

COVID Response Funding Update

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Background

March 2020 - County began COVID-19 response operations

April 2020 - County received \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to be used for necessary direct and “second order effects” expenditures due to the public health emergency

May-November 2020 - Board appropriated CRF (and other direct funding) toward the response, based on CRF Funding Plan

CRF was set to expire December 30, 2020; County developed alternate funding strategy

Federal Activity Update

On December 21, 2020, Congress approved their FY 2021 appropriations package, along with a new \$900 billion COVID relief package, including:

- Funding for Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- Funding for CDC to support continued testing and vaccination administration
- ***Extending the use of the original CRF to December 31, 2021***

With the extension of CRF, County did not make most of the planned public safety payroll adjustments and continues to align COVID related expenditures with the original funding source(s).

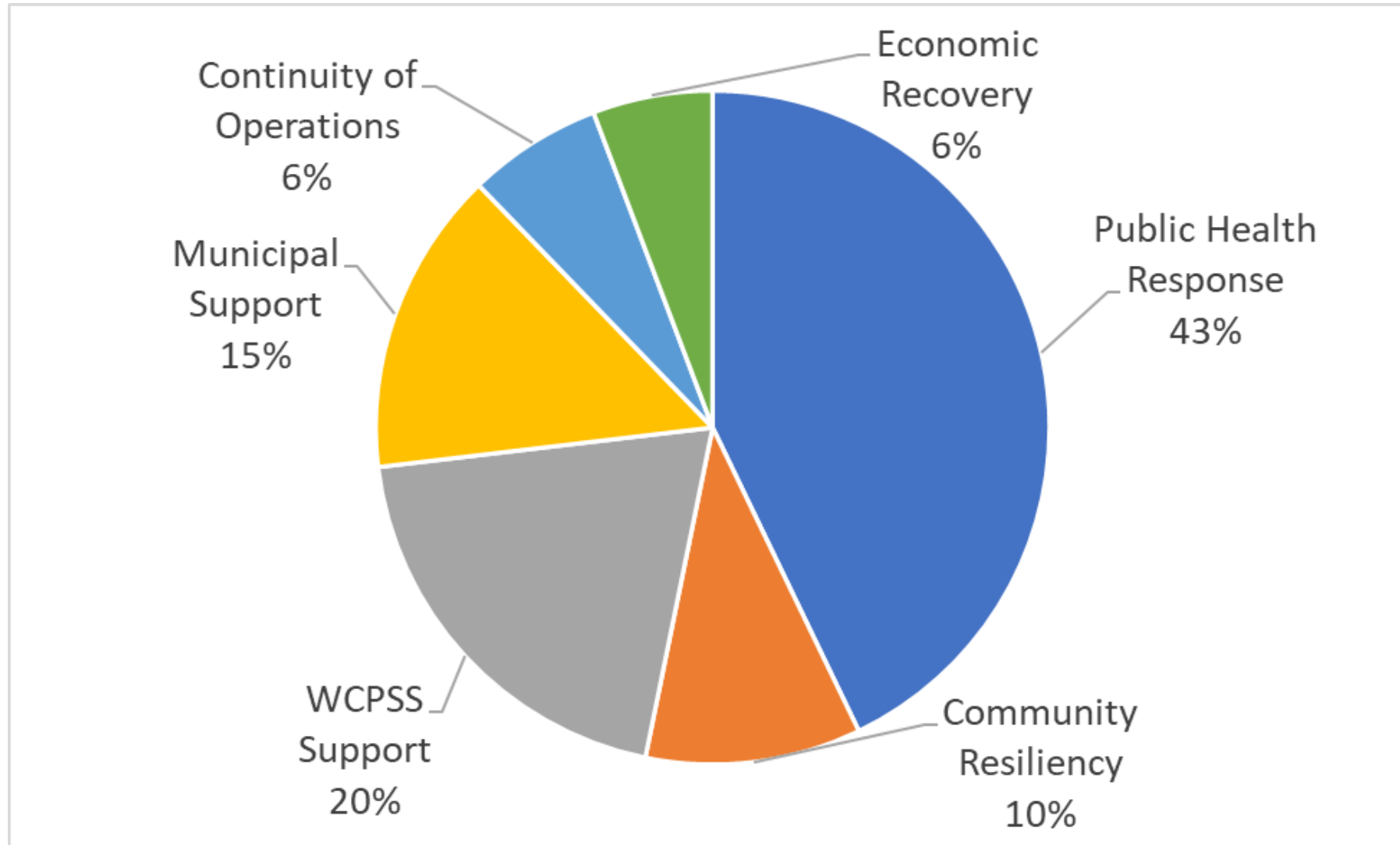
CRF Funding Plan & Expenditures

Category / Program	Budget (Nov 2020)	Adjusted Budget (Jan 2021)	Expenditures (1/29/2021)	Remaining Budget
Public Health Emergency Response	\$24.0	\$79.8	\$62.6	\$17.2
Community Response & Resiliency	\$40.0	\$38.9	\$15.1	\$23.8
Continuity of Operations	\$49.7	\$66.0	\$59.9	\$6.1
Economic Recovery	\$9.3	\$9.3	\$8.4	\$0.9
Public Safety (County & municipal)*	\$71.0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$194.0	\$194.0	\$146.0	\$48.0

Numbers in millions.

