

CARES Act Funding Plan

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CARES Act

\$2.5 trillion in packages passed by Congress

- Aid to individuals, businesses and state and local governments through a variety of federal agencies, state, and direct local funding

Established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (\$150 billion) for:

- Necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
- Expenditures not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment; and
- Were incurred during the period beginning March 1 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

Wake County received approximately \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

- Includes expenses to “directly respond to the emergency” AND
- “Second-order effects” including “economic support to those suffering from employment or business disruption...”

The State set aside \$150 million of their CRF distribution for counties

- Wake, Guilford, and Mecklenburg Counties excluded from this distribution

CRF Considerations

The State directed recipients to exhaust CRF prior to applying to FEMA (except where any direct appropriations were received); Wake municipalities should first apply to FEMA for FEMA-eligible expenses

Guidance is released frequently to clarify language in the CARES Act; not all potential uses have been verified as eligible

County continues to advocate CRF be allowed to offset revenue losses caused by COVID-19 economic downturn, *not currently eligible*

County anticipates high level of scrutiny over funding decisions, eligibility of expenses, and recordkeeping

CRF Funding Plan Framework

Develop a strategic plan for utilization of CRF throughout Wake County
County's first priority is to ensure funding supports direct COVID response (public health and safety) for duration of event

Board and community feedback:

- Support vulnerable populations, specifically housing, food security, and behavioral health
- Support the business community impacted by COVID-19 business restrictions and stay-at-home orders
- Utilize community partners to facilitate County's response and recovery efforts

CRF Funding Plan Categories

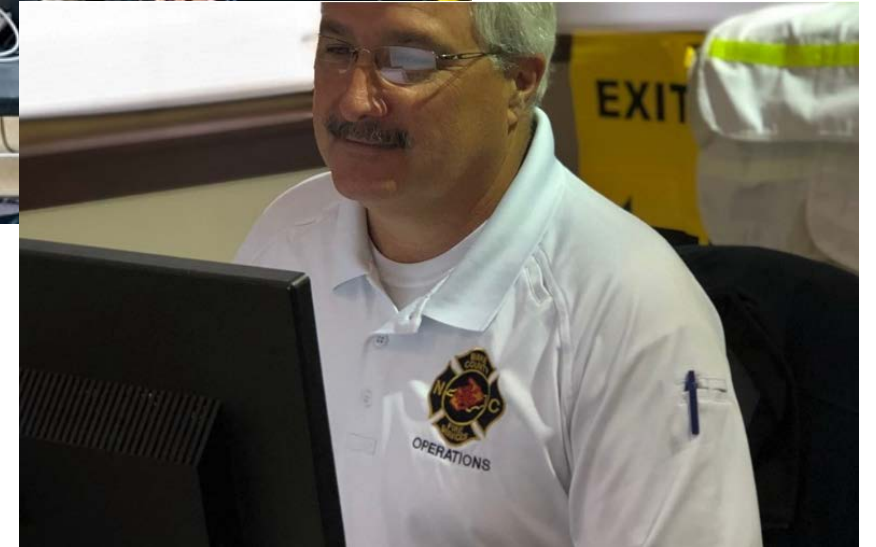
- Public Health Emergency Response
- Community Response & Resiliency
- Continuity of Operations
- Economic Recovery
- Miscellaneous

Public Health Emergency Response

Purpose: Adequately respond to the public health emergency created by COVID-19 through containment and mitigation

Estimated Need: \$65.5 million

Responsible Groups: County (primarily) and municipalities



Public Health Emergency Response Costs

EOC Operations & Coordinated Public Health Response

- Overtime and special pay provided to employees working under direction of EOC
- Full salaries and benefits of employees redirected from regular assignments to COVID response
- Supplies, materials, contracted services, etc. for EOC operations
- Communication and enforcement of public health orders
- Testing, field sampling, contact tracing, and monitoring efforts (supplies, contracts, and facilities)
- Enforcement of isolation and quarantine orders
- Immediate care of most-vulnerable populations to mitigate COVID-19
- Additional medical transportation, telehealth, and other related costs

Community Response & Resiliency



Purpose: Ensure the County's most vulnerable populations impacted by COVID-19 are cared for during and after the crisis

Estimated Need: \$34.2 million

Responsible Groups: County, municipalities, contracted agencies, and non-profits



Community Response & Resiliency Costs

Housing

Healthy Hotels & Hotel Families Programs

Expanded Case Management & Housing Navigation Programs

Assisting homeless populations with basic needs

Utility Assistance

Assist individuals with delinquent utility payments (*still researching eligibility and administrative capacity*)

Food Security

Expand capacity for Family Meal Program

Enhance access to fresh produce

Restore SNAP Double Bucks Program

Behavioral Health

Enhance and/or expanded behavioral and/or substance abuse management (*still researching eligibility*)

Continuity of Operations

Purpose: Continue providing essential and desired public services while maintaining best practices in a COVID-19 environment

Estimated Need: \$30.8 million



Continuity of Operations Costs

Special Premium Pay

Fairly compensate public-facing employees unable to social distance while continuing normal operations.

