounts. The total must agree with your allotment.

The County is responsible for maintaining adequate documentation to support expenditures. If estimates are being used the methodology must be documented and defensible. The County is responsible for following the Federal *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* promulgated by the United States Office of Management and Budget unless the US Treasury publishes guidance stating otherwise.

County Information

Name of County: Forsyth
Person Submitting: Lee Plunkett
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Planned Expenditures

Categories	Amount
<p>1. Medical expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19-related expenses of public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities. • Expenses of establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs. • Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing. • Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19. • Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19 related treatment. 	\$ 500,000.00
<p>2. Public health expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments of public health orders related to COVID-19. • Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency. • Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, e.g., nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. • Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety. • Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19. • Expenses for quarantining individuals. 	\$ 650,000.00
<p>3. Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p>	\$ 9,067,219.00
<p>4. Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. • Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions. • Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. • Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. • COVID-19-related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails, including as relates to sanitation and improvement of social distancing measures, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. • Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. 	

<p>5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. • Expenditures related to a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government payroll support program. • Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise. 	\$ 200,000.00
<p>6. Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.</p>	\$ -
<p>7. Grants to municipalities and nonprofits. List each planned subaward. (add more rows if necessary)</p>	
a. Winston-Salem	\$ 2,690,204.00
b. Kernersville	\$ 277,203.00
c. Clemmons	\$ 221,664.00
d. Lewisville	\$ 147,591.00
e. Walkertown	\$ 60,060.00
f. Rural Hall	\$ 34,898.00
g. Tobaccoville	\$ 28,279.00
h. King	\$ 7,636.00
i. Bethania	\$ 3,591.00
j. High Point	\$ 1,281.00
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Grand Total	\$ 13,889,626.00

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AMENDMENT TO
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROJECTS ORDINANCE**

FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2020

EXPLANATION:

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROJECTS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED
AS FOLLOWS:**

DECREASE:	<u>EXPENDITURES.</u> SALARIES	<u>\$100,000</u>
INCREASE:	<u>EXPENDITURES.</u> BUSINESS GRANTS	<u>\$100,000</u>

NATURE OF TRANSACTION:
 Additional Revenue Available
 Transfer within Accounts of
 Same fund
 Other:

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY
 COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON
 MINUTES DATED _____
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