** Funding to support municipal payroll costs was recategorized into Continuity of Operations.*

How the County Has Used CRF



Economic Recovery

Wake Forward

- 349 loans approved totaling \$19.2 million (including Wake's **\$5 million**)
- 2,390 jobs retained
- 82% of loans issued to business with less than 10 employees
- 67% of loans issued to female or minority-owned businesses
- Because CRF was extended, loan repayments will be used to issue new small business loans

Capital Area Workforce

- **\$1.7 million**
- 244 individuals served in Emergency Youth Employment Program
- 907 participants served in other community-based education, training, and support service programs
- Programs will continue through March 2021

Economic Recovery

GRCVB

- **\$1.25 million** investment
- Enhanced visitor safety and installed kiosks at VIC and RCC
- Produced ~200 virtual tour assets
- Virtually attended tradeshow, client events, and conferences to promote safe reopening messages
- Reached more than 53 million through safe reopening marketing campaign

United Arts Council

- **\$1 million** investment
- 53 grants averaging \$18,686
- Grantees received 82.5% of requested amount
- Grantees located in Raleigh, Cary, Garner, Wake Forest, and Apex
- Covered music, dance, theater, visual arts, and multi-disciplinary organizations

Continuity of Operations

WCPSS & Wake Tech Operations

- **WCPSS** - Allocated **\$29.1 million** to support remote learning, PPE, cleaning/sanitation, student food security, and safety protocols
- **Wake Tech** - Allocated **\$5 million** to support equipment for new/increased training programs, remote learning/working, and student food security

County & Municipal Operations

- **Municipalities** - Provided **\$17.2 million** to offset public safety payroll costs and **\$4.2 million** to support COVID pay allowances, PPE, enhanced cleaning, and facility modifications
- **County** – Spent **\$8.2 million** on COVID pay allowances, PPE, enhanced cleaning, and facility modifications

Community Response & Resiliency

Wake Helps

Provided **\$1.8 million** (through 1/31) to support 6,100 households with utility payment support

Utility payment support will continue with federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Wake Supports

Provided **\$1.4 million** to support households needing childcare or virtual learning center services (August – December 2020)

Food Security

Invested **\$3.1 million**

Through Dec - 7 million+ meals in partnership with 55 community agencies and WCPSS

Will continue efforts through at least February

Funding not expended and/or encumbered by 1/31/2021 will be diverted to Public Health response activities.

Community Response & Resiliency

House Wake

1,447 active applications

347 paid to date with average assistance of \$4,600+

Expected expenses of approximately **\$9 million**

Program will continue with New Emergency Rental Assistance Program (*outlined on next slide*)

Other Housing Assistance

Hotels to Housing assisted 643 individuals, representing 297 households

County utilized funds to purchase:

- Mobile shower and laundry units

- Mobile assistance units

- IT equipment for case management

Utilized both CARES and supplemental grants

New Emergency Rental Assistance Program

County received direct allocation of \$19.3 million

Can be used for up to 12 months of:

- Rent and rental arrears

- Utilities and home energy costs (including those in arrears)

- Other housing stability services (not currently specified)

Eligibility for households with income that does not exceed 80% AMI

Telamon will continue to administer program

- Will also administer Raleigh's direct allocation of \$14.1 million

Funding must be spent by December 31, 2021

Public Health Emergency Response

Through October 2020, only \$18 million in expenditures since response began.

Testing

November – January, \$44.5 million in expenditures (\$3.4 million/week)

142 time-limited staff hired since July

Contracted testing costs approximately \$2.6 million/week (average 31,000 tests/week)

High-volume testing will continue at least through widespread vaccine availability

Vaccination Management

Some staff diverted to vaccination management and deployment

Future costs will be related to:

- Facility use and maintenance

- Staffing costs

- Communications

- Technology for registration, scheduling, and records

Public Health Emergency Response Funding

With the surge in testing and vaccination, unspent CARES funding from other categories will be diverted to cover these critical expenses

- At current spending rate, CARES funding to be fully expended in March

County currently working toward FEMA reimbursement of eligible public health and emergency response expenses

State received approximately \$700 million from CDC to support testing and vaccination management

- County in contact with DHHS on when/how these funds will be distributed

Summary

County's priority remains to ensure sufficient funding supports responsibility to respond to COVID-19

The prioritization of funding will be focused on:

1. Supporting the public health emergency response
2. Ensuring continuity of and safety in County operations
3. Continuing community response programs, as needed

County continues to monitor federal/state legislative activity and ***advocate for funds*** to support public health and community response efforts



Questions & Discussion



Appendix A

Supplemental COVID-Response Funding As of February 1, 2021

Other COVID-19 Financial Relief

Department/Program	Description	Amount	Expenditures
Housing	HUD/CDBG – housing assistance, home maintenance/rehab	\$2,878,000	\$701,000
	HUD/ESG – street outreach, rapid re-housing, sheltering	\$2,337,000	\$460,000
	HUD/HOPWA– rental assistance, case management	\$133,000	\$-
Human Services	Ryan White Program – client and lab services, clinical supplies	\$114,000	\$66,000
	DHHS/CDC – surveillance, epidemiology, mitigation/prevention	\$1,740,000	\$1,740,000
	DHHS – CDC – Testing & Contact Tracing Efforts	\$2,157,000	\$1,960,000
	FTA– transportation cleaning supplies, PPE, planning studies	\$3,348,000	\$-
	NCDOT – PPE, cleaning, modifications, fuel for rural transit	\$874,000	\$53,000
	DSS – additional child protective services staffing needs	\$393,000	\$97,000
	DPH – epidemiology, testing, mitigation, and prevention	\$305,000	\$305,000
	DHHS – vaccination implementation	\$295,000	\$-
CAWD	Commerce – Dislocated Workers Grant – job training	\$693,000	\$98,000
Elections	State Board of Elections – distribution of HAVA and State CARES Act funds	\$1,156,000	\$1,113,000
EMS	DHHS – offset non-billable costs	\$640,000	N/A
	Total	\$17,063,000	\$6,593,000