PPE

Purchase personal protective equipment for employees for services requiring close, personal proximity.

Facility Modifications

Enhance cleaning services and supplies in high traffic areas; reconfigure spaces to attain proper social distancing practices.

Transit

Ensure transit facilities receive additional cleanings and fairly compensate transit employees.

Telework

Create and maintain infrastructure and equipment to enable employees to successfully telework.

County Partners

Ensure municipalities as well as education partners and contract agencies have resources to provide needed public services.

Economic Recovery



Purpose: Ensure that individuals and businesses have support to rebound from the economic downturn caused by COVID-19

Estimated Need: \$24.7 million



Responsible Groups: County, education partners, and contracted non-profits and agencies

Economic Recovery Costs

Small Business Support

Fund Wake Forward Program (small business loans)

Technical and other support for businesses impacted by COVID-19

Tourism Regeneration

Partner with appropriate agencies to bring tourism, arts and culture programming, and other events back to Wake County within new safety parameters (*still researching eligibility*)

Workforce Development

Work with community partners and agencies to support the workforce displaced by COVID-19 business curtailment and closures

Miscellaneous

Reserve 20% of total CRF (\$38.8 million) received for:

- Potential use to offset lost revenues, should future federal legislation allow it
 - County revenue losses from sales tax and development fees ~\$45 million
- Unknown additional testing costs around duration and/or fluctuations in response and recovery efforts

County can re-evaluate the Contingency later in the fall, should conditions and/or legislation change

CARES Act Funding Plan Summary

Category / Program	Estimated Cost for FY20	Estimated Cost for FY21	Total
Public Health Emergency Response	\$30.2	\$35.3	\$65.5
Community Response & Resiliency	\$14.2	\$20.0	\$34.2
Continuity of Operations	\$10.2	\$20.6	\$30.8
Economic Recovery	\$8.1	\$16.6	\$24.7
Miscellaneous		\$38.8	\$38.8
Total	\$62.7	\$131.3	\$194.0

Numbers in millions.

Other Financial Relief

Housing

Received approximately \$2 million in CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funding to assist individuals and families facing homelessness.

EMS

Received \$664K from HHS to cover COVID-related healthcare and EMS transport expenditures.

Human Services

Received additional \$113K to support Ryan White Program and \$552K from HHS to support additional efforts related to COVID-response activities.

Other

County and its partners continue to advocate for additional funding opportunities. Examples include elections and public safety.

Today's Budgetary Action

The County appropriated \$10.8 million of fund balance in March and April to cover COVID-19 response expenditures until other funding sources were identified

Today's budgetary action:

- Un-appropriates fund balance and replaces it with CARES Act funding needed for expenditures to date and anticipated through June 30
- Expenditures through May 1 total approximately \$12.4 million, largely around the public health response
- Estimated total expenses for FY 2020 = \$62.7 million (see next slide)
- Funds not actually expended will go to restricted fund balance at end of fiscal year (to be used for these same efforts in FY 2021)

FY 2020 Estimated COVID-Related Expenditures

Category/Program	Description	Estimated Cost
Public Health Emergency Response	EOC Operations (including initial containment & mitigation activities)	\$19,458,400
	Additional Testing/Contact Tracing/Field Sampling	4,520,000
Community Response & Resiliency	Housing & Homelessness Services	6,994,300
	Food Security Programming	410,000
	Utility Assistance Placeholder	3,250,000
Continuity of Operations	Employee Pay, PPE, Facilities, Teleworking	10,215,000
Economic Recovery	Wake Forward – Small Business Loan Program	5,275,000
	<i>25% for Unidentified Needs/Unknowns</i>	12,608,400
	FY 2020 Estimated Total	\$62,731,100

Summary

County received \$194 million in direct Coronavirus Relief Funds to support the County's response and recovery efforts

County's first priority is to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to contain and mitigate the public health emergency

County has developed a funding plan to utilize CRF for a variety of potential uses that support vulnerable populations, local governments and agencies, and the business community

The funding plan is meant to be a high-level guideline, and subject to change based on updated guidance from the federal government

Next Steps

TODAY:

- Approve budget amendment for actual and anticipated costs for remainder of FY 2020

NEXT STEPS:

- Engage appropriate stakeholders to develop and implement strategies for funding plan
 - Municipalities, non-profits, contract agencies and other community partners
- Bring back specific programs for approval as developed

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Questions & Discussion