

# CARES Act Funding Plan

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# Background

# CRF Funding Plan Framework

On May 18, staff presented a funding plan framework for utilization of County's \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

1. Public Health Emergency Response
2. Community Response & Resiliency
3. Continuity of Operations
4. Economic Recovery
5. Miscellaneous

Board approved an appropriation of \$62.7 million of the CRF, based on estimated expenses incurred through June 30, 2020

# CRF 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62.7</b>	<b>\$131.3</b>	<b>\$194.0</b>

*Numbers in millions.*

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# Funding & Program Updates

# Public Health Emergency Response

## EOC Operations & Testing Plan

Continued 7 day/week operations

- Scheduling of staff, call center, and contact tracers
- Purchase of PPE and other medical supplies
- Manage logistical and planning issues

Began mass testing across the County on June 1

- Through June 11 - 2,000 individuals tested
- Training and utilization of County staff

Estimated cost through June 30 = \$17.2 million

## Ambulance Purchase

Due to the increased down time of ambulances for thorough sanitizing, County has ordered 5 additional ambulances using CRF funding

- Cost = \$1.6 million

# Community Response & Resiliency

## Food Security

Support WCPSS efforts to serve children and leverage partnerships to support service gaps for other vulnerable populations

Results through 6/5:

- 1.7 million meals distributed
- 20,000 shelf stable or produce boxes
- 184 sites County-wide

Estimated cost through August = \$556,000

# Community Response & Resiliency

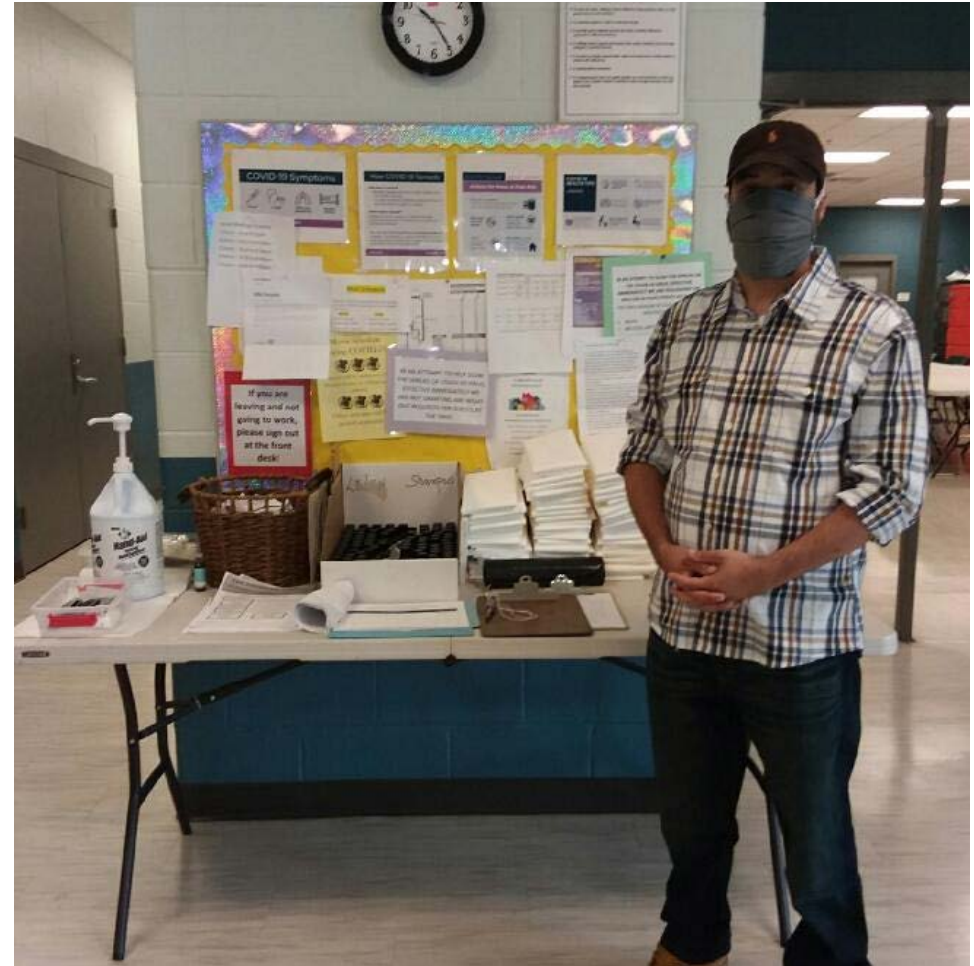
## Housing & Support Services

Partnered with 13 community agencies to provide housing and related services

Services include:

- “One number” coordinated intake
- Rental assistance
- Temporary housing and case management at three hotels
- Increased shelter capacity

Estimated cost = \$5.75 million





# Community Response & Resiliency

## Utility Assistance Program

Payment assistance program for moderate-to-low income households impacted by COVID-19

Coordinating with water/sewer utility providers and Human Services

Planning program launch early in FY 2021

Would allow for coverage of delinquent payments that began in March 2020

## PPE Distribution Pilot

Coordinating with WakeMed and City of Raleigh

Pilot distribution of face masks in SE Raleigh (but open to anyone in Wake County)

Include testing/medical information

Analyze results of pilot and determine more distribution dates and sites across County

# Economic Recovery



Wake County Summary (as of 5/28/2020):

