

**Item Title:** Appropriation of Emergency Funds Associated with COVID-19

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Appropriates \$2 million of fund balance for the costs associated with Wake County's COVID-19 response;**
- 2. Supports the use of these funds, among other intended uses, for the care and nutrition of students and vulnerable populations, in coordination with the state, WCPSS, municipalities, and community partners, to ensure the goals of the County's Comprehensive Food Plan are met during this state of emergency;**
- 3. Supports the County Manager's authority to amend the Department of Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization budget as needed to provide additional resources toward homelessness and eviction prevention services and to ensure safe housing for Wake County residents who may be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak; and**
- 4. Supports efforts by the County Manager to ensure all employees, whether responding to the COVID-19 outbreak or continuing to perform necessary County functions, have the ability needed to attend to the safety and welfare of their children and other family members through modifications to work schedules and leave management.**
- 5. Supports continued efforts by the County Manager to provide expertise and feedback to WCPSS and Wake Technical Institute as it relates to social distancing.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** Provide funds to cover the costs of salaries and overtime, necessary equipment and supplies, and other expenses associated with the County's response to the emergency created by COVID-19.

**Background:** The County is responsible for several functions during emergency events, including but not limited to public health and safety, emergency response, communications, and community recovery. Normal operating budgets may not be able to support the expenses for these functions. A budget appropriation provides adequate funding until it is determined the costs are eligible for reimbursement through federal and/or state response programs.

**Board Goal:** Supports County operations for emergency response efforts.

Fiscal Impact: This item appropriates \$2,000,000 toward expenses associated with response efforts to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) emergency. Total estimated costs are unknown currently, given the unknown duration of the emergency and County-required response. The County will track all expenditures incurred and seek reimbursement from any federal or state response programs, if available and applicable.

**Attachment:**

1. Budget Memo