Item Title: Accept and Appropriate One-Time CARES Supplemental Funds Allocated by Session Law 2020-97 to Board of Elections for the 2020 Election and COVID Response

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates an additional allocation of $280,000 of revenues and expenditures into the Grants and Donation Fund from the State of North Carolina for election day COVID costs and supplemental pay for precinct officials.

Item Summary:

Purpose: In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

Background: The State of North Carolina Board of Elections has allocated additional CARES funding to counties to support Election Day Voting COVID costs and supplemental pay for pollworkers working on election day. This funding is in addition to the $885,927 of CARES funding and $10,000 of Help America Vote Act funding distributed to the Board of Elections in July.

Board Goal: This action supports the BOC Community Health and Good Government Goals.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides an additional $280,000 for project participation. There are no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

Session Law 2020-97 awards grant funding awarded under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic during the 2020 federal election cycle.

Wake County's allocation includes:

- $10,000 for Election Day Voting COVID costs: Expenditures incurred to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic during the 2020 federal election cycle which are incurred for Election Day voting.

- $270,000 for Pollworker Bonus: Funding to provide $100 supplemental pay to the 2,700 pollworkers working on election day.

Attachments:
1. Notice of Supplemental CARES Funding
2. Budget Memo: Grants and Donations Fund