- 973 applications totaling \$32 million
- 33 loans approved totaling \$10.3 million
- Average loan = \$33,000
- Estimated 308 jobs retained
- Data includes loans through NC Rapid Recovery program

Other Economic Recovery initiatives in progress Include:

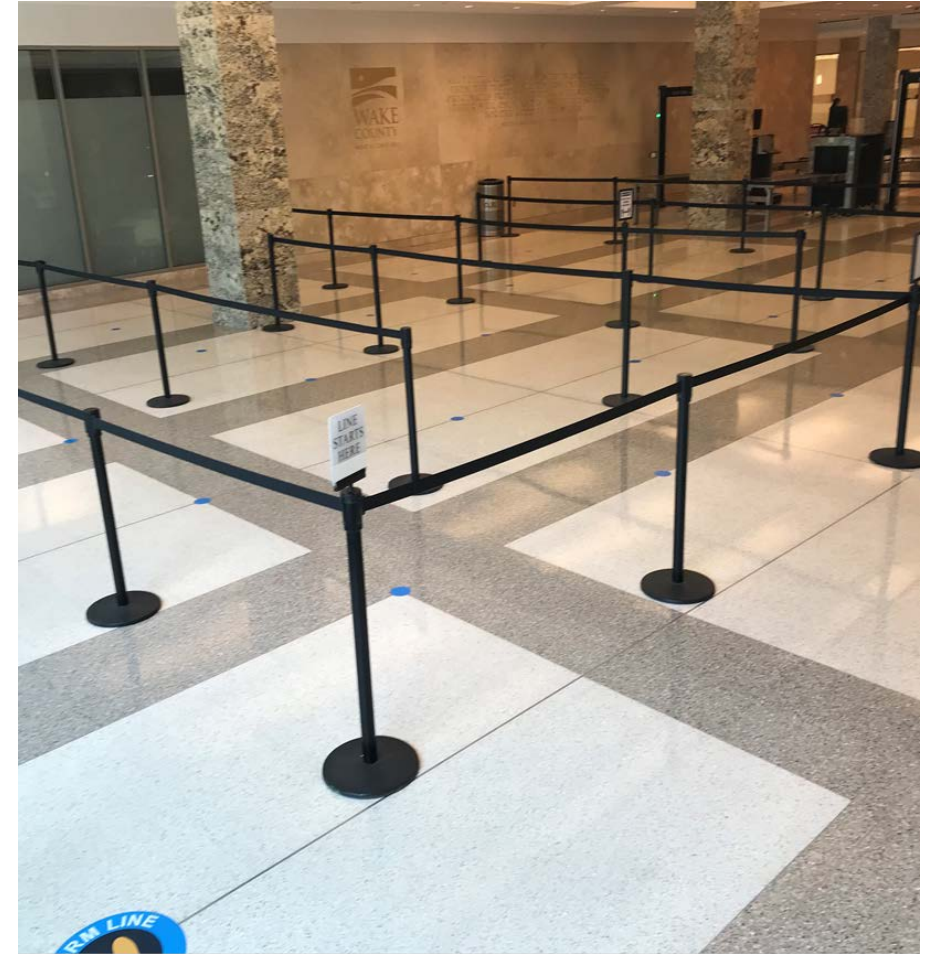
- In conversation with Wake Tech about job training programs and other needs
- Still seeking guidance on how funds may be used toward tourism efforts

# Continuity of Operations

Efforts to date include:

- Hazard pay for County employees, non-profit firefighters
- Facility cleanings and modifications
- Increased cleaning for transit services
- Issued guidance to municipalities on how to get reimbursement from County for similar activities

Estimated FY 2020 costs = \$7.7 million



# Continuity of Operations

## WCPSS Request:

- \$45 million to conduct remote learning
- Acquire student devices, internet access, and academic content licensing
- \$14.1 million spent in 2020 School Year, using CIP funds

## County Recommendation:

- Use \$14.1 million of already-appropriated CRF to reimburse WCPSS capital program
- Hold remainder of request for future determination

# Summary

- County's primary responsibility is to ensure public health response is met and funded with CRF
- County also desires to support:
  - Populations impacted by COVID-19
  - Economic recovery throughout County
  - Continuity of operations for the County and its partners
  - Restoring lost revenues, if legislation for the CARES Act changes
- Providing \$14.1 million to WCPSS now allows us to support their efforts while providing additional time for County to evaluate all needs

# Next Steps

## TODAY:

- Allocate \$14.1 million of the County's FY 2020 CRF budget to WCPSS to support distance learning costs incurred

## NEXT STEPS:

- August – funding and budget update
- Bring back specific programs for approval as developed

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# Questions & Discussion



# Appendix



# Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

Wake County received approximately \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the federal CARES Act

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

# 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

# Other COVID-19 Financial Relief to Wake County

Department/Program	Description	Amount
Housing	HUD/CDBG – housing assistance, home maintenance/rehab	\$1,258,000
	HUD/ESG – street outreach, rapid re-housing, sheltering	\$2,337,000
	HUD/HOPWA – rental assistance, case management	\$133,000
Human Services	Ryan White Program – client and lab services, clinical supplies	\$113,000
	DHHS/CDC – surveillance, epidemiology, infection mitigation	\$552,000
	DHHS – CDC – Testing & Contact Tracing Efforts	\$2,157,000
EMS	DHHS – offset non-billable costs	\$640,000
	Total	\$7,190,000

*Updated as of June 12, 2020*