



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

# CARES Act Fund

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# CARES Act Fund

- \$105 Million allocated to Brevard County (Received April 23, 2020)
- Provided directly to governments with population exceeding 500,000
- Separate from other CARES Act Funding
- Must be used to fund expenses due to public health emergency related to COVID-19

# U.S. Department of Treasury Guidance



The CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

# U.S. Department of Treasury Guidance



- Expenditures that are reasonably necessary for its intended use in the reasonable judgement of the local government responsible for spending the CARES Act Funds
- Expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency
  - Addressing medical or public health and safety programs
  - Response to secondary effects of the emergency, such as providing economic support to those suffering from employment loss or business interruptions due to COVID-19 related business closures



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- Local Government receiving funds directly from the U.S. Department of Treasury is responsible for all funds expended, including funds provided by reimbursement to other entities.
- Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Treasury shall conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, disbursement, and use of funds
- Documentation and verification of expenses is critical
- If a government has not used funds to cover costs that were incurred by December 30, 2020, as required by statute, funds must be returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Funds may NOT be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue



# Eligible Expenditures

1. Medical Expenses
  - Emergency medical response expenses
2. Public Health Expenses
  - Communication and enforcement; medical and protective supplies; disinfection
3. Payroll Expenses for Public Safety and Public Health Services
  - Employees whose job duties have changed to COVID-19 response
4. Actions to Facilitate Compliance with Public Health Measures
  - Food delivery; telework; sick/family leave that comply with COVID-19 precaution; sanitation of jail; homeless care
5. Provision of Economic Support
  - Small business grants; payroll support program; mortgage, rent and utility programs



# Potential Allocation of Funds

1. Public Health Program
2. Medical Expenditure Program
3. Public Health Compliance Program
4. Public Employee Reassignment Program
5. Unobligated/Emergency Set-Aside Funds
6. Housing Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program
7. Housing Utility and Security Deposit Program
8. Food Stability Program
9. Small Business Support Program



# Staff Report and Board Discussion